

# A Whole Lotta Love, a Resurrection Story



**Bible Story:** The Story of Peter's betrayal and Jesus' forgiveness. The supper, the courtyard and the beach.

**What we want our family to know:** Jesus loves us and forgives us when we say sorry. He sends us out to love others too.

**Found in:** Matthew 26:33-35, 26:69 – 75, John 21: 1-17

**Youtube story link: Peter Denies Jesus** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5DSUKiocsE>

**Things to think about:** The story of Peter is one of my favourites. I love the way Jesus forgives Peter by giving him the opportunity to say sorry the same number of times as he betrayed Him. . I love that Peter goes back to fishing and Jesus meets Him like he did when He first met him all those years before. We mess up but Jesus loves us and wants to bring us back to Him, sometimes by reminding us of how we first started our faith journey. Because of this love, we can then go and loves others to with the same love.

**Scripture bible verse song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc1wHXmXKsk> God is love. 'Love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength' Luke 10:27

Spend some time singing family worship songs that remind the children that God is a good God. He keeps His promises, loves us and challenges us to love Him back!

## Family Chat Questions:

- Peter said He didn't know Jesus when he did. Why do you think he did that?
- We all chose to do the wrong thing sometimes. Do you need to say sorry about anything? God will always forgive you. Do you need to forgive someone else?
- Peter loved Jesus very much, Jesus told Peter 'Go and feed my sheep' what do you think that means? How can we love other people today?
- What do you want to say to God today? Spend some time chatting to God together about the things and people we think are really special. Then spend some time catching from God how he wants us to love others.

## Creative prayer activity:

Make a really large heart shape with pebbles, beads, lego, ribbons, anything really. Stand inside it and thank Jesus that He loves us. Step outside the heart and look into it. Ask Jesus who needs to know His love today. Move your heart objects to make the shape of the initial letter of their name instead.

# Other Activities

**Wake and Shake song:** You are the Best! (go noodle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEOp-FaekSY>

**Trailblazers:** Why not make your own comic strip of what happened to Peter. You could have different episodes for the different parts of the story and there are a few cliffhangers you can throw in as you go along. Here are some templates: <https://medialoot.com/blog/free-printable-comic-strip-templates/>

**Superstars/Trailblazers craft activity:**

Origami Fish <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/traditional-origami-fish-instructions-3953589>

And Hearts <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/328692472773678018/>



**Sparklers/Superstars/Trailblazers craft activity:**

Bubble Painting <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/bubble-painting>

Junk model boats to test and float in bath time

**Sensory play:**

If you have a basket or washing basket with holes in it you can thread wool or string through to make a net. Then put lots of cut out fish in the basket and the children have to try to pull them out. Here it is with spiders! <https://funlearningforkids.com/spider-web-fine-motor-activity/>

Re enact the story at bath time with some bath toys

**Other things you could do at home:**

Have breakfast outside, maybe on a picnic blanket and talk about the story together. How wonderful that Jesus had breakfast with his friends.

**Other books to read:** Rainbow Fish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzZuS3ze-Ho>

Guess How Much I love you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEW7E9XYxd0>