

Elementary + Preteen

Snacks Rotation

Snacks Rotation Day 1

Getting Ready

② Fishers Of Men Cups

What You Need

- Pretzel rods
- Licorice laces
- Goldfish® crackers or similar
- Cups
- Napkins

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Today's Bible Story

**Jesus calls His disciples
Luke 5:1-11**

Key Question

Who is Jesus?

Bottom Line

Jesus is the way.

Basic Truth

**Because of Jesus,
I am called.**

Memory Verse

Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life" (John 8:12 NIV).

DAY 1 / OPTION 2

Fishers Of Men Cups

What You Need

- Pretzel rods
- Licorice laces
- Goldfish® crackers
- Cups, 1 per child
- Napkins, 1 per child
- Optional: Permanent marker*

① What You Do

Before Snack Time

1. Cover the tables in your snack area with paper or a plastic tablecloth.
2. Fill cups (1 per child) halfway with Goldfish® crackers.
3. *Optional: Write each child's name on their cup.*

During Snack Time

1. Have each child grab 1 cup of Goldfish® crackers, 1 licorice lace, and one pretzel rod, and 1 napkin.
2. Instruct the children to tie one end of their licorice lace around the top of the pretzel rod to create a “fishing rod.”
3. Instruct the children to tie the opposite end of their licorice lace around a Goldfish® cracker. *Have extra laces ready for anyone who may accidentally tear theirs.*

② What You Say

Wasn't that fun building your “Fishers of Men” cups? Luke 5:10-11 says: *“Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him” (NIRV).* What do you think it means to be fishers of people? Give kids room to answer.

Because of Jesus, we are called to follow Him, to walk in the light, and to share that light with others. When we “fish for people,” it means we're always on the lookout for ways we can spread the love of Jesus. **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is the way. Let's pray over our food and ask Jesus to help us to remember to walk His way. (*Pray.*)

Snacks Rotation Day 2

Getting Ready

② Rough Waters Cake

What You Need

- Sponge cake dessert shells
- Blue food coloring
- Whipped cream
- Toothpicks
- Small plates
- Napkins

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Today's Bible Story

**Jesus walks on water.
Matthew 14:22-33**

Key Question

Where is Jesus when things look rough?

Bottom Line

Jesus is with me.

Basic Truth

**Because of Jesus,
nothing can shake me.**

Memory Verse

Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life" (John 8:12 NIV).

DAY 2 / OPTION 2

Rough Waters Cake

What You Need

- Sponge cake dessert shells
- Blue food coloring
- Whipped cream
- Toothpicks
- Small plates
- Spoon
- Napkins

① What You Do

Before Snack Time

1. Cover the tables in your snack area with paper or a plastic tablecloth.
2. Place one sponge cake shell on a small plate with a toothpick out for each child.
3. Inside each cake shell, put one spoonful of whipped cream and one drop of blue food coloring.

During Snack Time

1. Give each child the prepared plates and a napkin.
2. Encourage children to use their toothpicks to mix the food coloring into the whipped cream.
3. Eat and enjoy

② What You Say

Have you ever been worried or afraid before? Today, we learned that Peter took his eyes off Jesus and saw the wind and the waves. All of a sudden, everything around him was so much bigger and more frightening. These little cakes remind me a little of those waves he must have seen.

But here's the thing, friends, **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is with me! It's important to remember to look to Jesus instead of the things we can't control, or the things that make us afraid. When we do that, those things become so small in comparison to how big our God is. Jesus is always with us! We have nothing to fear because He is always good. When we stay focused on Him, nothing can shake us. Let's pray.

Snacks Rotation Day 3

Getting Ready

① Gospel Trail Mix

What You Need

- Pretzel sticks
- Raisins/Craisins®
- Round crackers
- Popcorn/Mini-Marshmallows
- M&M's® or another sweet candy
- Small disposable cups, 1 per child
- Serving bowls, 6
- Serving spoons, 6
- Paper or plastic tablecloth

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Today's Bible Story

Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

**Luke 23:32-45, 55-56;
Luke 24:1-6**

Key Question

What is the greatest thing anyone has ever done for you?

Bottom Line

Jesus is alive!

Basic Truth

**Because of Jesus,
I am saved.**

Memory Verse

Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life" (John 8:12 NIV).

DAY 3 / OPTION 1

Gospel Trail Mix

What You Need

- Pretzel sticks
- Raisins/Craisins
- Round crackers
- Popcorn/Mini-marshmallows
- M&M's or another sweet candy
- Small disposable cups, 1 per child
- Serving bowls, 6
- Serving spoons, 6

① What You Do

Before Snack Time

1. Cover the tables in your snack area with paper or a plastic tablecloth.
2. Place each food item in a large serving bowl with a serving spoon.

During Snack Time

1. Have children put a spoonful of each item in their cups to create their Gospel trail mix.
2. Go through each item in the trail mix as you recount the story of the gospel. Eat and enjoy!

② What You Say

What is the greatest thing you can think of that anyone has ever done for you? *Allow for response.*

Today, your mix is more than just a snack, it's the story of the greatest thing anyone has ever done. Jesus laid down His life for you and me! Take a look. Your pretzel sticks, when put together, represent the cross. The Bible says when Jesus was nailed there, so were our sins! (*Colossians 2:14*). Your raisins represent the blood of Jesus, which the Bible says paid for our sins and purchased our freedom! (*Ephesians 1:7*). Your popcorn is white! That represents our sins that have been washed away. (*Hebrews 10:10*) The round crackers represent the stone that was rolled away to reveal an empty tomb! Jesus is alive! (*Luke 24:2-3*). Finally, you have some sweet treats in your mix. This one is my favorite, because with Jesus, life tastes good! (*Psalms 34:8*). **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is alive! Let's pray.

Snacks Rotation Day 4

Getting Ready

① Heart Cookies

What You Need

- Heart-shaped sugar cookies
- Small plates
- Napkins
- Optional: Vanilla icing, sprinkles*

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Today's Bible Story

Peter's Denial & Restoration
Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; Mark 16:6-7; John 21:15-19

Key Question

What do I do when I've messed up?

Bottom Line

Jesus makes me new.

Basic Truth

Because of Jesus, I am made new.

Memory Verse

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DAY 4 / OPTION 1

Heart Cookies

What You Need

- Heart-shaped sugar cookies
- Small plates
- Napkins
- Optional: Vanilla icing, sprinkles*

① What You Do

Before Snack Time

1. If you are baking the cookies ahead of time, use a heart-shaped cookie cutter. If you're using store-bought cookies, try to find heart-shaped ones if available. If not, you can use icing to make a heart shape on a round cookie.
- Note: You can use this concept with pizzas, cinnamon rolls, sandwiches, fruit, or anything else you'd like to meet any dietary restrictions your kids may have.

During Snack Time

1. Have children take one cookie each. Eat and enjoy!
2. *Optional: Allow the children to decorate their cookies using icing and sprinkles.*

② What You Say

Friends, in today's Bible story, we learned that as Peter spoke with Jesus on the beach, he was asked a question three times. Can you remember what that question was? Allow for response.

Jesus asked, "Do you love Me?" Peter didn't have to wonder if Jesus loved him; Jesus had just proven He did by dying on the cross for him! The question isn't "Does Jesus love me?" It's actually, "Do I love Jesus?"

We know from our Bible story that Peter said, "Yes, Lord! You know that I do!" Even when we mess up, we never have to wonder if Jesus still loves us! We can always come back to Him and know He does. We simply respond, "I love you, too!" **[Bottom Line]** Jesus makes me new! Let's pray.