



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 15

Appearing on the Shore

Lesson Aim: To expect and recognize Jesus' presence and activity 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. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 21:12. Pray. **Just as you paid close attention during our "I Spy" game, listen closely, so you can spy the disciples' clues.** 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.)

How does this miracle catch of fish remind you of another fishing miracle Jesus performed when He first met Peter? In that first miracle, Jesus told Peter to let down his nets in deeper water. 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.)

Do you think that remembering the first miracle catch of fish might have served as a clue to help the disciples realize it was Jesus on the shore? How can remembering God's past miracles help us recognize God's miracles today?

Why do you think the disciples did not recognize Jesus when He first appeared on the shore? (They weren't looking for Him, and did not expect to see Him.) **When did the disciples finally notice who He was?** (After He performed the miracle of filling their net with fish.)

Jesus does amazing miracles in our lives today. Why do you think we do not always recognize the ways Jesus is working? (We aren't seeking or expecting Him.) **Jesus is now in heaven, but His Holy Spirit is always with us. Have you ever felt Jesus was with you? Where were you? What were you doing? What served as a clue?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The disciples had not been looking for Jesus. They were not expecting to find Jesus waiting on the shore or seeking Him. Nearly 800 years before the disciples recognized that the man on the shore was the risen Lord, the Lord told Isaiah exactly who He was. Reveal Isaiah 43:11-12. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **How can you be a witness showing others who God is and what He has done?**

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW