

Preschool Spring

Lesson 11:

Jesus is Alive!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Learn that Jesus is God's Son and that He rose from the dead and is alive – **John 21**
- 2) Be happy knowing Jesus is alive
- 3) Recognize that Jesus can do special things because He is the Son of God

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Pictures about Fishing – one sheet for class cut out before class (Take from lesson 3)
- Jesus is Alive Activity Sheet – one per student
- Jesus is Alive Stickers – one set per student – 6 sets on a page cut out before class
- Glue sticks and/or tape – to share
- Scissors – for teacher
- Jesus is God's Son Mobile Template – one set per student cut out before class
- Construction Paper folded in half – one per student
- Yarn/String – one roll or 5 x 8 inch pieces per student
- Wire or plastic coat hanger – one per student
- Stapler to share
- Hole punch to share

Optional Activities

- Play Dough – enough to share
- Fish crackers – one box for class to share
- Paper cups – one per student
- Large grocery bag – one per class to share
- Snack – fish crackers or cheese in fish shape
- Napkins
- Cups with water

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

*Before class cut out and have ready "Pictures About Fishing" to use as visuals during students arrival.



As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Have them sit around the table.

As you wait for all students to arrive, lay out the different pictures about fishing and the storm on the table and let students look through them and talk about what each picture is about and how it relates to what we have learned about Jesus so far. Ask students what they know about storms and what they sound like, look like and how the students feel when they see a storm coming.

Tell students: **Jesus is alive! We are happy because we can talk and sing to Jesus. Jesus is God's Son – He is very special and He is alive!**

Let's sing some songs about Jesus.

Jesus is Alive!

Tune: Farmer in the Dell
Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive.
I'm so very happy that Jesus is alive!

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

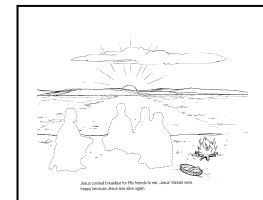
Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
I am Jesus' little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,
I am Jesus' little lamb and He takes care of me!
I follow Him to Bible school, Bible school, Bible school.
I follow Him to Bible school and He is glad to see me!

2) Jesus is Alive Story with Activity Sheet

10-20 minutes

Before class: gather stickers – one set per student cut out before class, glue sticks and activity sheet.

*Optional: Place chairs in pairs facing the same direction in a row to resemble being on a boat. Have students sit in the "boat".



Say: **Jesus' friends were happy because Jesus was alive. But they weren't always happy. They were sad before. Do you want to know what happened to change their sad faces to happy faces? Let's read the story from the Bible and find out!**

Read paraphrased version of **John 21** below:

Jesus' friends were fishing. They were in a boat on the lake. Let's pretend to be Jesus' fishermen friends. Let's get into our boat. (Get into pretend boat) Now, let's row to the middle of the lake. (Pretend to row)

It was very early in the morning. The sun was just coming up. Jesus' friends have been fishing all night. They were tired and they had not caught any fish. (Yawn and stretch as if tired.)

Just a few days before, Jesus' friends had seen Jesus die. They were very, very sad. But this morning they weren't sad anymore. Their friend Jesus, the Son of God had risen from the dead. He was alive! The fishermen were happy! They knew Jesus was alive and that made them very happy.

Just as the fishermen were pulling in their nets because they had not caught any fish, a man yelled from the shore. (Pretend to pull in nets) He said, "Cast your nets on

the other side of the boat.” The fishermen obeyed. (Pretend to throw nets on the other side of the boat.) **They caught 153 big fish! And the man on the shore, they realized was Jesus! When they realized this they hurried to see Him on the shore.** (Pretend to row fast)

Show activity sheet picture. Jesus had fixed bread and fish for everyone to eat. Jesus and His fishermen friends ate their breakfast and talked together. Jesus’ friends were happy because Jesus was alive. They were happy that Jesus was there to talk to them and to listen to them.

Jesus likes it when we talk to Him today as well – We can pray to Jesus anytime and He will listen. That should make us happy too!

Show me how Jesus’ friends felt when they didn’t catch fish (Sad)

Show how Jesus’ friends felt when He helped them catch lots of fish! (Happy)

Show how Jesus’ friends felt when they realized Jesus was alive. (Happy)

Show me how you feel because you know that Jesus is God’s Son and that He is alive. (Happy)

Show me how you feel knowing you can talk to Jesus in prayer anytime. (Happy)

Let’s all sing some songs about Jesus!

Jesus is Alive!

Tune: Farmer in the Dell
Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive.
I’m so very happy that Jesus is alive!

Fished All Night and Caught No Fishes Song

Tune: 1 little, 2 little, 3 little lady bugs

Fished all night and caught no fishes. (3x)
Out on the deep blue sea.

Then came Jesus standing at the shore. (3x)
Out on the deep blue sea.

Cast your nets and you’ll catch fishes. (3x)
Out on the deep blue sea.

Then their nets were filled with fishes. (3x)
Out on the deep blue sea.

