



FAMILY
LifeGroup

Sunday 15 November 2020

HIS STORY.....YOUR LIFE
His Purpose



CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

**Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
Luke 24:31**



EXPLORATION

This week we continue our new series, His Story....Your Life. This week's story is about Jesus and His disciples going fishing. But, it's not an ordinary fishing trip!!!

Click [here](#) to find out what happened!



VERSE

John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus¹), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"



MAIN THOUGHT

We have a purpose, a special job given to us by God. It is to share His love, grace and forgiveness with everyone in the world. But, Jesus doesn't ask us to do that on our own, He has given us His Holy Spirit to go out into the world with us, to lead, guide and help us as we live out our purpose, Jesus purpose!



DISCUSSION

These are to guide the general conversation.

1. What do you want to be when you grow up?
2. Have you ever been fishing? Did you catch anything?
3. Talk about a time when you have been so excited to see someone. What did you do?
4. Do you have someone in your life you would like to share the good news of Jesus with?



ACTIVITIES

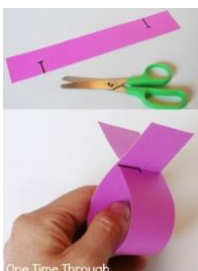
CRAFT ACTIVITY

BE FISHER PEOPLE FOR JESUS

Jesus helped the disciples to catch more fish they knew what to do with. He also calls us to share the good news of His grace and love. We can be 'fisher people' for Jesus, helping others to join God's special family!!

You Will Need:

- Coloured paper (cut into strips)
- Pencils, crayons or textas
- String, wool or fishing line



In the middle of your strip of paper draw some eyes. Flip your strip over and write the name of someone you would like to share the good news of Jesus with. Do this with 5 or 6 fish each (or you might like to make 1 mobile for your family). On each end of your strip make a small slit with your scissors (see the image on left). Wrap your strip around and push the slits together. Now you have a fish!! Thread your fish onto your string, knotting in between to keep them separated. Hang your fish mobile somewhere you will see them each day.

ACTIVE ACTIVITY



JESUS SAYS

Jesus calls each of us to follow Him and share His love and grace with others. He doesn't leave us on our own to do this though, He has given us His Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what God is asking us to do,

You Will Need:

- Just some people to play with!!!

Play 'Simon Says' but use the words 'Jesus says'. Who is the best at listening to Jesus instruction???



PRAYER

Jesus, we thank you that you go with us each day, to lead, guide and protect us. We ask you to help us as we share your love, grace and hope with those around us. Holy Spirit, help us to hear your voice and give us boldness to share all you have done for us with our friends and family. In your name we pray, Amen.



BLESSING

(Name), may the love of Christ for you, flow purposefully through you. Amen.



CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

Jesus said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

John 21:6

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

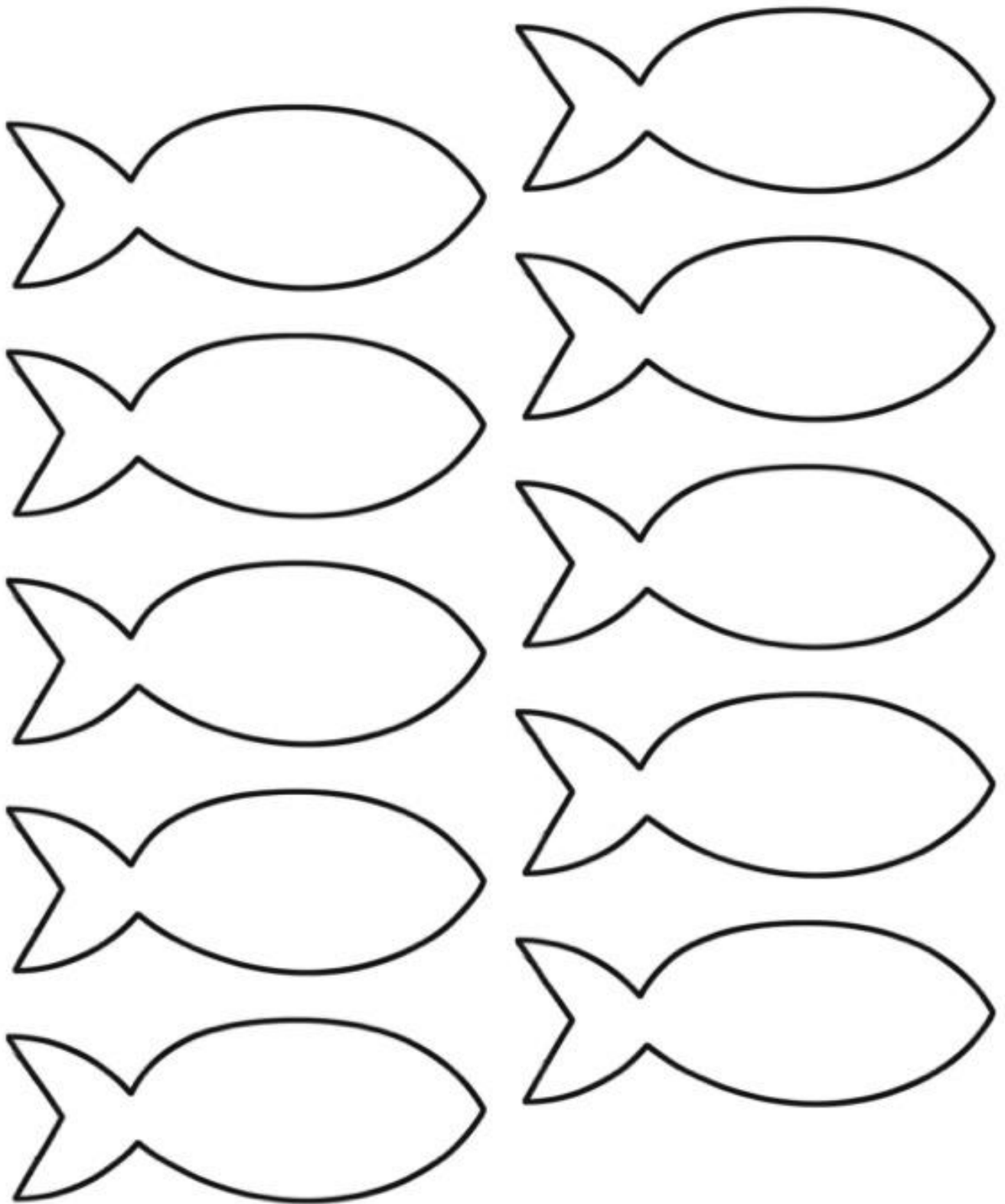
We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.

We would also love you to join us for KidsWay Live, our Zoom Life Group for our Primary School aged children. Email Elise for more information.

THE LAST PAGE OF THE GUIDE IS THE ACTIVITY FOR KIDSWAY LIVE ON NOVEMBER 15. WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!!!!



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