

# Lesson 1

A Revealing Restoration  
John 21:1–19

## ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

### Hearts for Jesus

Cut large hearts from white paper. Use masking tape to make a cross on the hearts. Clip pieces of sponge with clothespins for the children to use as paintbrushes. Cover the table with newspaper. Protect clothing with old shirts. Have children dip sponges in red paint and paint their hearts, including over tape. Let dry. Remove tape to reveal white cross on red heart. Say, **Jesus takes away our sins and fills our hearts with His love.** We can share this message with our friends and family. This is how we feed His sheep.



### Play Go Fish

If you have time, use index cards to make your own deck of cards with your children. To make it more creative, have them use Bible people as the “fish.” If you are unsure of the rules, look online. Each time someone gets a pair, everyone can recite the Bible Verse.



### Fishing Craft

Use ink pads to help the children make fish thumbprints on cardstock. Draw triangle tail fins and a dot eye. Apply lines of glue diagonally across page and have the children add string or yarn. Make glue crisscross lines and add string or yarn to look like a fish net. Trim the ends. Write the Bible Verse on the paper.



### 153 Fish Crackers

John 21:11 says that the disciples' net was full of 153 fish. Bring exactly 153 fish crackers for your children. Count the fish in groups of ten. Talk about how many that is and how much room they would take up if they were real fish. Talk about how Jesus always gives us more than we can imagine. Let children eat the fish crackers.

