

Worship Date: April 18, 2010

Worship Theme: Joy Comes With the Morning

Scripture Reference: John 21:1–19

Materials: Make a small sign with "I love you" written in the various languages that you plan to use in the sermon. <http://www.sermons4kids.com/love-in-any-language-list.html>

A few years ago, there was a song that became very popular. The name of the song was "Love in Any Language." Can you say, "I love you" in any different languages? This morning we can learn at least three different ways to say, "I love you." In German, you would say, "Ich liebe dich!" Can you say that? In Spanish, you would say, "¡Te amo!" That is pretty easy -- try it. In sign language, you would say, "I love you" like this. (Hold up the "I love you!" sign.) I know that you can all say, "I love you!" in sign language!



"I love you" in sign language.

You know, it is pretty easy to say, "I love you," but it is sometimes a lot harder to show it by our actions. That is what our Bible story is about today. After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples several times. On the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples, he was with them on the shore by the Sea of Galilee. He turned to Peter and said, "Peter, do you love me?"

Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Then, Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus asked Peter again, "Do you love me?"

Again, Peter answered, "Yes Lord, I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep."

A third time Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

Now Peter was very sad that Jesus asked him this question again, but he answered Jesus again, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times? I think he wanted Peter to understand -- and he wanted you and me to understand -- that it isn't enough just to say, "I love you." We must show our love for Jesus by showing our love for one another and caring for one another.

Do you love Jesus? Then feed and take care of his sheep! Now, that is love that can be understood in any language.

Dear God, help us to show our love for you by loving and caring for one another. Amen.

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