

Breakfast on the Beach

Have you ever been fishing? Did you catch anything? Peter and some of Jesus' other disciples were fishermen and after Jesus died, they decided to go fishing again. Find out what happened one night when they went fishing and didn't catch anything. You can watch a video of [Breakfast on the Beach](#), or read the story on the next page.



This painting is called "Breakfast at Dawn" by Mike Moyers.

What five words do you think describe it best?

Can you think of three questions to ask about it?

Can you find three connections between the picture and the story of Jesus meeting his friends?

If this painting was on display in an art gallery, what would you write about it, to help visitors understand what they were looking at?

Early Christians often used a fish as a secret sign, to show other Christians where they were meeting. See if you can find out more about this.

In some parts of the world it is still dangerous to be a Christian today. Can you design a secret symbol for modern Christians? It has to be easy to draw and mean something.

What would your personal secret symbol look like?



Fishing on Lake Galilee

For a few weeks after Jesus' death, the disciples did not know what to do. One evening Peter was back at Lake Galilee and he decided to go fishing with some of his friends. He still could not forget that he had let Jesus down so badly and denied even knowing him.

They fished all night, but caught nothing. As dawn came, they sailed back to the shore.

A man was standing on the beach watching them.

"Have you caught anything?" he called out.

"No!" they replied.

"Try throwing your nets on the right side of the boat."

The fishermen did as the man suggested. Immediately they felt the tug of the net as it filled with fish.

Peter looked at the man on the beach.

"It's Jesus!" he shouted. He jumped into the water and waded ashore.

Jesus had made a small fire and had some bread there. "Bring some of the fish you have caught," he said.

So the disciples dragged the net onto the shore and sat down with Jesus on the beach.

"Come, said Jesus, "Let's have breakfast together."

When breakfast was over, Jesus took Peter to one side to talk to him alone.

"Simon Peter," he said, "do you really love me?"

"You know I do," said Peter.

"I have a special job for you," said Jesus. "When I have gone away, I want you to take special care of my followers."



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