

**April Week 3**

Backyard  
1, 2, 3!!!

April 16

# 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 tissue paper “flames” above sticks. 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 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!***  
***Jesus is alive!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute, Plush Fish toys

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
  - *“Our bible story today was about catching fish. Everybody grab a piece of the parachute and wait until I tell you to shake!”*
  
- ⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast. Tell the children that the fish are in the net and you need to bounce them high.**
  - *“Let’s catch some fish! Everybody bounce them as high as you can!”*
  
- ⇒ **When the fish have all popped out of the parachute...**
  - *“Jesus came back just like he said he would! Jesus is alive!”*
  - *Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Awesome job, everyone! Jesus wants to be our friend just like He was the fishermen’s friend. Jesus wants to be our friend forever – no matter what. Jesus came BACK – Just like he said he would! Jesus is alive!”*
  - ***Who is alive?  
Jesus is alive!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

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## PASS OUT MOON SAND

Can you make your moon sand look like a fish?

### READ

- ⇒ The Bible
  - *God's Story for Me: Breakfast on the Beach*, p. 435
- ⇒ *Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You* by Nancy Tillman
  - Read the story and then say: We may not be able to see Jesus, but he is always with us! Wherever we are and wherever we go and whatever we do, Jesus will always love us!

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who is alive?**  
**Jesus is alive!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"I am alive for ever and ever."** Revelation 1:18

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Since Jesus made breakfast on the beach for His friends, today we'll make a list of our favorite breakfast foods. When I say your name, **tell me your favorite breakfast food.**"

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ This list is making me hungry! Let's use it when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

*"Dear God, thank You for yummy foods like (read the list the children made) that we get to eat for breakfast. Thank You that Jesus made fish and bread for His friends for breakfast. That story reminds us that Jesus cares about His friends and wants to spend time with them. I pray that every person here will follow Jesus so He can be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*