

3rd May | Beach Breakfast

We are continuing to look at the stories of people who met the risen Jesus and how his presence completely changed things. Over the past couple of weeks we've heard about the two followers who met Jesus on their walk to Emmaus and how they went from being sad to celebrating. We also heard about how Thomas (one of the disciples) had missed seeing Jesus but when Jesus did meet with him Jesus' presence turned his fear and doubt into gratitude and peace.

Today we look at the next time that Jesus appeared to his disciples. This time they have gone fishing. Remember that some of the disciples were fishermen before they went to follow Jesus. This was as if they had gone back to doing what they were used to, what they were comfortable with...

THE BEACH BREAKFAST

Do you enjoy fishing?

I have heard some people say that they enjoy fishing even if they never catch a fish. They say that they just enjoy the peace and relaxation of fishing.

I must confess it does not sound like much fun to sit in a boat holding a fishing pole without ever catching any fish.

How about you?

Imagine that you have been sitting in a boat fishing all night without catching a single fish. As the sun begins to come up you can see someone standing at the edge of the water.

"Hi!" he calls out. "Have you had any luck?"

"I haven't caught a thing," you answer.

"Well, if you would put your fishing pole on the right-hand side of the boat, you would catch a lot of fish."

Would you try it, or would you say to yourself, "That's the craziest thing I've ever heard? What difference does it make which side of the boat I am fishing from?"



Well, this is almost exactly what happened to some of Jesus' disciples in John 21:1-14...

Several of Jesus' disciples were gathered beside the Sea of Galilee. The group included Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, and James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

Suddenly, Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We'll come too," the others said. So, they got in the boat and they fished all night but caught nothing."

As the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples could not make out who it was. Jesus called out to them, "Have you caught any fish?"

"Not a thing," the disciples called back.

"Throw your nets on the right-hand side of the boat and you'll catch some!"

Did they do it? Yes, they did! Did they catch any fish? They caught so many fish that they could not even pull the net into the boat!

Then the disciple that Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Peter heard that, he jumped into the water and headed for shore. The others stayed with the boat and dragged the loaded net to the shore. When they got there, they found Jesus cooking breakfast - fish over a charcoal fire and some bread.

"Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. Peter dragged the net to the shore and there were 153 large fish. "Now, come and have some breakfast," Jesus said. Then Jesus served them fish and bread.

THINKING TIME

Think about a few of these points, perhaps even chat with your parents over lunch about them. (I expect you have already eaten your breakfast!)

- Why do you think Jesus chose to share breakfast with his friends?
- What do you think they talked about?
- Would they have asked him lots of difficult questions about what had happened on that very first Easter? After all, if God is so powerful why didn't God come up with a better plan and stop Jesus being killed?
- Would we like to ask similar questions about why God is not stopping the spread of coronavirus?
- What good things might we have learnt when this virus is finally over?

ASK THE FAMILY

What's your favourite breakfast to eat?

If you invite anyone around for breakfast who would you invite? (*Friends, family, neighbours, celebrities, historical people, Biblical people...*)

What would you talk about or ask them?

CRAFT

Fish for breakfast? It's not a very common choice these days. Let's make a Carp fish with some things you'll have around the house.

Things you'll need: 1 loo roll tube, coloured paper, pens and tissue paper (optional.)

How to make it:

- Cover your tube with some coloured paper or cut scale shapes and collage your tube. (*You could also colour it in if you don't have coloured paper around the house.*)
- Add or draw some eyes.
- Use strips of tissues or paper to make a tail.

FISHING GAME

Have a fishing competition!

Cut out some fish shapes and then put them on a large towel, a throw, a tablecloth, a sheet, in fact any large piece of material.

Divide yourselves into teams and take a side of the sheet. Flap it up and down and try to land as many of the fish on your side of the floor as possible, while trying to stop your opponent's landing theirs!



FISH BREAKFAST

Why not try to make a breakfast with some fish...

You might have these ingredients in the cupboard or fridge. Alternatively feel free to improvise!

Mackerel plate

Things you'll need:
3 Fillets of smoked mackerel,
200grms of Cream Cheese,
a squeeze of Lemon and pepper.
(*You could use a tin of tuna or salmon*)

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Right after Jesus had breakfast on the beach with his disciples we read that Jesus and Simon Peter (one of the disciples) had a chat. It must have been quite a hard chat because Peter had denied even knowing Jesus, let alone being one of his friends! He had denied knowing Jesus three times. So when Jesus pulled him aside to chat you can imagine how Peter must have been feeling...

READ: John 21:15-17

- Isn't it great that Jesus wasn't angry at Peter?
- Why do you think Jesus tells Peter to "feed his sheep"? Who are the sheep?
- How do you think Jesus responds to us when we let him down?

PRAYER

Just like Simon Peter we too can let Jesus down... but we know that Jesus responds to us out of love.

Let's pray: **Dear God, thank you that you never give up on us when we act as if we've forgotten you. Help us to trust you more with our questions and worries. Amen!**

WORSHIP

It's so good to praise God with songs and actions. Why not end this resource with some worship music. Here's a few ideas or you can check out our [PLAYLIST](#)

SHINE JESUS SHINE ALL THROUGH HISTORY

We have also put together a Dropbox folder of the songs you may know and love from Junior Choir and Climbers. You can check that out here: [Dropbox Folder](#)

Helen has even recorded some new songs too! Check them out [HERE](#).

