

Appearance in Galilee

(Based on John 21)

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Peter said to six of the disciples, "I'm going fishing." "We'll go with you," answered the disciples. They went to the Sea of Galilee, got into a boat, but that night they didn't catch any fish at all.



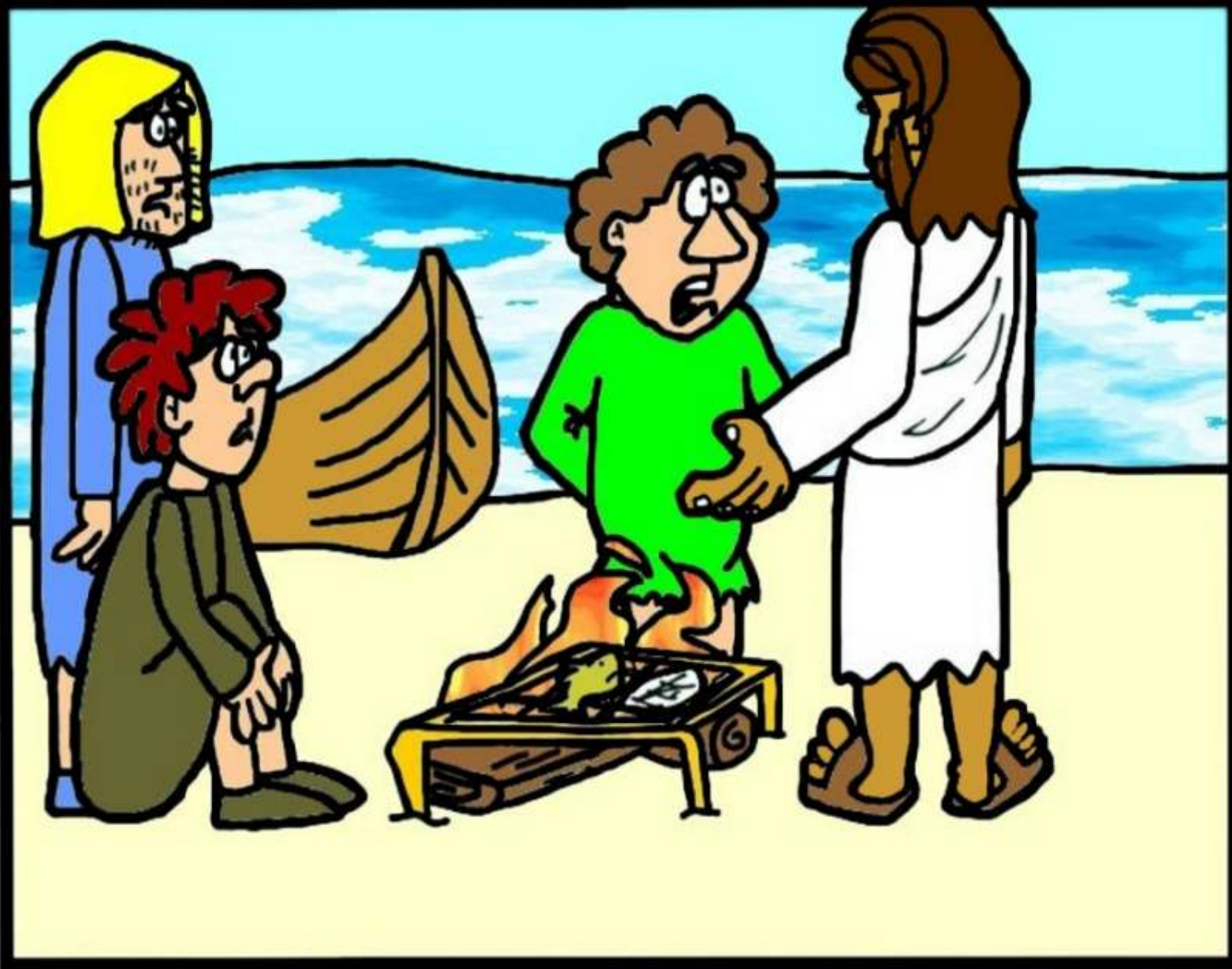
At dawn Jesus stood on the beach but the disciples did not know that it was him. "Children do you have anything to eat?" shouted Jesus. "No," answered the disciples. "Throw your nets on the right side and you will catch some," said Jesus.



The disciples obeyed and when they did, they caught so many fish they could hardly bring in the net. John said, "Peter, it is the Lord."



Peter put on his coat and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came by boat, dragging the net full of 153 fish. Bread and fish were already cooking on a fire. No one said, "Who are you?" Everyone knew that it was Jesus.



Jesus invited them to eat. After they ate, Jesus asked Peter, "Peter do you love me more than these?" "Yes Lord, you know that I love you," answered Peter. Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."



Jesus said a second time, "Peter do you love me?" "Yes Lord, you know that I love you," answered Peter. "Take care of my sheep," said Jesus.



Jesus asked a third time, "Peter do you love me?" Peter was becoming very sad because Jesus had asked that question three times. "Lord you know everything. You know that I love you." "Feed my sheep," said Jesus.



"When you were young you decided where you would go but when you are old you will stretch out your hands and they will take you where you did not want to go." Jesus was showing Peter how he would die. (It is believed that Peter was crucified upside down.)



Peter saw John coming and asked, "What will he do?" "If I want him to wait here until I come back, what does that matter to you?" answered Jesus. "You follow me." A rumour started that John would never die, but that is not what Jesus said.



Lord, just like Peter and John had a job to do for you, help me to do the work you have for me.