

STEP ONE: Watch the EC video at hillsideonline.com/kids

STEP TWO: Repeat the verse twice with the motions!

“How wide

(hold arms out wide)

and long

(hold arms up and down)

and high

(jump high)

and deep

(crouch low)

is the love

(hug yourself)

of Christ.”

(point up)

Ephesians 3:18

(open hands like a book)

STEP THREE: Have fun with the activity "Shore!"

What you need:

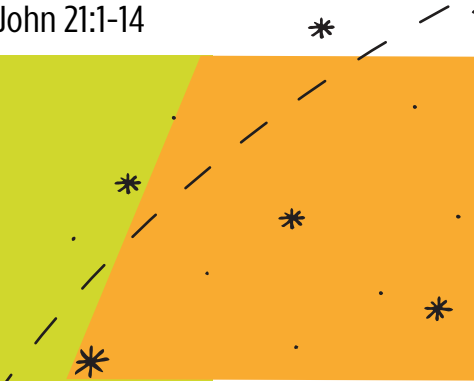
- Blue towel, plush friend, and a small basket or pan

What you do:

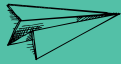
- Lay the towel in an open area of your home to be the water. Place the plush friend in the basket/pan and place the basket in the middle of the towel to be a boat.
- Act out the Bible story by bringing the plush friend to shore. Once the boat is on shore, remove the friend and have a pretend picnic. Repeat several times.
- Say, “Look, our friend is in a boat in the water just like the men were in our story today. Let’s push the boat to the shore. When the boat is on shore, you can place your friend on dry land and have a picnic just like they did in our story today. Who had a picnic in our story? (Pause.) That’s right—Jesus and His friends.
- Jesus’ friends were so happy! Jesus came back, and even helped them catch fish when they couldn’t catch any! And then He made them breakfast! Jesus and His friends sat around the fire, eating their breakfast together. It was the best day ever! Jesus wanted His friends to see that He is alive and He wants to be their friend forever.
- And guess what the best part of the story is? Jesus is alive, and He wants to be YOUR friend forever, too! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”
- * the Bible story for this week is found in John 21:1-14

STEP FOUR: Pray together as a family!

“Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. He is the best friend ever. Thank You for the Bible and all of the true stories that teach us how great a friend Jesus is. We love how Jesus made fish and bread for breakfast for His friends. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



STEP FIVE: Encourage your child to draw a picture of them with their friends!



STEP SIX: Jesus wanted His friends to know He is alive and wants to be their friend forever!