DISCUSSION GUIDE

JOHN 21

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- 1. What were the disciples doing at the beginning of this story? Did they catch anything? What did the man on the shore tell them to do? How did the disciples know it was Jesus?
- 2. What did Peter do when he heard it was Jesus on the shore? What did Jesus ask Peter three times? Why do you think he asked Peter the same question three times?
- 3. What did Jesus say would happen to Peter? What did Jesus tell Peter to do?
- 4. Even though Peter had messed up before, did Jesus still want to use him? Have you ever messed up even though you were trying following Jesus? Does Jesus still want to use you? How can you thank Jesus for using you even when you sometimes mess up?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH

- 1. Why does Jesus use the metaphor of fishing again with the disciples?
- 2. What did Jesus mean by telling Peter to feed and tend after his sheep?
- 3. <u>Challenge</u>: We are all called to be like fishermen and go out with the Gospel to catch people. This week, spend time fishing for people by sharing the good news of Jesus with those in your life that need to hear it.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- 1. Jesus asked Simon Peter in v.15, "Do you love Me more than these?" Explain who or what is "these"?
- 2. If you were Peter, and Jesus asked you three times if you loved him, what would be your reaction? What would you want to say to him?
- 3. Can you think of a time Jesus' friends went fishing and also caught nothing? (Hint: Matthew 4) What is similar between the two stories? What is different this time? Is there significance between the two stories? If so, what is it? What was the main point in Matthew 4? What is the main point here?
- 4. Why did John feel it was important to write v.20–23?