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# Breakfast by the Lake

John 21:1-19



YOUR BIBLE READING

**The risen Jesus cared for his friends and called Peter to care for others.**

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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# The Voice from the Shore

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After Jesus had risen, several disciples were together near the Sea of Tiberias, another name for the Sea of Galilee. Peter said he was going fishing, and the others went with him. They worked through the night but caught nothing. As morning came, Jesus stood on the shore. The disciples did not yet recognize him. Their empty net would soon become part of another meeting with their risen Lord.

Jesus asked whether they had anything to eat, and they answered that they did not. He told them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. They followed his direction. So many fish entered the net that they could not haul it in. The change led the disciple whom Jesus loved to recognize who was speaking from the shore and tell Peter that it was the Lord.

Peter put on his outer garment and went into the water toward Jesus. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. They were not far from land. John does not give us words from each person or explain their private reactions. He shows Peter moving toward Jesus and the others bringing the boat and the catch to the place where Jesus was waiting.

When they came ashore, they found a charcoal fire with fish and bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had just caught. Peter drew the net onto land. It held one hundred fifty-three large fish, yet it had not torn. The empty night had become a great catch, and the voice from the shore belonged to someone already preparing a meal for them.

**Remember:** Love for Jesus can be shown through caring for people.

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# Breakfast and a Call to Care

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Jesus invited the disciples to breakfast. They knew it was the Lord and did not need to ask who he was. He took the bread and gave it to them, and he did the same with the fish. John identifies this as the third time Jesus had appeared to the disciples after rising from death. The risen Lord was sharing ordinary food and caring for the friends gathered beside the lake.

After they ate, Jesus asked Peter about his love for him. Peter answered that Jesus knew he loved him. Jesus told him to feed his lambs. He asked again, and again Peter spoke of his love. Jesus told him to tend his sheep. These were pictures for the people who belonged to Jesus. Peter's relationship with his Lord was being connected with a responsibility to care for others.

Jesus asked a third time. Peter was grieved that the question had come three times, and he answered that Jesus knew everything and knew his love. Jesus again told him to feed his sheep. John records the repeated question and commission without giving Peter a separate speech about what he would do next. The task was clear: love for Jesus was to be expressed through the care entrusted to him.

Jesus also spoke of Peter's future, contrasting his earlier freedom of movement with a time when someone else would lead him where he did not want to go. John explains that these words pointed toward Peter's death and the way he would glorify God. We can name that gently without graphic detail. Jesus then called him to follow. Breakfast had become a renewed invitation to loving service, even on a difficult path.

**Pause and think:** What real need could you notice before deciding how best to help someone?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

# Care Begins with Real Needs



Jesus gave his friends breakfast before the conversation about Peter's work. Food, rest, and attention are real needs, not unimportant details beside spiritual learning. You can notice these needs in yourself and others. With an adult, you might help prepare a simple meal or make sure someone has a place to sit. Care often begins with what a person needs right now.

Peter's task was pictured as feeding and tending sheep, but Jesus meant people. Caring for a person is different from controlling them. It includes listening, respecting choices, and knowing when a responsible adult is needed. You can love a younger child without becoming responsible for everything in their life. A suitable role and good support help make care patient and safe.

Jesus did not promise Peter an easy future. Following him included love and responsibility amid difficulty. For a child, that never means seeking danger or accepting harm. It can mean practicing faithfulness in ordinary things: keeping a suitable promise, asking for help, and returning to a caring action after a mistake. The call to love becomes visible through those concrete choices.

## A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

**The risen Jesus fed his friends and called Peter to show love through caring for people.**

What real need could you notice before deciding how best to help someone?

# Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1 Think about the reading

**1.** What did Jesus prepare on the shore?

**2.** What did caring for Jesus' sheep mean?

## 2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus shares breakfast with them on the shore.
- ☐ Jesus asks Peter about love and gives him care for others.
- ☐ The disciples catch many fish after following Jesus' direction.

## 3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw bread, fish, and friends sharing breakfast beside the lake.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

# Read & Grow Together

## Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

## Remember this

Love for Jesus can be shown through caring for people.
**Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation.** Related passage: John 21:15-17

## A thoughtful conversation

Jesus' sheep are a picture for people, not permission to control them. The passage also anticipates Peter's death; this retelling acknowledges a difficult future gently without graphic detail or a promise of an easy life.

## Activity answers

**1.** A charcoal fire with fish and bread for breakfast.
**2.** Caring for the people who belonged to him.
**Sequence boxes, top to bottom:** 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

## Optional prayer

Jesus, help us show our love for you through patient care for others. Amen.

## Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

## Sources and sharing

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