1st - 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Jesus Forgives and Restores Bible Passage: John 21:1-19 Main Point: Jesus forgave Peter and gave him a mission. Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers?



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Christ Connection: When Jesus first called the disciples to follow Him, Jesus had promised to make them fishers of men. Instead of catching fish, they would tell people about Jesus. (Luke 5:1-11) The disciples had left Jesus when He was arrested and even denied Him, but Jesus still wanted to use them in God's plan. Jesus is the Lord who forgives us and makes things right again.

Mother's Day Card

Materials: Mother's Day card & markers

Print each child a Mother's Day card. They will brainstorm the different ways and things they love about their mom or someone special in their life. This could be their mom, grandma, or it may be someone special that they spend a lot of time with and want to share the things they love about them. After they write the 5 things, then have them color the card with all kinds of different colored markers. Then have them give it to their special someone.

This is a really special day made to love on those that love you and care for you. Now it's your turn to show them and tell them how much you love them and how thankful you are for all the things they do for you and your family. God loves us so much and we can spread that love to others by showing and telling them how much we they mean to us.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use the fish code below to figure out what Jesus said to Peter.





KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

BIBLE STORY: JESUS FORGIVES AND RESTORES

- Jesus told His disciples where to find fish.
- When they finished fishing, Jesus asked three times if Peter loved Him.
- Jesus forgave Peter and gave him a mission.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Jesus ask three times if Peter loved Him?
- How do you think Peter felt when Jesus asked him about his love?
- What mission did Jesus give Peter?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

• Take your kids to a petting zoo where they can pet or even feed a sheep. Talk to them about the importance of Peter's mission from Jesus.

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