



Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

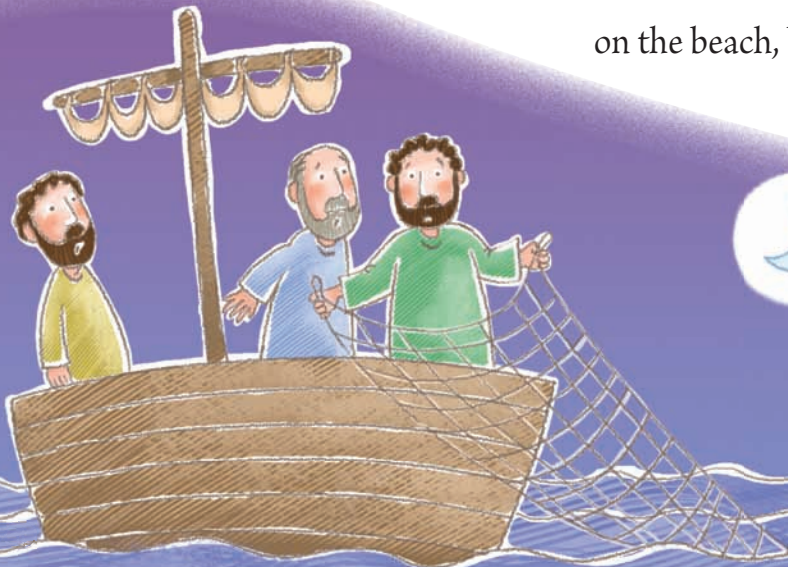
John 21:3-11

 "Pretend to cast a fishing net, and see if you can catch anything."

Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."


"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. 

⁴At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but




the disciples couldn't see who he was. ⁵He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?"

"No," they replied.

⁶Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. 

⁷Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water,

"Cast your net on the other side of you, and pretend it's really heavy to lift up." 






"Pretend
to swim."

and headed to shore. 

⁸The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from

shore. ⁹When they got there, they found breakfast

waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰"Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn. 

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Jesus helped the disciples

Where's the Food?

At a meal this week, hold out an empty plate. Let each person tell how he or she would feel if that's all he or she had received for dinner. Then serve the meal. As you eat, talk about how sad the disciples must have been when they didn't have any fish to fix for their meal and how Jesus helped them.

Cuddles says,
"Let's eat!"



Fishing for Cereal

Pour out some dry cereal on one side of a clean table. Give your child a bucket and have your child try to scoop up as much cereal as he or she can—from the side with no cereal. Talk about how hard it is. Then have your child move to the other side of the table to scoop up the cereal. Congratulate your child and talk about ways Jesus helps us.

Let's Talk

- Name some things Jesus helps your parents give you.
- What can you say to Jesus when you need something?

Pockets says,
"It's time to pray!"



Dear God, thank you
for giving us food to eat.
In Jesus' name, amen.

when they were hungry. Jesus helps us, too!

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 7:11-20



When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted

from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. ¹²The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights.

¹³That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. ¹⁴With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along

with birds of every kind. ¹⁵Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. ¹⁶A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.

¹⁷For forty days the

“Walk like an elephant, hop like a kangaroo, and run like a deer.”



“What animals can you find on this page? What do they say?”

“Make rain sounds with me! First we’ll rub our hands together, then clap them quietly, then clap them loudly, and then pat our hands on our legs.”

"Pretend you're in the big floating boat, sometimes called an ark, rocking back and forth."

floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. ¹⁸ As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. ¹⁹ Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, ²⁰ rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks.



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Noah saved the animals by putting

them on the ark. And God sent someone to save us—Jesus!

Pockets says,
"It's time to pray!"



Dear God, we know you can help us do hard things like Noah did. Help us to trust you when hard things happen. In Jesus' name, amen.

Let's Talk

- What's something that's hard for you to do?
- How could God help you?

Safari

This week, look for animals with your child, and talk about all the animals God kept safe on Noah's ark. Think of times when your family can trust God to keep you safe.

Cuddles says,
"Let's go on a safari!"



Tub Time

Give your child a plastic bowl to float in the tub as an ark. If you have small, waterproof animal toys, put them in the boat. Have your child make animal sounds and float the ark. Talk about how Noah trusted God in the ark and how we can trust God.





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