DEEP QUESTIONS

Our story today was all about trusting God. Trusting him with our questions and the things that don't make sense to us. It's so helpful to talk about these things, especially in prayer but also with our families and other Christians.

Grab a piece of A4 paper, draw a large fish shape on it. Make sure it's big enough to write something inside. If there is more than one of you, do one each!

Then write a question that you'd want to ask Jesus in the fish. When you've all got questions talk to your family about your question and see what they think. Then pray about it!



If you want to hear more on Psalm 100 check out Luke's Lunchtime reflection from Wednesday 22nd of April. [Check it out on YouTube.](#)

We would love to see any of the crafts or things you've done from today's resource. Comment with them on Facebook [@cbeckenhamkids](#) or email ed@ccb.org.uk

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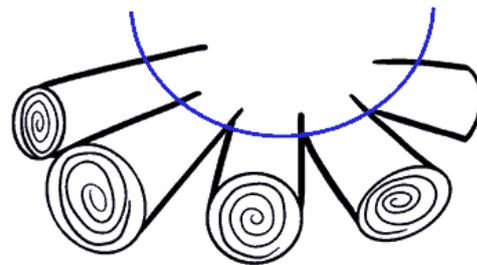
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CAMPFIRE DRAWING

Can you draw a campfire?

Use the template to try and draw in the flames...

Then have a go at drawing your own campfire.



FISH BOOKMARK

Colour in and cut out this lovely bookmark to remind you of the Beach Breakfast.



BREAKFAST BEETLE DRIVE

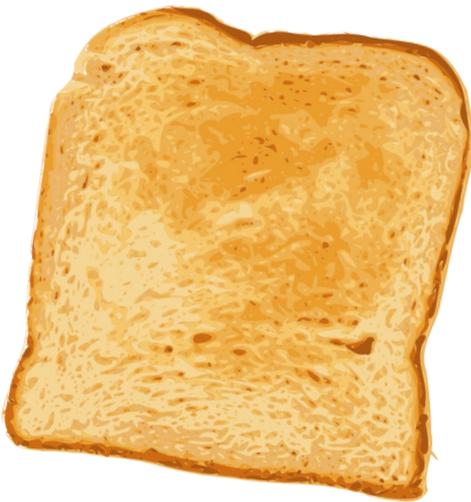
A beetle drive is a game where you win by collecting 6 different items. You collect the items by rolling the right number on a dice. You'll need a plate to start, so you'll need to roll a 6 before you can collect any of the other breakfast items! You're going to take turns rolling the dice. If you roll a 3, which is a sausage, and you already have a sausage on your plate it is now the next player's turn.

You can play this by cutting out a few copies of the shapes bellow or by using them as inspiration and drawing your own breakfast items on some plain paper.

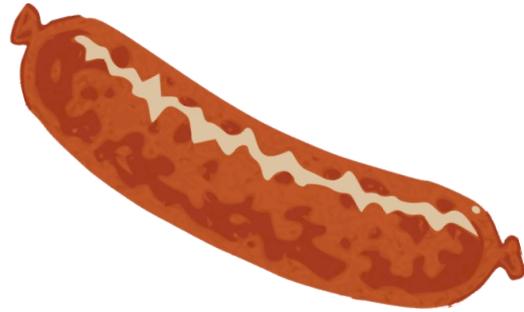
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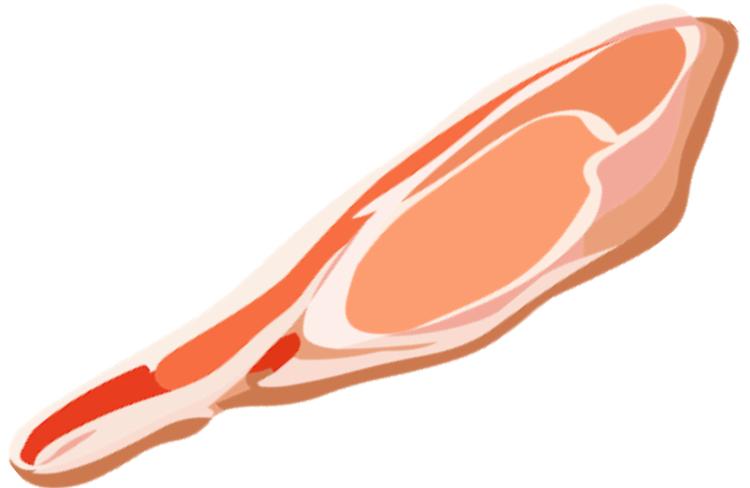
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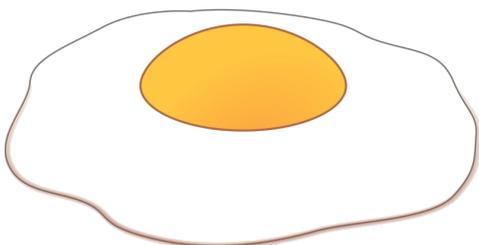
3. A sausage



4. Bacon



5. Egg



6. A plate

