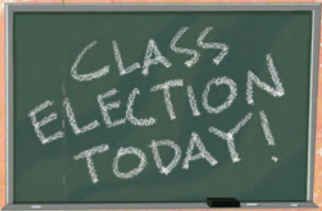


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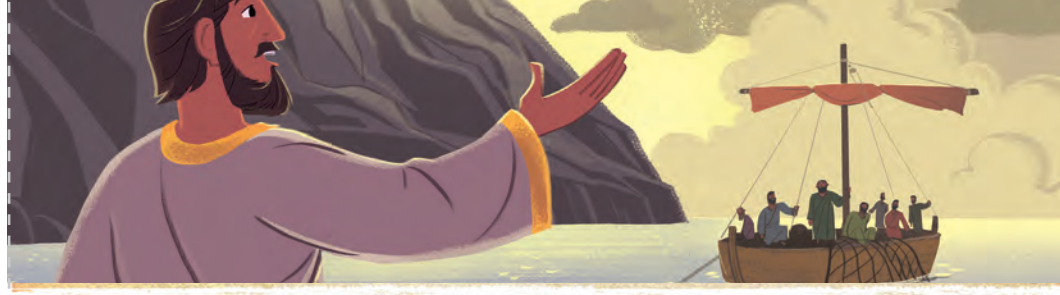
- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Peter felt when Jesus forgave him?
- What mission did Jesus give Peter?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus forgives you and gives you a mission?

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Jesus Forgives and Restores

John 21:1-19

MAIN POINT: JESUS FORGAVE PETER AND GAVE HIM A MISSION.

Three days after Jesus died on the cross, He came back to life. One day, Jesus met His disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee.

Peter and the other disciples got into a boat and spent all night on the water, but they did not catch any fish. The next morning, as the sun was coming up, Jesus stood on the shore. He called out to the disciples, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus said, "Men, have you caught any fish?"

"No," they answered.

"Put your net in the water on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some fish," Jesus said. The disciples did what Jesus said. So many fish were in their net, that they could not pull the net back into the boat!

One of the disciples said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Peter jumped into the water so he could swim to shore. The rest of the disciples traveled in the boat back to the shore. "Come and have breakfast," Jesus said.

Jesus turned to Peter. "Do you love Me more than these?" He asked.

"Yes, Lord," Peter said. "You know that I love You."

"Feed My lambs," Jesus told him.

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

"Yes, Lord," Peter said. "You know that I love You."

"Take care of My sheep," Jesus said.

Jesus asked Peter a third time, "Do you love Me?"

Peter loved Jesus very much! "Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You!"

"Feed My sheep," Jesus said. Then Jesus said to him, "Follow Me!"

Christ Connection: When Jesus first called the disciples to follow Him, Jesus had promised to make them fishers of men. Instead of catching fish, they would tell people about Jesus. (Luke 5:1-11) The disciples had left Jesus when He was arrested and even denied Him, but Jesus still wanted to use them in God's plan. Jesus is the Lord who forgives us and makes things right again.

Forgiveness Quiz

Answer the questions and then compare your work with a friend.

1. What does the word *forgive* mean?

- A. to seek revenge against someone
- B. to feel angry toward someone
- C. to excuse or pardon someone who did wrong
- D. to receive a gift from someone

2. Why did Peter need Jesus' forgiveness?

- A. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times.
- B. Peter was a sinner.
- C. Peter didn't need Jesus' forgiveness.
- D. Both A and B

3. Use these words to fill in the blanks: *right, Lord, forgives*.

Jesus is the _____ who _____ us and makes things _____ again.



Jesus Said ...

Unscramble the words to discover what Jesus said to Peter.

“DO YOU _____ ME?” VELO

“FEED MY _____.” PHSEE

“_____ ME!” LOWOLF