

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 15

# **Appearing on the Shore**

Lesson Aim: To realize Jesus is always present and active in our daily lives.

## **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?

**GAME:** I Spy

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

#### THE WORD JESUS APPEARED ON THE SHORE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus died for our sins and God raised Him from the dead

Today, we will hear the story about Jesus' visit with some of His followers on the shore of a big lake called the Sea of Tiberias, which was the Sea of Galilee. Point to Sea of Galilee in Israel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 21:1-12. Pray. Just as you paid close attention during our "I Spy" game, you will need to listen closely as I read, so that you can spy the disciples' clues in this story. Read.

## **THE WAY** RECOGNIZING CLUES THAT JESUS IS WITH US

Let's see how many facts you "spied" in this story. Raise your hand if you know the answer.

- 1. Name one of the disciples who decided to go fishing. (Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two others.)
- 2. How many fish did they catch before Jesus arrived? (None.)
- 3. What did Jesus call the disciples? (Friends.)
- 4. What happened when they put their net out on the other side? (It filled with fish.)
- 5. What did Jesus do for the disciples when they arrived on the shore? (Cooked breakfast and ate with them.)

By the time Jesus appeared on the shore, the disciples had been fishing all night without catching any fish. How do you think they were feeling? (Disappointed, tired.) Do you think they were expecting to see Jesus on the shore? When did the disciples finally notice that the man on the shore was Jesus? (After He told them where to put their net and performed the miracle of filling their net with fish.)

Peter first met Jesus a few years earlier when Peter was cleaning his nets after fishing all night without catching any fish. Jesus told Peter to go back out. Peter obeyed and they caught so many fish the nets began to break! How does the miracle catch of fish we read today remind you of the first miracle? (Both times, they fished all night without catching any fish. They obeyed Jesus and the nets were filled.)

Jesus is now in heaven. However, His Holy Spirit is with believers at all times and places, even though we cannot always feel Him there. Sometimes the Lord blesses us by letting us feel His presence—to feel He is there with us. Have you ever felt His presence? If so, where were you or what were you doing?

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Over 600 years before the disciples realized the risen Jesus had appeared on the shore, the Lord gave Jeremiah a promise for all who seek Him. Reveal Jeremiah 29:13. Read.

Who does the Lord promise you will find when you seek Him with all your heart? (The Lord.) To seek the Lord is to look for Him or to want to be closer with Him. What are some ways we can look for the Lord or be closer with Him? (Pray, read the Bible, go for a walk and look at all He created, worship Him.)

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer. **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:** 

- TREASURE TREAT: Miniature magnifying glass
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus eating breakfast on the shore with His disciples
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

#### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Campfire on the Shore **GAME:** Unexpected Places **CRAFT:** "I Spy Jesus" Collage

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs,

Bible Memory Verse Bop
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