

April 19, 2020 – Week 3

Bible Story Focus: Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.

Breakfast on the Beach • *John 21:1-14*

Memory Verse: “I am alive for ever and ever!” Revelation 1:18, NIV

Key Question: Who is alive?

Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



Make It Fun

Breakfast

- **What You Need:** 4 prepared paper plates with pictures attached.
- **What You Do:** Turn the plates upside down in the activity area. Make sure to note which one has the bacon, eggs, and banana on it, so you can turn it over last. Guide the children to sit around the plates. Ask a child to turn over one of the plates. Ask the children if the picture on the plate is something they eat for breakfast. Repeat with the rest of the plates/pictures, making sure to leave the bacon, eggs, and banana picture for last.
- **What You Say:** “I love to eat breakfast! There are pictures on these plates of food that we eat. We are going to turn over the plates and look at the food. Let’s see if it is any food that we eat for breakfast! *(Turn over a plate.)* Yum! What do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes! It is a lollipop. Do we eat lollipops for breakfast? *(Pause.)* No way! Let’s see what is on the next plate. *(Turn over next plate.)* What is on this plate? *(Pause.)* Way to go! It is a plate of cookies! Do we eat cookies for breakfast? *(Pause.)* Of course not! I hope we find some breakfast food! Let’s keep looking! *(Turn over the next plate.)* It is an ice cream cone! Yummy! Do we eat ice cream for breakfast? *(Pause.)* Nope! I really hope we find something we can eat for breakfast! We have one more plate to turn over. *(Turn over fourth plate.)* Yay! I see bacon, eggs, and a banana. Can we eat this for breakfast? *(Pause.)* YES! This is an awesome breakfast! Today in our Bible story we are going to hear about how Jesus had breakfast on the beach! I cannot wait for our Bible story today!”

Make It True

Worship

- **What You Need:** Worship song “He’s Alive Oh Yeah.”

Bible Story

- **LEADER:** “Hi, friends! Today we’re going to talk about what happened after Easter. Easter started out sad because Jesus died and was put in a tomb. But did Jesus stay there? *(Pause.)* Nooo! Jesus came back, just like He said He would. **Jesus is alive!** Well, not long after that, some of Jesus’ friends were fishing. While they were fishing, they saw someone standing on the beach. Guess who it was! JESUS! Jesus was standing on the beach. **Jesus is alive!** And they were so excited to see Him. Show me your best excited face. The excitement doesn’t stop there. Jesus told His friends to come have breakfast with Him. So they did! Jesus’ friends sat with Him around the fire where He was cooking some fish and bread. Jesus was alive. And He was sitting right there cooking fish! They were so happy to be with their good friend Jesus again. They knew that Jesus loved them and that He would always be their friend—for ever and ever! Jesus loves YOU,

too! Jesus loves you so much, and He wants to be YOUR friend for ever and ever! How awesome is that? **Jesus is alive** and He wants to be your friend forever. **Who is alive?**”

- **CHILDREN and LEADER: “Jesus is alive!”**
- **LEADER:** “Okay, friends, it’s time to close our eyes and talk to God.”

PRAYER

- **LEADER:** “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that **Jesus is alive** and He loves us and He wants to be our friend for ever and ever. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Make It Stick

Friendship Bracelets

- **What You Need:** “Charm,” one-inch colored straw pieces (2 per child), and pipe cleaners (1 per child)
- **What You Do:** Give each child a charm and a pipe cleaner. Set the colored straw pieces in the center of the table. Help the children string one straw piece, a charm, and another straw piece onto a pipe cleaner. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the child’s wrist and twist the ends to make a bracelet.
- **What You Say:** “Today our Bible story was about friendship. We are going to make friendship bracelets. Place one colored straw piece (*hold up*) onto the pipe cleaner. (*Demonstrate.*) Then you can put this cool charm (*hold up*) onto your bracelet. The charm says, ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’ And then add another straw piece. (*Finish activity.*) Friends are important, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever. You can tell everyone that **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**”

Dismissal

Story Sequence

- **What You Need:** “Sequence” Activity Pages and wall tape
- **What You Do:** Spread the three pictures on the floor in the activity area. Guide the children to sit in front of the pictures. Ask the children to work together to place the pictures in order according to the story. The sequence is: 1) disciples in the boat, 2) Jesus on the beach, 3) everyone together around the fire. Hang the pictures on a wall in the correct order.
- **What You Say:** “We have heard an amazing story about how Jesus had breakfast on the beach with His friends! I have pictures from our Bible story. (*Point.*) They are Jesus on the beach, Jesus and His friends around the fire eating breakfast, and Jesus’ friends in the boat. Let’s work together and see if we can put them in the correct order of the story. Which one do you think is first? (*Pause.*) The picture of Jesus’ friends in the boat is first! Jesus’ friends were in a boat fishing. (*Hang the first picture on the wall.*) Great job! Which picture is next? (*Pause.*) The picture of Jesus standing on the beach. Jesus’ friends in the boat saw their good friend Jesus standing on the beach! They were so excited! (*Hang the second picture on the wall.*) Do you know what happened next? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus told His friends that He wanted to have breakfast with them. He told them that He would be their friend FOREVER. (*Hang the third picture on the wall.*) Jesus is ALIVE and wants to be our friend FOREVER! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**”