

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



### THE BIG IDEA

Jesus gives encouragement.

### THE BIBLE

**The Miraculous Catch of Fish:** John 21:1-17;  
(Psalm 4:1-3)

### QUESTIONS

- What did Peter do that made him discouraged?
- How many fish did the disciples catch before Jesus showed up?
- What did Jesus ask Peter when he made it back to shore and talked with him?
- Read Psalm 4:1. What can you do to find mercy and encouragement from God?
- What can you do to encourage someone who is feeling down?
- Can forgiving someone be a type of encouragement? How?
- When are some times you need encouragement? Where can you find it?

### ACTIVITY

*Tell the kids to color and cut out the mountaineer. Cut two, short lengths of plastic drinking straws and tape each vertically (parallel to each other) onto the back of your climber's body. Under them, tape a penny for weight. Now, cut a long length of yarn. Thread it up one straw and down through the other. Tie a pony bead on each end of the yarn. This will prevent the yarn from slipping back through the straws. Now, place the loop above the head of the climber over a door handle. With each end of the yarn in one hand, pull the yarn apart and watch your climber travel up toward the door handle. That's the summit!*

Being kind and saying encouraging words will go a long way to lift up the people around you, just like you are able to lift up your mountaineer with a simple string! Just like **Jesus gives us encouragement**, let's give encouragement to others!

### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Romans 10:9 (NIV)

**If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

*Looking for sign language? Go to [growcurriculum.org/Romans10-9](http://growcurriculum.org/Romans10-9) and get memorizing!*

