

Stowmarket Baptist Church

THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

9 JULY 2020

We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.

We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all meet up again on a Thursday soon.

Hello...

Last week we had a story about a boy and his picnic. Can you remember what was in his picnic? Draw his picnic here and then in the other box can you draw your favourite picnic?



Today's story is about fish again, but a lot more than 2!

I hope you enjoy the story and learn more about Jesus.

Love Liz

Our story comes from John chapter 21 verses 1-14:

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This miracle is different to all the others we have told you, because it took place after the death of Jesus. Do you remember that Jesus died on the cross, was buried in a tomb, but rose again 3 days later? When Jesus rose again, He was still God's son and able to do these amazing miracles, showing us that He is the same person. Jesus is still God's son now but living in Heaven.

Jesus' disciples were sad that Jesus had died but were very glad when He rose again. They had seen Jesus, but Jesus wasn't with them all the time, as He had been.

One evening Peter said, "I am going fishing."

Peter, Andrew, James and John had been fishermen before they met Jesus. They had boats and big nets and they would go to the sea of Galilee and fish there.

The best time to catch fish is in the night time and several of the disciples set off in the boat. They threw the fishing net into the water and waited all night. In the morning they pulled in the net and they were surprised as the net was empty. Not even one fish was in the net!

The disciples were disappointed and they sailed back towards the shore. Looking at the beach they saw a man standing on the sand, watching them.

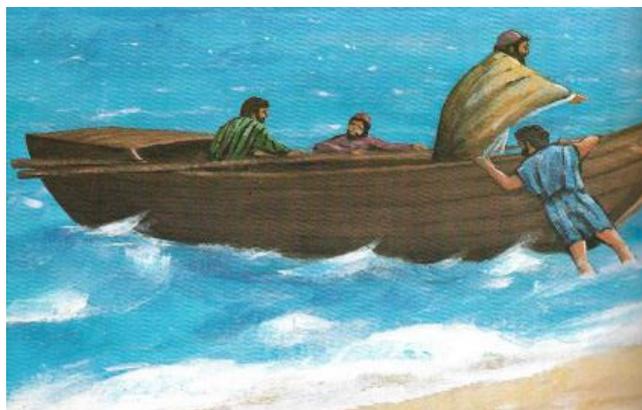
The man called out, "Have you any fish?"

"No", they replied.

The man told them to throw the net out again, but on the right side of the boat.

Who was this stranger who was telling them how to fish? The disciples were clever at fishing and now it was morning, it would be difficult to catch a fish now.

But the disciples did throw the net into the water again, on the right side of the boat.



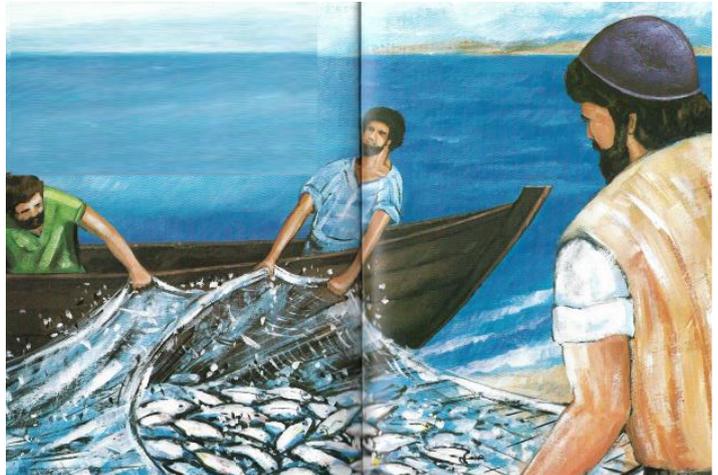
Do you think it made any difference?

Well the net became so full of fish, straight away, that the disciples couldn't even pull the net into the boat. John looked back to the shore, who was the stranger?

Suddenly, John knew. It was Jesus! Only Jesus would be able to work such a miracle. Peter was so excited to see Jesus that he pulled on his fisherman's coat and jumped into the sea, as he could swim faster than the boat could travel. He was so eager to see Jesus again.

The other disciples sailed in the boat, dragging the net behind them and when Peter helped them land the fish, there were 153...and the net was not even broken!

The disciples knew that although Jesus was going back to Heaven He still loved and cared for them.



Jesus still loves and cares for His people today, that is why He came to earth to die for our sin. Each one of us has sinned against God and if we ask Jesus to forgive us, He will because He has promised that.

Dear Jesus

Thank you that you love and care for us so much that you came to this earth to die, so that we can become your children.

Please help me to be like Peter and want to spend time with you and learn more about you each week.

Please keep us all safe this week. Amen