

A REVEALING RESTORATION

LESSON 1

John 21:1-19

JESUS FORGIVES AND SENDS US.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God reveals Himself to me as my risen and living Savior.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can trust God to forgive and restore me through the death and resurrection of Jesus, my Savior.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can consider how the events of the text help me better understand what it means that Jesus forgives me and sends me.

YOUTH

I can relate how Jesus forgives and sends Peter to how He forgives and sends me.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that Jesus forgives me and sends me out to tell the Good News to others.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know Jesus loves me and wants me to tell others about Him.

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

John 21:17

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Peter, James, John, Thomas, and a few of the other disciples fish all night on the Sea of Tiberias without catching anything. At dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and tells them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Immediately, the nets fill to overflowing, and John realizes Jesus is there. Peter swims ashore to see Jesus, who prepares breakfast. Addressing Peter directly, Jesus asks three times, "Do you love Me?" With each question, Peter becomes more distressed. Through these questions, the Lord restores and reinstates Peter to lead His Church.

TAKING IT HOME

- ➤ On the Go—Make the sign of the cross as a reminder that you are God's child, baptized and forgiven. When your sins make you sad, make the sign of the cross. Give your sins to Jesus.
- ➤ At Mealtime—Peter had denied knowing Jesus. How does Jesus' conversation with Peter reveal that Peter has been forgiven? What is Jesus asking Peter to do?
- ➤ Something to Do—Gather two or more generations of your family to play a game of Go Fish. Repeat Psalm 100:5: "For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."
- Before Bed—List the people that God has placed in your life to feed and care for you, including those who feed you with the Good News about Jesus. Pray for these people.

