

Breakfast on the Beach

A Sensory Story on John 21:1-14

Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.

[Everyone pushes their hands in front of their face and out and around in big circles to show Jesus appearing.]

It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

[Encourage the children to cuddle up into groups]

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them,

[One person in the group says "I'm going out to fish!"]

and they said, "We'll go with you."

[The others in the huddle say "We'll go with you"]

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

[Everyone has a sad face and puts their palms forward to represent 'nothing']

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore,

[Everyone stands up]

but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

[Everyone rubs their eyes and shrugs their shoulders]

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

[Everyone says "have you any fish?"]

"No," they answered.

[Everyone says 'No' and shakes their head]

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

[Everyone does an action to show throwing the net over the boat]

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

[Everyone shows an excited and amazed face!]

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

[Everyone says '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.

[Everyone does a big jump!]

The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

[Everyone pretends to row a boat]

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

[Everyone makes a hands waving motion to represent the fire]

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

[Everyone says 'Bring some fish!']

So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore.

[Everyone pretends to drag the boat.]

It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

[Everyone shows the numbers 1, 5 and 3 with their fingers]

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?"

[Everyone says 'Come and have breakfast!']

They knew it was the Lord.

[Everyone points to their head]

Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

[Everyone pretends to pass out bread and fish]

This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

[Everyone shows three fingers to represent the third time]