**JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES**

**Lesson 3: Feeding**

**JOHN 21:10-17 (NLT)**

*10“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. 11So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.*

*12“Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.*

*15After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

*“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”*

*“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.*

*16Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

*“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”*

*“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.*

*17A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

*Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”*

*Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.*

**FEEDING**

**1. Jesus wants us to love him most**

**2. Jesus asks us to tend his lambs**

**3. Jesus asks us to feed his sheep**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

**1. Read Hebrews 5:11-14. These verses talk about how the longer you know Jesus, more you act like him. What are some ways you act like Jesus – and what are some ways you would like to act more like him?**

**2. What do you think is the difference between spiritual “milk” and “solid food”? Is it easier to live on “milk” or “solid food?” Why?**

**3. How can you help those younger than you and those new to their relationship with Jesus? This next week, plan on doing something nice for someone younger than you. Be creative, and do something that will offer encouragement.**

**FOR KEEPS [MEMORY VERSE]**

*Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said (John 21:16 NLT).*