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LIFE OF JESUS

## Jesus and the Big Catch

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're talking about an important encounter Jesus had with his disciple, Peter. Jesus appeared to his disciples a few times after he died on the cross just to make sure they knew that he was alive. One day, the disciples were fishing but they weren't catching anything. A voice from shore yelled out to them telling them to throw their nets to the other side of the boat. When they did, they caught more fish than their nets could hold. Peter realized that it was Jesus yelling out to them so he swam to shore as fast as he could. Jesus was cooking breakfast for them! Peter had been feeling really bad that he had denied knowing Jesus right before Jesus went to the cross. Jesus knew that Peter was feeling bad so he decided to ask him some questions. Jesus asked Peter, "Peter do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes!" Then Jesus told him to feed his sheep. Jesus wasn't talking about actual sheep, he was talking about the people that Peter needed to teach about Jesus. Jesus did this to show Peter that he loved him and that he forgave him for his mistakes. And he reminded Peter of his mission which was to teach others about Jesus. Jesus will give us second chances when we make mistakes, too.

**Big Idea**

*Jesus gives everyone second chances.*

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**Key Question**

*What should we do when we make a mistake?*

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**Memory Verse**

*1 Peter 4:10 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

## Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What's a big mistake you've made at home? How about at school? What lessons did you learn from those mistakes?** (Tip: We all make mistakes. The good news is Jesus will forgive us when we do!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We should tell Jesus we're sorry and do it right the next time.** ( We all make mistakes because we're not perfect. But Jesus is perfect and he died on the cross to pay for our mistakes. He forgives us and gives us second chances. So, when we mess, we need to admit that we were wrong, tell Jesus we're sorry and then choose to act the right way the next time. The Bible will help us to know the right way to act. And, we should tell the person we hurt we're sorry, too. )
  - **Bonus Questions:** What should we do when we make a mistake? What book helps us to know the right way to act? **4-5th:** Why is it important to admit when you make a mistake?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Micah 7:18-19. List all the things this passage says about God. What does he do with our sins?** (Answer: God is awesome! He is forgiving and he doesn't stay angry with us. He is loving, patient and kind. And, he throws our sins/mistakes away, drowning them in the ocean and doesn't remember them! )
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: GO FISH LESSON REVIEW GAME

### Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Fish game template (page 5) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Divide the class into two teams. Choose one team to go first (flip a coin, choose a number).
- Ask a question from below to the team, if correct, they get to pull a fish from the bowl to see how many points they received. Then, ask the other team a question. Keep track of the points for each team. Keep playing until all the questions have been asked. Team with the most points, wins.

### Questions:

1. In the story, what were the disciple doing? (fishing)
2. Who called to them from shore? (Jesus)
3. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
4. What did Jesus make for the disciples? (breakfast)
5. Who was sad for denying Jesus? (Peter)
6. Why did Jesus die on a cross for us? (sins)
7. What question did Jesus ask Peter? (do you love me?)
8. What book is our memory verse from? (1 Peter)
9. T or F: Jesus gives us second chances. (T)
10. Who does Jesus want us to fish for? (people)

**Supplies needed:** Fish game template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bowl/Basket

## OPTION 2: FISH FOR PEOPLE CRAFT

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Fish Craft template (page 6). Give them a straw and a piece of yarn.
- Have them cut out each fish. Then, have them color each fish.
- Have the kids tie/tape one end of the yarn to one end of their straw. This will be the fishing pole. Then, using hole punches, have the kids stack their fish together and punch a hole through the tails.
- Then, have the kids thread the other end of the yarn through the fish and have them tape that end to the back of one of the fish to hold it in place.
- As they work, read the story about the big catch from John 21:1-25. Remind the kids that Jesus gave Peter a second chance that day and reminded him of his mission which is our mission, too. We are to tell others about Jesus so they can be his followers, too.

**Supplies needed:** Fish craft template (pg. 6, 1 set per kid), Straws (1 per kid), Yarn (cut into 10 in pieces, 1 piece per kid), Crayons, Scissors, Hole punches, Tape

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Everybody makes mistakes, but that doesn't have to keep you from doing something great for God.

### Key Points:

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to his disciples while they were fishing. John 21:4
- The disciples weren't catching any \_\_\_\_\_! John 21:5-6
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his disciples on more lesson. John 21:15
- Jesus gives everyone \_\_\_\_\_ chances.

### Memory Verse:

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

### Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What's a big mistake you've made at home? How about at school? What lessons did you learn from those mistakes?*
3. *What were the disciples doing when Jesus appeared to them?*
4. *Why did Peter need a second chance?*
5. *Read Micah 7:18-19 List all the things this passage says about God. What does he do with our sins?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

# JESUS GIVES EVERYONE SECOND CHANCES

## Key Question

*What should we do when we make a mistake?*

## Memory Verse

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JESUS COOKS BREAKFAST FOR THE DISCIPLES

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