



SPARK

Week 24 - Breakfast on the Beach!

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Peter decides to go fishing.
- The disciples went with him but they caught nothing.
- Jesus told them to cast the net to the right side and they caught 153 fish.
- Jesus invited them to eat breakfast and they realized it was the Lord.

Week of April 12 Focus:

John 21:3-14

"The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'" John 21:7

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 24 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: [Jesus Appears by the Sea](#)
- [Read John 21:1-19](#)

PRAY



Opening Prayer

+ Almighty God, thank you for all of the food we have and for loving us. Please give us listening ears so that we may hear this story of you eating breakfast with the disciples. Help us to recognize you in the many people we know. + Amen

Family Connection

SHARE

Take some time sharing about feeling discouraged. Maybe you wanted to try something new and it didn't go as well as you had hoped. (For me, it is learning to play the piano as an adult!) The disciples were discouraged and sad that Jesus had died. They had given up their life work to follow him. Their dreams and hopes were smashed. We find them here back doing what they had done before Jesus invited them to follow him. (fishing) This alone speaks volumes about their disposition.



Today, April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is feast day proclaimed by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina.

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow." Visit thedivinemercy.org website to learn the depth of this incredible gift of divine mercy from our Lord.

LEARN



Read the Bible Story

This story of Jesus eating breakfast on the beach can be found in (pp. 88-89 in Picture Bible Stories. A few details to note: The disciples are back where some originally met Jesus and they have reverted back to their old lifestyle of fishing.

- I wonder why the disciples are going fishing? (*Maybe, they don't know what else to do*)
- I wonder why they didn't catch any fish? (*Maybe they are being reminded that they have a new profession and it is not fishing!*)
- I wonder why they caught fish when Jesus told them to try again? (*Jesus is reminding them that they will be fishers of men if they follow Him*).
- Why do you think Jesus let the disciples see him another time? (*They believe but still they have doubts. We see that because they are back to their old lifestyles.*)
- What would you do if you saw Jesus and he invited you to breakfast?! (*He actually does invite us every time we receive the Eucharist*)

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*Jesus is teaching the disciples that they need to keep their eyes on him. He will provide all that they need. He is going to give them new jobs to do.*)

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

[Breakfast on the Beach](#) For all ages!

[The Divine Mercy explained](#) (3 min) Older children & adults!



LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family

1. Make a special breakfast together and talk about this story.
2. Use your previous Bible figures to retell the story.
3. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY + Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to visit the disciples to let them know that you really did rise from the dead. We know that you want to give us what we need too. Please help _____. Amen +

Dig Deeper!



[Peter Takes the Plunge!](#) An interesting one page article on Peter's profession of faith, reconciliation & baptism! This article digs deep beneath the literal story!

[Learn more about Divine Mercy and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet](#)
[Divine Mercy Sunday: The Greatest Gift](#) by My Catholic Kids Excellent resource page!