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WILD ZONE

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FLOUNDER

"Tonight we're going to catch flounder," Uncle Maui announced to Torrance and Cooper.

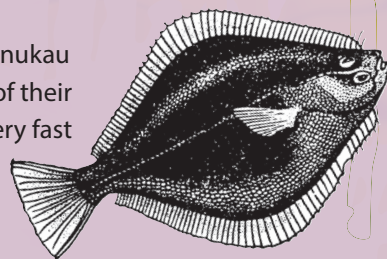
"Sometimes they're called flat fish," he explained. "It's best to spear them."

Uncle Maui had all the gear. They wore wetsuits. They had torches strapped to their foreheads. Their spears were short, sharp blades welded onto the end of iron pipes. They tied onion sacks around their waists to hold their catch.

The tide was coming in as they waded over the mud flats of Manukau Harbour. They moved quietly in the dark. They kept the points of their spears under the water to avoid a splash. Flounder can move very fast if they're frightened.

Suddenly Torrance saw the diamond shape of a fish partly covered with mud. Quickly she thrust her spear and stabbed it. She lifted it high and cheered. Uncle Maui grabbed it and put it into her onion sack. It was still wriggling. Then Cooper caught one too.

They took them home and grilled them for supper. They were quite sweet and tasted great. And then it was time for another story from Uncle Maui about Peter the Fisherman.



NOT DEAD BUT ALIVE!

On Saturday Peter felt terrible. His best friend, Jesus, died nailed to a cross. Peter wasn't there. He was afraid and in hiding. But worst of all he hadn't been able to talk with Jesus before he died. He wanted to say sorry for saying three times that he didn't even know Jesus. But now Jesus was dead and it was too late.

Very early on Sunday morning as the sun was rising some women rushed in and said: "Jesus is not in the cave-grave where he was buried. The big round stone is rolled away and his body has gone."

"We saw some angels," Mary Magdalene told them. "They said to tell you that Jesus is not dead but alive again. They specially told us to tell you, Peter."

Peter and another friend of Jesus got up straightaway and ran to Jesus' grave. Yes, the grave stone had been rolled away. The other man got their first. He stood outside and looked in. Peter came up panting and went right into the

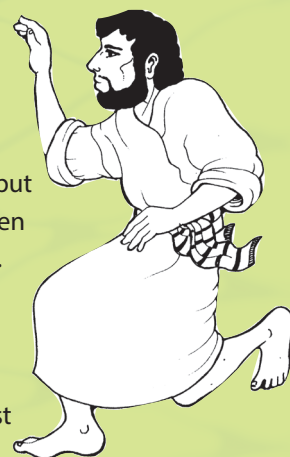
grave. The body of Jesus was gone but the big cloth bandages that had been wound around his body were there. They hadn't been unwound but there was no body inside them!

Peter went away confused. But the other man could see that Jesus must have come back to life again. The shape of the grave clothes proved that.

Later that day Jesus came to meet with Peter. The Bible just tells us twice that this happened, but we are not told what they said to each other. But we can be sure that Peter said sorry to Jesus and Jesus forgave him.

That day changed Peter's life completely, as we will see.

Read the story for yourself from the Bible in Mark 16: 1-7, John 20: 1-8, Luke 24:34 and 1 Corinthians 15: 5.



MAKE A MODEL OF JESUS' GRAVE

You will need two blank pieces of card, one big, the other smaller, a small plate, a stapler or sellotape and felt pens.

Cut the big piece of card into an oblong shape and fold up the bottom edge to make a groove so that the round grave stone is able to roll in it. Staple or sellotape this at both ends.

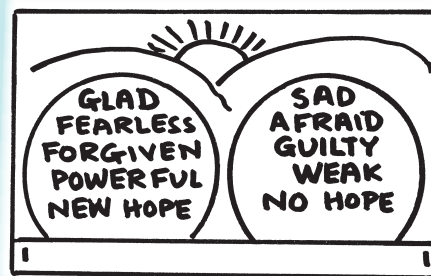
On the other card draw the round grave stone. You could draw round the plate to get a good circle. Cut this out. Print these words onto the stone to show how Peter felt when Jesus died on the cross: SAD, AFRAID, GUILTY, WEAK, NO HOPE.



On the left side of the big card draw a circle for Jesus' cave grave. Use the plate again. Now print these words in this circle to show how Peter felt when Jesus came back to life: GLAD, FEARLESS, FORGIVEN, POWERFUL, NEW HOPE.

You can also draw hills and a sunrise.

To work the model: First put the grave stone over the cave grave. Read the words: SAD etc ... then roll it away in the groove and read the words you uncover: GLAD etc...



A VERSE TO LEARN

Can you read this verse? Here is a clue. The first letter of each word has been put at the end of that word. The last letter has been put first. So the first word is Just.

tusJ sa thrisC saw daiser morf heatd
yb eht slorioug rowep fo eht ratheF, os
olsa ew tighm eivl a wen eifl.

Romans 6: 4

Now copy it correctly and check it by looking up the reference in a Good News Bible. Learn the verse by heart.

FISHING FOR FACTS

Did you find out that the Maori word for flounder is patiki?
Did you discover that both eyes are on the top side of a flounder at the front? Well done!

Next month Uncle Maui will take Torrance and Cooper to fish from the wharf. Make a list of all the things they will need to take with them.

ACT THE STORY

Make Jesus' empty grave under a table or another place like that. Roll up a sheet to make the empty grave clothes.

Start in another part of the house. Run a race to see who will get to the grave first.

What did you find?

A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you that you died on the cross and came back to life again. Thank you that, like Peter, you can change my life, when I trust in you.

Amen.