

JESUS AND PETER

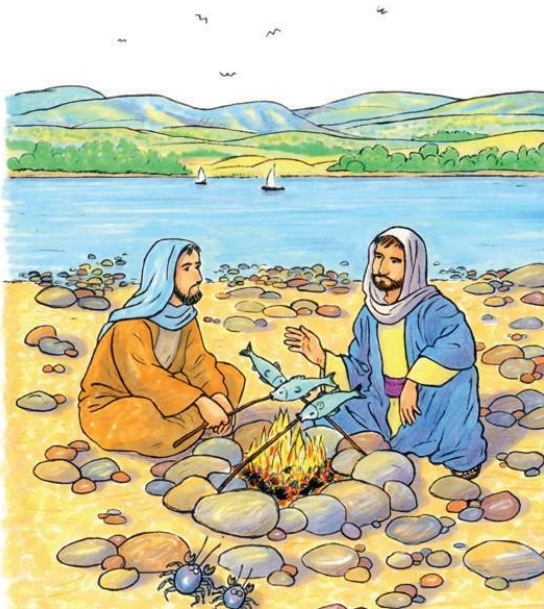
John 21:3-17



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Message	Jesus commissioned Peter with special responsibilities.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jesus gave Apostle Peter the commission to feed the flock of Christ.■ Peter's commission and further special functions or jobs are fulfilled by the Chief Apostle today.
Bible Text	John 21:3–17

Jesus and Peter



Some of the disciples went fishing with Simon Peter. They did not catch any fish. In the morning when they came to shore, Jesus was there. They did not recognise Jesus. Jesus asked them, "Do you have any food?"

The disciples answered, "No."

Jesus then told them, "Put your nets on the right side of the boat and you will catch some." The disciples did what He said and caught so many fish that they could not lift the net.

When Peter realised that it was Jesus, who spoke to them on the shore, he jumped into the water and swam to the shore. The other disciples followed in the boat.

When they arrived at the shore, they saw a fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught and eat breakfast. Jesus gave them some bread and fish. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to the disciples after He arose from the dead.

While Jesus ate with them, He asked, "Simon Peter, do you love Me more than these?"

Simon Peter answered, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love You."

Jesus then said, "Feed My lambs."

After a while, Jesus asked again, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?"

Again Peter answered, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love You."

Then Jesus said, "Tend My sheep!"

Then Jesus asked the same question a third time, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?"

Peter answered, "Lord, You know all things. You know that I love You."

Then Jesus said, "Feed My sheep!"

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play in a role-play how a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Provide disguise, a shepherd stick and bag...

Sing with the children an appropriate song of the love of Jesus.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why does Jesus ask Peter several times if he loved Him?
(He wants to confirm Peter's love for Him.)
- How does Peter feel after Jesus has asked him three times: "Do you love Me?"
(shocked / disappointed / worried / sad)
- What does Jesus commission him with? (To look after His sheep)
- What does this mean?
(To share the gospel with all people and to care for those who are a part of the flock of Christ)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus gave Apostle Peter the commission to feed the flock of Christ.
- Peter's commission is fulfilled by the Chief Apostle today.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus did not leave His sheep without guidance. He commissioned Apostle Peter to do this.
- Apostle Peter also served the other Apostles, and all the brothers and sisters.
- What is the highest ministry today? (The Chief Apostle fulfils the same functions as Peter did.)
- What is his task?
(To strengthen the Apostles, to ensure the testimony of our faith is the same worldwide...)

Repeat the Message
Jesus commissioned Peter with special responsibilities.