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Unit 2, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus seeks out, forgives, and restores.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Before Jesus' crucifixion, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Jesus and Peter had not yet talked about his denial in the courtyard, but Peter also loved Jesus beyond compare. In the first part of Chapter 21, it all comes to a head: Peter's love for Christ and being reinstated to share Jesus with others. Jesus dealt with Peter's denial but also encouraged him to use the love he had for Jesus to change the world.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Live It Out: Put some plastic fish in a tub of water. Give your child an aquarium net to catch the fish. Say that Jesus loved His friends and helped His friends to catch some fish.

Peter, John, and other disciples fished all night, but caught no fish. When the sun rose, they saw a man on the shore. He asked, "Did you catch any fish?"

The disciples said, "No." The man told them to put their net down on the right side of the boat. The disciples did what He said. They could not pull the net into the boat!

John and Peter recognized Jesus. Peter swam to shore. The other men followed in the boat, pulling the net full of 153 fish.

Fish and bread were cooking on a fire. Jesus told them to add some of their fish.

"Come, eat breakfast with Me," Jesus said. Jesus gave each man bread and fish.

After eating, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Jesus asked him three times. Each time Peter said "Yes, You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Follow Me."

KIDS

Scripture: John 18:15-18,25-27; 21: 1-19

Live It Out: Help your child memorize the Weekly Verse, Colossians 1:14. Challenge her to recite the verse if she is in a situation requiring Jesus' love and forgiveness.

When Jesus was arrested, Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times.

Peter and other disciples went fishing. They fished all night, but they caught nothing.

A man they did not know on the shore called out, "Friends, do you have any fish?"

When they replied, Jesus told them where to cast the net. The net was full of fish!

One of the disciples said, "It is the Lord!" Peter swam to shore.

Jesus invited His friends to eat breakfast. He gave them bread and fish to eat. Jesus spoke to Peter. "Jesus asked, "Peter do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord," Simon Peter answered, "You know that I love You." "Feed My lambs," Jesus replied.

Two more times Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me?" Peter told Jesus that he loved Him. Jesus told Peter to take care of His sheep. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Follow Me!"

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 21:4-12,15-19

- In what ordinary places in your life might Jesus be showing up to draw you closer to Him?
- Have you ever felt disqualified because of your past mistakes? What happened?
- How have you seen Jesus' restoration in your life?

Live It Out:

This week, ask your student what ways his or her small group at church could come together to minister to others. What spiritual and practical needs of the people in the community could the group meet? Encourage your student to reach out to his or her group leader to ask about getting the group involved.