

April Week 3

Garden
1, 2, 3!!!

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CRAFT

Fish Fry

SUPPLIES: Fish Fry page, red/yellow/orange tissue squares, notched craft sticks, crayons, glue sticks, fish stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Fish Fry craft page and crayons. Review the Bible story.**

- *“In our true Bible story today, Jesus wanted to do something special for His friends, the disciples, to show them how much He loved them. Let’s color a special picture today to remember our Bible story.*
- *Who do you see on your paper? That’s right! It’s Jesus on the beach and His friends are out in the water on the boat. Let’s color them!”*

⇒ **Glue two craft sticks to build a fire and add red, yellow, and orange tissue squares for the fire. Add fish stickers to the top of the fire.**

- *“Do you remember what Jesus did to show his friends He loved them? Yes! He cooked them breakfast! But look – there is no fire in our picture.*
- *These sticks look like wood for the fire! Can you start building the fire by gluing these two sticks on the beach? Perfect!*
- *Look! These red, yellow and orange squares can look like fire. Let’s glue them above the sticks to be the fire.*
- *Now we need to add the fish for breakfast! Can you put your fish stickers right on top of the fire?*
- *This looks great everybody!”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Three days, count with me: one, two, three days after Jesus died, Jesus came back! Jesus is alive!*
- *Jesus wanted to spend time with His friends so they could see that He wants to be their friend forever. So one day, Jesus went to see His friends while they were fishing and He made them breakfast. Jesus told them that He loved them and that He would always be their friend Forever and ever. Jesus loves YOU so much and He wants to be YOUR friend Forever and ever, too!*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

Jesus is alive.

Breakfast on the Beach • John 21:1-14



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ACTIVITY #1

One Fish, Two Fish

SUPPLIES: Plush Fish Toys, Fishing Net

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Scatter fish around the classroom. Place the large net in the center of the room and gather children around it.**
 - *“Let’s go fishing! We have a lot of fish to catch. Can you help me gather all the fish up and put them in our net?”*

- ⇒ **Have children collect the fish and bring them back to the net.**
 - *“Nice work fishermen!*
 - ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

- ⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story the fishermen were out fishing when they looked over and saw Jesus on the beach! Let me see your excited faces!*
 - *Jesus went away, but he came back – just like he said he would! Jesus is alive!!*
 - ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Pass the Fish Breakfast

SUPPLIES: Plush Fish, CD player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have the children sit in a circle, close to one another.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story, Jesus and his friends had breakfast together on the beach. Let’s sit together and imagine we are having a picnic. Jesus loved his friends so much and they loved him, too. And he promised them he would always be with them! Jesus came back just like he said he would because Jesus is alive!*
 - *Let’s say our memory verse together:*
 - *‘I am with you for ever and ever.’ Revelation 1:18*

- ⇒ **Prepare for a hot potato style game using a fish.**
 - *“So, Jesus and his friends gathered on the beach for breakfast. And do you remember what they ate for breakfast? Fish!*
 - *We are going to pass the fish while the music is playing. If you are holding the fish when the music stops you will say the memory verse for us!”*

- ⇒ **Have another volunteer hit play on the cd player and then start passing the fish. When the music is paused, encourage the person left holding the fish to say the memory verse.**

- ⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“That was fun having a picnic together with you. I’m so glad to know that Jesus is alive!*
 - ***Who is alive!***
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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY APRIL WEEK 3

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

- ⇒ *God's Story for Me*
 - *Breakfast on the Beach, p. 435*
- ⇒ *The First Easter*
- ⇒ *The Easter Story*
- ⇒ *This is Easter*
- ⇒ *Good News! It's Easter!*

ASK A QUESTION

Who is alive?
Jesus is alive!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.