

First Look | March 8

**Today's Bible Story:** Coin in the Fish's Mouth • Matthew 17:24-27

Jesus can do things no one else can do.

**Key Question:** Who is amazing?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is amazing.

**Memory Verse:** "We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT)

## 1. Surprise Inside

### What You Need:

- "Surprise Inside" Activity Page
- "Coin Sticker" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent
- Crayons
- Permanent marker

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Surprise Inside" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Coin Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to color their picture, then add the coin sticker to the fish's mouth.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, come sit at the table with me and let's make some story art."

*During the Activity:* "Color the picture of the fish on your paper. (Pause.) Great! Now what was in the fish's mouth? (Pause for responses.) That's right! A silver coin! Add the silver coin sticker to its mouth. (Pause.) Today we heard a story about a man named Peter. Peter loved Jesus and followed Him everywhere. Every year, people had to pay money to tax collectors for the temple tax. Jesus told Peter to go to the lake to catch a fish, and that fish would have a large silver coin in its mouth. And it happened just like Jesus said! Jesus told Peter to use the coin to pay the taxes for both of them."

*After the Activity:* "[**Bottom Line**] **Jesus is amazing** and He can do things that other people can't do! Everything happened just like Jesus said it would. Jesus is God's Son, and [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

## **2. Pray**

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."