Thank class for singing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

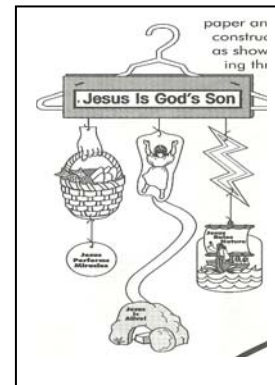
Hand out one sheet with stickers and crayons to each child. Show them that there is no boat in the picture, so have them draw a boat near the shore. Then, let them scribble-color the page and glue the stickers in the right spot. Read the sheet aloud and talk about the fact that we are all happy that Jesus is alive!

3) Jesus is God's Son Mobile

15-20 minutes

Before class: Cut out templates and gather construction paper, wire or plastic coat hanger, yarn, stapler, scissors, hole punch, crayons and tape.

During class: Hand out one set of pictures from mobile to students and allow them to scribble color. Talk about what each picture is about and what story it is from as they color. Attach the "Jesus is God's Son" title to the front of the folded construction paper sheet and tape or glue it as shown in the picture. Cut a slit in the top of the folded construction sheet so it will slide over the coat hanger. Cut



string approximately 8 inches long and tie three pieces spread out along the bottom of the hanger. Staple the construction title over the knots of string so that the string is evenly hanging from the hanger. Looking at the picture shown above for example. Attach with tape, staple or use the string and hole punch to place the mobile pictures on the string in the three different lines as shown. Allow students to see their finished creations and ask them to help clean up before moving onto the next activity.

4) Optional: Playdough Activity Time

5-10 minutes

Say: **Jesus' friends learned that breakfast time was a good time to talk to Jesus.**

Jesus and His friends ate fish and bread for breakfast. What do we eat for breakfast? Raise your hand and tell me what you eat for breakfast....(Let students respond) **Today we will make breakfast out of our playdough. I will hand some out to each of you so you can make some food to pretend to eat while you visit with Jesus, just like His friends did. We are happy Jesus is alive!** (Hand out play dough to each student)

Say: **When Jesus and His friends ate breakfast together, they talked about many things. Jesus' friends talked about how much they loved Him. What can we say to Jesus at breakfast time?** (Let students respond) **We can say, "I love you Jesus. I like to talk to you Jesus. Thank you for being there for us and caring for us!"**

When students are done making breakfast foods, help them clean up before moving onto the next activity. Talk about what each student made and how it relates to today's Bible story that Jesus is alive.

5) Catching Fish Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game. The fishermen had to listen to Jesus when He asked them to. They obeyed and so should we. I am going to say "Fishermen and then an action word." I want you to follow and do what I say. Just like Jesus' fishermen friends were to follow Jesus and what He said to them. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job**

Fishermen – touch your hands together

Fishermen – touch your feet.

Fishermen – say “Thank You God.”

Fishermen – row your boats

Fishermen – gather the fish

Fishermen – show your smiling faces to see Jesus alive!

Fishermen – jump up and down

Fishermen – turn around

Fishermen – sit down!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

6) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs Pages.

7) Optional: Go Fishing Snack Game

5-10 minutes

*Before class purchase fish crackers and place in a clean large grocery bag. Gather paper cups to have ready as well.

While students are seated at the table, hand out one paper cup to each student and ask them to hold it carefully. Say: **We are going to play a game like we are Jesus friends sitting in the boat trying to catch fish. Before Jesus came, the fishermen tried to fish by placing the net in the water. Take your cups and try to scoop up some fish.....No fish! Let's all row back to shore!** Pretend to row back to shore while holding cups.

Look, there is Jesus – He is God's Son, He will help because He is kind and loving and wonderful. Jesus says try to catch fish – let's all try again one at a time while I bring a special bag for you to put your nets into. Go to each student with the sack full of cracker fish. Let each student scoop some fish into their net/cup.

Look at all the fish Jesus helped us catch! Jesus can do this because He is God's Son! Jesus is alive. Let's enjoy our fish crackers while we think about the wonderful thing we learned about Jesus today – He is alive! He helps His friends and He helps us too!

8) Optional – Snack Fish Crackers of Cheese in shape of fish

5 minutes

See activity above “Go fish snack game” if you have fish crackers. If not, hand out one piece of cheese to each student in the shape of a fish along with a glass of water. Remind them that these snacks are part of God's wonderful creation for us to enjoy and they are good, God is wonderful and so is Jesus - God's Son! After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

9) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God's Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then pray:

Thank You God for Jesus Your Son. Thank You God that Jesus is alive and rose from the dead. Thank You God that Jesus helps us as He helped his friends and those in need. Thank you God for our families, our friends, our pets and our church family too. Thank God as well that we can know that we are safe and in good hands because Jesus is our friend. Thank you God for your Son Jesus who loves us and thank you God for everyone here today and those who could not be here because they were sick or away. We pray for those who are sick that you will make them better. We pray you will bring us all back to Sunday school next week safely. In Jesus name, Amen.

10) Remind students

To take home any sheets or crafts. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

11) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain kindly ask them to go to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!