



WEEK 5

JOHN 21:1-19
PETER REINSTATED

SPECIAL WORDS

THE BIBLE SAY (HOLD OUT HANDS LIKE A BOOK)
JESUS (POINT UPWARD)
WILL FORGIVE (RUB YOUR HEART IN A CIRCULAR MOTION)
ME (THUMBS TO CHEST)

READ THIS

We all make do bad things sometimes! We all think, say, and do things that are wrong. That can make us feel really bad about ourselves, huh? Well, the good news is that Jesus loves us even when we make mistakes! He knows that we will mess up sometimes, but if we are truly sorry for what we did, He will always forgive us! We should celebrate how loving and kind Jesus is to us! Let's "Go Deeper" and see how much Jesus loves us, even when we do wrong things!

MEMORIZE THIS

"May the God of hope (*point up*) fill you with all joy (*give a big smile*) and peace (*hug yourself*) in believing, (*point to your mind*) so that by the power of the Holy Spirit (*make strong arms*) you may abound in hope." (*thumbs up*)

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

IN ACTION

Forgiveness is something that is given freely. It is not something you can work for or buy. This week, look for places where you can show someone forgiveness, even if they don't ask for it!

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Kids

DAY 1

**EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, Paper
Plate, Marker

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 22:47-51

After Jesus prayed in the garden with His friends, some soldiers came and took Jesus away as a prisoner! Peter felt very angry and wanted to stop the soldiers, so he hurt the high priest's servant. Jesus told His friends not to hurt any more people and Jesus healed the high priest's servant. Peter thought it was unfair and wanted to do things his own way! Jesus obeyed God even though it was going to be painful, and allowed the soldiers to take Him away. We can trust God's plan even when it's hard!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Give your child a paper plate and a marker. Have your child place the plate on their head. Give the following directions: 1) Draw a house; 2) Draw a sun in the sky; 3) Draw a tree by the house. Have your child take the plate off their head. Now have your child flip the plate over and repeat the directions, but this time, help your child by guiding their hand as they draw. Compare the two plates and ask whether it was easier or harder to draw all by themselves. Remind your child that when we do things our way, we do things wrong, like we did on the first paper plate, or like Peter did in the story! We can trust God's plan because He wants to help us!



TABLE TIDBITS

Jesus obeyed the will of God even though it was hard. He wants us to obey Him too! When your family sits down for a meal tonight, challenge your child to look for a piece of food on their plate that is the shape of an "o" or to arrange the food on their plate into the shape of an "o." Have your child repeat after you, "God wants me to o-o-o-bey!"



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus loves you no matter what" As you tuck them into bed sing, "God is So Good" <https://tinyurl.com/sogoodynancy>. Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:
Dear God, I am glad you have a special plan for me, Help me to trust your plan, Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Materials Needed:

Bible or Bible App, Washable Marker, Paper, Scissors, Clear Tape, Soapy Water

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 22:54-60

Did you know that Jesus already knows all the sin, or wrong things, we will do? And guess what? He loves us anyway! In this story, Peter did wrong. He told everybody that he did not know Jesus at all – three times! After the third time, a rooster crowed and made Peter remember Jesus’ words. Jesus had told Peter that before the rooster crowed, he would lie three times about knowing Jesus. Jesus knew that Peter would do this, but He loved Peter anyway.



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Gather a dark washable marker, paper, scissors, clear tape, and a bowl with soapy water. Cut a heart from the paper. Cover the heart completely with clear tape to seal it so that water doesn’t soak into the paper. Have your child draw all over the heart with the washable marker; this will represent the sin, or bad choices, that we make. Next, have your child stick the heart in the water. The marker should wash off the heart and make it clean again! Remind your child that even though we make mistakes, when we are truly sorry and ask Jesus for forgiveness, he wipes away our mistakes! It’s like they weren’t even there!



