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John 21:1–17

PETER and his brother Andrew were fishermen. They sat in their little boat and put a net over the side. They emptied the fish into the boat. When they had lots of fish, they rowed back to shore.

One day Jesus saw Peter and Andrew on the shore. "Follow Me," Jesus said. "From now on, I want you to help Me." Peter and Andrew went with Jesus and learned how to be His helpers.

Just before Jesus went back to Heaven, Peter and some of his friends went fishing again. They met Jesus on the shore. "Peter," Jesus asked, "do you love Me?"

"Oh yes, Lord, I do," Peter answered.

Jesus asked the same question two more times. Then Jesus said, "Peter, do My work."

Jesus had a special job for Peter to do after Jesus went back to Heaven.

Let's talk about the picture:

1. Point to the two men. What are their names?
2. Point to the boat. What was it used for?

A Bible Verse for You

"Serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14).

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2s & 3s Bible Verses

SUMMER
2026

June 7, 14, and August 2

"Serve the living God"
(Hebrews 9:14).

June 21 and 28

"I will praise the LORD"
(Psalm 111:1).

July 5

"Serve one another"
(Galatians 5:13).

July 12 and 19

"Pray without ceasing"
(1 Thessalonians 5:17).

July 26

"He [God] careth for
you" (1 Peter 5:7).

August 9 and 16

"From a child [you
have] known the holy
scriptures" (2 Timothy
3:15).

August 23 and 30

"What time I am afraid,
I will trust in thee"
(Psalm 56:3).

2s & 3s Lesson Truths

SUMMER 2026

Weeks 1–8: Peter Served God

For eight weeks we will look at events from the life of Peter, beginning with Jesus choosing Peter to follow Him. We will talk about Peter helping Dorcas and a man who couldn't walk. Other stories feature Peter preaching, Peter's friends praying for him while he was in prison, and Peter writing God's Word. Children will learn that they are not too young to love and serve God.

Weeks 9–13: Paul Served God

The final weeks in this quarter focus on Paul. The Bible lessons include Paul following Jesus, Paul's ministry with young Timothy, and God's care for Paul in a shipwreck and when he was bitten by a snake. We will continue to emphasize that children can love and serve God and that God cares for us.