

Q12

LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus and the Big Catch

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Can you guys answer some important questions for me today? Let's get started! What is the silliest mistake you've ever made? (allow kids to answer). Those are super silly! (Share one of your silly mistakes). We all make mistakes and sometimes those mistakes aren't just silly ones. Sometimes our mistakes can get us into big trouble.

Today, we are going to take a look at one of Jesus' disciples who made a big mistake. This story takes place after Jesus's death and resurrection. Jesus came back to talk to Peter and that conversation can teach us all a really important lesson!

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Jesus gives everyone second chances. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What were the disciples doing when Jesus appeared? (fishing)
- What did Jesus ask Peter? ("Do you love me?")

- True or False: Jesus gives everyone second chances. (T)

You're right! Jesus gives everyone second, third, and fourth chances. In fact, no matter how many times you make mistakes and mess up, Jesus will give you another chance! There is no mistake too big or too small for Jesus to forgive. Just think of Peter! Peter denied Jesus three times. That probably really hurt Jesus' feelings. Peter thought there was no way that Jesus would forgive him. But what did Jesus do? He forgave him! That's because Jesus is always willing to forgive us. That's why he died on the cross! He will always give us another chance!

Now, Jesus doesn't just give us second chances because he's nice. He gives us more chances because he wants us to get back on track when we mess up. See, Peter was wasting energy on feeling bad about his mistake and wondering if Jesus still loved him. Jesus wanted to let Peter know that he did love him but he wanted him to get back to his mission of telling people about Jesus.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

God has given each of you (point to kids) a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts (pretend to be giving something). Use them well (thumbs up) to serve one another (point to kids)." 1 Peter 4:10 (*Repeat*)

This verse is actually Peter talking to a church years later. He had learned his lesson from that day on the beach with Jesus and he was passing on the lesson to others. Jesus gives each of us special gifts that are meant to help others. Peter had special gifts and so do you and me. We need to use those gifts to help and serve others and to share Jesus with them. That's our mission. Maybe Jesus made you really good at singing or dancing. You could use that gift by helping with songs here in large group. Or maybe you are really good at making friends. You could use that gift by being really nice to the new kids in your kids's church class so that they come back next week. No matter what it is, Jesus will use you to help bring others to him. And we can't let the silly mistakes we make get in the way of that!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Imagine the Impossible

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus gives everyone second chances. (*Repeat*)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.