TABLE TIDBITS

Give your child a piece of lemon (or other sour/bitter food) and a food that tastes sweet (a cookie, a piece of fruit, or even a little sugar!). Have your child sample the lemon, remind them that when we sin, or make bad choices it can feel sour and yucky! Next, have your child sample the sweet food. When we ask Jesus from our hearts for forgiveness He will every time. Jesus’ forgiveness is sweet



CUDDLE CLOSE

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Dear God, Thank you for always loving me even when I make mistakes, Thank you for forgiving me, I love you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Materials Needed:

Bible or Bible App, Blanket, Toys and Stuffed Animals

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: John 21:1-14

Have you ever been fishing? Peter and some of Jesus’ other friends went fishing one night, but caught nothing! This was surprising to them, because they were fishermen! They were supposed to be good at this! Jesus, who was walking on the shore, saw His friends in the boat and told them to cast their nets on the other side. His friends didn’t realize it was Jesus, but they obeyed, and their nets were filled with tons of fish! Jesus had the power to fill their nets, and Jesus has the power to help us too!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lay a blanket on the floor as a “net.” Invite your child to place toys and stuffed animals in the center of the blanket. Then, have your child pull the edges of the blanket together, and try to drag the blanket around the room. Repeat the activity as many times as your child wants. Remind your child that Peter and Jesus’ other friends could not catch any fish on their own that night, but when they obeyed Jesus’ words, their nets filled with fish! Jesus can help us too when we listen and obey Him, just like His friends did when they were fishing!



TABLE TIDBITS

Peter and Jesus’ other friends in the boat saw with their own eyes how powerful Jesus is! He can do anything! Today, when your family has a meal together, have each person share one way that Jesus can help us, just like He helped His friends in the story!



CUDDLE CLOSE

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Dear God, Thank you for being so powerful! Help me to remember how great you are. Thank you for helping me when I need it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, Paper, Glue, Cotton Balls or Other White Material

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: John 21:15-17

Do you remember the true story where Peter said three times that he did not know Jesus at all? Peter made a big mistake, but just like we are learning this week, Jesus still loved Peter and He loves us even when we make mistakes! In our true story today, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved Him. Peter said yes each time. Jesus had a special job for Peter, even though Peter made so many mistakes! Jesus loves us and has special plans for us, too, even though we make mistakes! Jesus offers forgiveness and gives us another chance!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

The special job that Jesus gave Peter was to take care of His sheep. He did not mean real sheep, the kind that say "Baaaaah". Jesus was talking about His followers! He wanted Peter to love and take care of the people who followed Him, just like a shepherd feeds his sheep. Gather a piece of paper, glue, and some cotton balls. Help your child draw a sheep on the paper. Have your child decorate the sheep using cotton balls or other white materials on hand. When your child finishes, remind them that Jesus gave Peter a special job to care for His followers (His sheep), and that Jesus has a special plan for us, too!



TABLE TIDBITS

Gather some photos from when your child was a baby, or look up pictures of babies. Together look at the photos and talk about how babies are small and precious. Talk about how you have to feed a baby, dress them, and carry them around because they are not able to do these things for themselves. Tell your child that God takes care of them and protects them just like you do! God's love for them is bigger than anybody's in the whole world, and He has a special plan for them!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus loves you no matter what!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "God is So Good" <https://tinyurl.com/sogoodyncy>. Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:
Dear God, Thank you for offering forgiveness when I do wrong things. Help me to show you that I love you. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, Washable Marker, Wet Cloth

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: 1 John 1:8-9

This week we have been learning that everybody makes mistakes. If we say that we have never thought, said, or done anything wrong, then that would be a lie! We would not be telling the truth! The Bible tells us that everybody sins. But these verses will help you remember that if you tell God you are truly sorry for the wrong things you have done, He will forgive you! And He doesn't ask for anything in return, He just offers forgiveness for free! And because God forgives us, we should also do the same for other people who have hurt us.



CREATIVE CONNECTION

For this activity, gather some washable markers and a damp washcloth. Ask your child to think of some things that we do that make God sad (like telling a lie, disobeying our parents or grandparents, or being mean to somebody). For each thing your child comes up with, have him or her color a blotch on their hand; the blotch will represent these sins. Have your child say, "I'm sorry, do you forgive me," then wipe the blotch off your child's hand with the damp cloth. Explain that when we ask Jesus for forgiveness, he takes away our sin and makes us good as new, like it was never there! Repeat this activity as many times as your child likes.



TABLE TIDBITS

Read the scenario to your child. After each one, have your child say "I'm sorry, do you forgive me?" Repeat the activity making up new scenarios.

- What should you do if you say mean words to your _____ (brother, sister, friend, etc.)?
- What should you do if you accidentally break your _____ (brother's, sister's, friend's, etc.) toy?
- What should you do if your mom asks you to eat your vegetables and you scream "NO!"



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Dear God, Thank you for forgiving me, Help me to forgive others who hurt my feelings, I love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.