

Church at Home Pack – 18th April 2021

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.

Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

We have all come 'ashore' from different places.

We have all come with differing needs.

We have all come with a longing to meet with Jesus.

And Jesus longs to meet with all of us:

to challenge, to call, to equip, to forgive, and to strengthen.

Let us thank him for his amazing love.

Thank you, Jesus.

Amen.

Action reminder –

From the top of my head

(Touch head)

to the tips of my toes;

(Touch toes)

from the lobes of my ears

(Touch ear lobes)

to the end of my nose;

(Touch nose)

from my back, to my front

(Turn round)

to my wiggly fingers,

(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)

God loves me!

(jump up and down)

READ TOGETHER

John 21: 1-14



International Children's Bible (ICB)

21 Later, Jesus showed himself to his followers by Lake Galilee. This is how it happened: ²Some of the followers were together. They were Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the two sons of Zebedee, and two other followers. ³Simon Peter said, "I am going out to fish."

The other followers said, "We will go with you." So they went out and got into the boat. They fished that night but caught nothing.



⁴Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore. But the followers did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Then he said to them, "Friends, have you caught any fish?"

They answered, "No."

⁶He said, "Throw your net into the water on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they did this. They caught so many fish that they could not pull the net back into the boat.

⁷The follower whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard him say this, he wrapped his coat around himself. (Peter had taken his clothes off.) Then he jumped into the water. ⁸The other followers went to shore in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. They were not very far from shore, only about 100 yards. ⁹When the followers stepped out of the boat and onto the shore, they saw a fire of hot coals. There were fish on the fire, and there was bread.

¹⁰Then Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish that you caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went into the boat and pulled the net to the shore. It was full of big fish. There were 153. Even though there were so many, the net did not tear. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the followers dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them. He also gave them the fish.

¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus showed himself to his followers after he was raised from death.

New International Version (NIV)

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.



⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.^[c] ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.



¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Mini Bible Story with actions

It's Jesus!

Jesus' friends went fishing,

(Pretend to throw a net)

but they caught nothing.

(Shake head)

They saw a man on the beach.

(Point)

He said, ‘Throw your net in on the other side.’

(Pretend to throw a net)

Soon the net was full of fish!

(Stretch arms wide)

But it was too heavy to pull in.

(Pretend to tug at heavy net)

John said, ‘It's Jesus!’

(Wave and point)

Peter jumped in the water and swam to the beach.

(Jump and pretend to swim)

Jesus had made a fire to cook the fish.

(Pretend to rub and warm hands on fire)

He shared bread with his friends.

(Pretend to share out bread)



WATCH TOGETHER



A second miraculous catch – Come Follow Me -
<https://youtu.be/xOfair7poc>

TALK TOGETHER

- What does 'getting back to normal' mean for you?

STUDY TOGETHER

Read John 21:1-14

When Jesus first came back to life, he gave a message to the women who first saw him to pass on to his disciples to say that they would see him in Galilee. So that's where we find the disciples in this passage.

- Why do you think Simon Peter decided to go fishing?
- After several weeks of being on an emotional rollercoaster, the disciples returned to something that was normal for them. This usually 'normal' task, however, was turned into a miraculous event by the risen Jesus. Why was the catch of fish so miraculous?
 - *Lots of theories have been given as to why the number 153 might be important but if John wanted us to take any symbolic meaning from it, we can only guess what it is.*
- This was the second time Jesus had given them a miraculous catch of fish. We can assume that that first miracle would be in their minds as it happens to them again. Read Luke 5:4-11 to see what memories it might have evoked.
- How does Jesus show the disciples God's blessing in this story?
- In ancient biblical times, inviting people to eat with you had a deeper significance than just a generous act of hospitality. It was an offering of friendship and a welcoming into a community. What do you know about the people Jesus shared this meal of fish and bread with and what does that tell you about Jesus?

We would suggest you look at the Reflect Together section.

MAKE TOGETHER

'Little Fish/Big Fish' – Jesus Changes Everything!

You will need:

Paper

Pens/Pencils

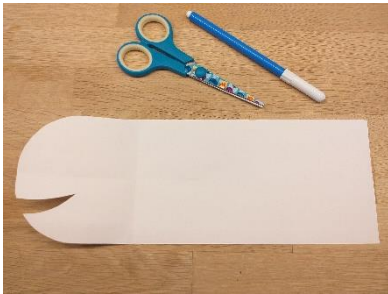
Scissors

Glue

Optional:

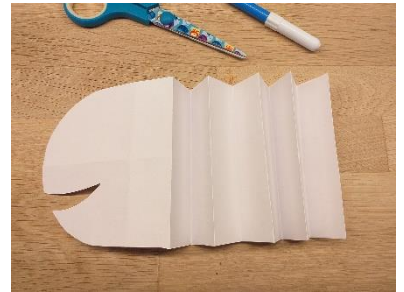
Coloured Paper

Stickers



Cut out a long rectangle of paper with a rounded end. Cut a mouth shape into the end. This is your fish's head.

Fold the head back and concertina fold the rest of the fish's body up behind it.



Cut out a tail and a fin shape. Stick the tail to the back of the last concertina fold and the fin, just inside the second. Add some detail to your fish along with the message 'Jesus changes everything!'

If you have coloured paper and stickers you can use those to decorate your fish.



Fold your fish up. When you open it up, your fish grows, reminds you of today's Bible reading and that Jesus changes EVERYTHING!



PLAY TOGETHER

Flap the fish

You will need: scrap paper, a pencil, scissors, card for each player, a start and finish line.

- Beforehand, cut out some simple fish shapes from paper, one per person.
- Mark the start and finish line of the race on the floor.
- All the players then place their fish on the start line, and when the race begins, use their card to 'flap' and waft their fish along.
- The winner is the first to flap their fish across the finish line.



Or...

If you make lots of fish, you could see who can get the most fish across the line in a set time

SING TOGETHER

Jesus is alive – *City Alight*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-70IOsdU7I>

Resurrection power – *Chris Tomlin*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxH8Q8ue65o>

Resurrection day – *Rend Collective*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9u7V-g_cJaU

Jesus is alive right now – *Kids on the Move*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcZND4sNXes>

God's not dead! – *Ronnie Caldwell*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRsggCL_9Bw

REFLECT TOGETHER



After such a long time of changes, lockdown and isolation, we are thinking and talking about 'getting back to normal.'

- How does our knowledge of Jesus' resurrection change our 'normal'?
- If you're unsure or you feel like it makes no difference, re-read the Bible passage. Nothing was normal, everything had changed. Ask God to show you what your new normal could look like.

- Where does God want you to be transformed in the power of Christ?

PRAY TOGETHER

Fishing Net Prayers

Find a net bag. You could use one that fruit comes in or a net shopping bag or laundry bag.

Cut out lots of simple fish shapes. Hang the bag somewhere you will see it daily and put the fish shapes nearby with a pen.



As you go through this week, think about the Bible passage and sermon. Think about areas of your life that need the transforming power of Jesus. Think about your normal everyday activities and how they might be changed by your knowledge of Jesus' resurrection.

Write your prayers on the fish and place them in the net. As you do, trust that God has heard.

DO TOGETHER

Breakfast with Jesus

Now we can meet together outside (6 people or 2 households), why not have breakfast with family or Christian friends? You could even have a BBQ (maybe not fish and bread?!)

While you eat, share the Bible story again and talk about what it means for you. Maybe you could do some of the other activities in this pack together after you've eaten?



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