

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
April 10, 2016—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
FISHING WITH JESUS



One evening after Jesus rose from the dead Peter and his friends went fishing. They fished all night, but they did not catch a single fish. In the morning Peter and his friends saw a man on the shore. The man called out, “Throw out your net one more time.” They threw out the net. They caught so many fish they could hardly hold onto the net! It was loaded with fish, but it did not break. Peter and his friends realized that the man on the shore was Jesus.

Jesus has a big net, and he wants to catch all people in his net. His love is big enough, strong enough for everybody.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

In today's Gospel story, after Jesus and the disciples had breakfast together Jesus asked Simon Peter three times "Do you love me?" Each of the three times Simon Peter "Yes, Lord I love you" and Jesus said to him three times "Feed my lambs". Remember that Peter denied Jesus three times. Jesus is giving Peter the opportunity to reaffirm his love for Jesus the same amount of times—to show Peter that Jesus forgave him. Then Jesus said "Feed my sheep". Jesus wanted Peter to know *first* that he was forgiven and *second* that he wanted Peter (and all of us) to take care of people.

Jesus wants us to love him. Jesus wants us to *show that love* by caring for other people. How can you individually, and as a family, show your love for Jesus by helping others?

True or False:

- _____ Peter denied Jesus two times.
- _____ Peter told Jesus that he loved him three times.
- _____ Jesus loves you.
- _____ Jesus wants you to hurt other people.
- _____ Jesus wants you to love him.

Circle the Correct Words:

When they had [**FISNISHED** or **IGNORED**] breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "**[FEED** or **SCARE**] my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "**[TEND** or **SCATTER**] my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know [**EVERYTHING** or **NOTHING**] you know that I love you." *John 21:1-19*

Dinner Table Conversation:

Many people love you. How do they show it?

You love many people. How do you show it?

God calls us to love EVERYBODY. How do you do that?

How can you show love for strangers? The poor? The hungry? The homeless?

How can you help people that live in our own community?

How can you help people that live across the world?