

# CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**3/21/2015**

## **PRAY FOR WISDOM:**

Lord, You have forgiven my many sins and have graciously restored my life. Thank You for giving me a job that matters deeply to You- feeding and nurturing Your sheep. Fill each day with many hours that count for eternity.

Please help me present the truths of this lesson in such a way that the children will listen with their hearts and minds. Plant within them a desire to tell others about Your love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **LESSON MEMORY VERSE:**

John 21:16 " Jesus said, "Peter, if you love Me go tell others about Me.""

## **BIBLE STORY: Feed My Sheep**

After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples walked back to Galilee. They were waiting for Jesus to tell them what to do next. One night Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We'll go with you!" six other disciples decided.

The men got into the boat. They sailed to a spot where they knew they could catch fish. They dropped their big fishing nets down, down, down, down into the water. Then the fishermen pulled the nets up, up, up, up. But there were no fish in the nets!

The disciples fished and fished and fished all night.

But they didn't catch a single fish—not even a bite!

Early that morning, the disciples saw a Man standing on the beach.

"Friends!" He called out. "How's the fishing? Did you catch anything?"

We fished and fished and fished all night.

But we didn't catch a single fish—not even a bite.

"Try the other side of the boat!" the Man shouted.

Down, Down, Down went the fishing nets—just like before. But this time, many, many fish swam right into the nets! There were so many fish that the fishermen were afraid the nets would break. John said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"

Peter immediately jumped from the boat into the lake! He swam to see Jesus. The other disciples stayed in the boat, pulling the net full of fish to shore.

Jesus had made a little fire. He was cooking breakfast. After they ate, Jesus asked, “Peter, do you love Me very, very much?”

Peter nodded, “Yes, Lord. You know that I love You!”

“Then go tell people about Me,” Jesus told him. “Take care of My people—just as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Then Jesus asked again. “Peter, do you love Me very, very much?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter repeated. “You know that I love You!”

“Then go tell people about Me,” Jesus said again. “Take care of My people – just as a shepherd cares for his sheep.”

Jesus asked one more time, “Peter, do you really love Me?”

“You know everything, Lord,” Peter sighed. “Yes – I really love You!”

“Then go tell people about Me,” Jesus repeated. “Take care of My people – just as a shepherd cares for his sheep.”

Jesus gave Peter a new job—to teach God’s people.

## **PRAYER:**

Pray that each child will be glad to tell their friends about Jesus’ love for everyone.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

Jesus Loves You Litter Bag

Supplies: One paper bag per child, scissors, stickers, red and pink hearts cut from construction paper, crayons

Hand each child a bag and write “Jesus Loves You!” on each one. Let the children decorate the bag with paper hearts, stickers, crayons, and markers. Encourage the children to give their litter bag to a friend so they will be reminded every day that Jesus loves them.

## **DOOR HANGER HEARTS**

Supplies: Red card stock, scissors, hole punch, rubber bands, stickers, crayons

Cut a heart from the cardstock paper and give to each child. Punch a small hole in the top and insert a rubber band for hanging. Write on each door hanger the following information:

Jesus loves you and I do too!

Please come to FREEDOM LIFE CHURCH @ 35 Tide Mill Lane in Hampton. Saturday @ 6:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

You have been invited by (child’s name here)

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