

The Forgiving King

John 21:1-19

Big Idea :

Jesus forgives Peter for his denial and gives him an important role in leading God's people.

Aim :

To teach that no matter how great our failures Jesus can forgive us and use us in his Kingdom.

Lets recap Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdn1R90kX9A>

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fk51a3W2FDg>

Game

How to play

Position your kids on one end of the room, in the middle have one packet per child containing items that need to be repaired.

The packets must each contain the broken item and something that you could use to repair it.

Note: The items you choose will need to be age- appropriate.

Items might include; a simple construction brick toy in pieces with the instruction sheet, a picture torn into pieces and a roll of sticky tape, a sock with a hole in it and a needle and thread, a deflated football and a pump, a torch in pieces and cells, a deflated beach ball with a hole in it and a piece of adhesive tape to patch it.

The second packet that each child will get will be on that contains something that is impossible to repair like the remnants of a burst balloon!

The winner is the one to repair their item and declare that the second item is irreparable

Talk about how you can fix some items when they break and they can be used again. But other things can never be fixed.

Remind the children how Peter's relationship with Jesus had broken when Peter pretended that he didn't know Jesus.

In our story today we are going to see how that relationship was fixed in our true story from the Bible.







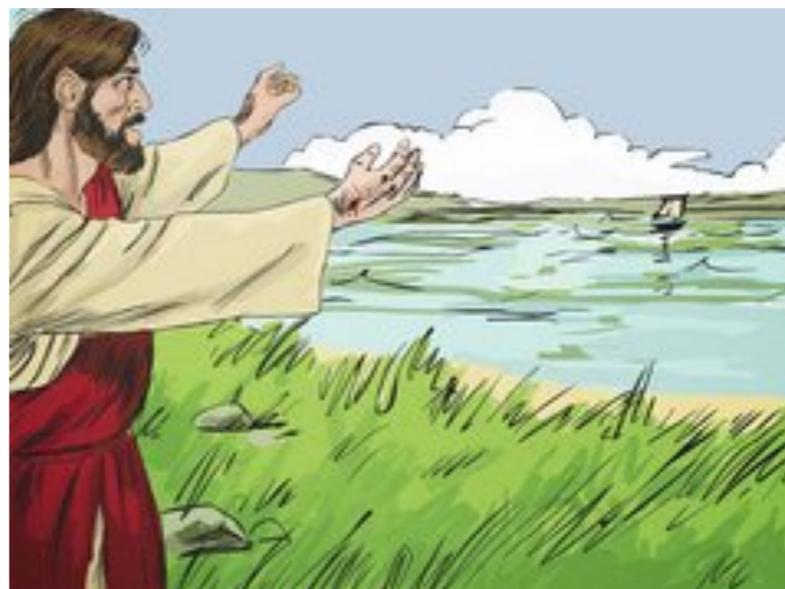
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- 1 After seeing Jesus had risen from the dead, when He appeared to them in Jerusalem, the disciples went back to Galilee as Jesus had asked them. Peter suggested they go fishing and six others joined him.



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- 2 In the boat was Simon Peter, James, John, Thomas, Nathanael and two other disciples. They fished all that night but caught nothing.



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- 3 Early the next morning, Jesus appeared on the shore but those in the boat could not see it was Jesus. 'Friends, have you caught any fish?' Jesus asked. 'No,' they replied.



Questions

1. How many disciples went out fishing? 21:1
2. Why didn't the disciples recognise Jesus?
3. How do you think the disciples felt after fishing all night and catching nothing?

Video

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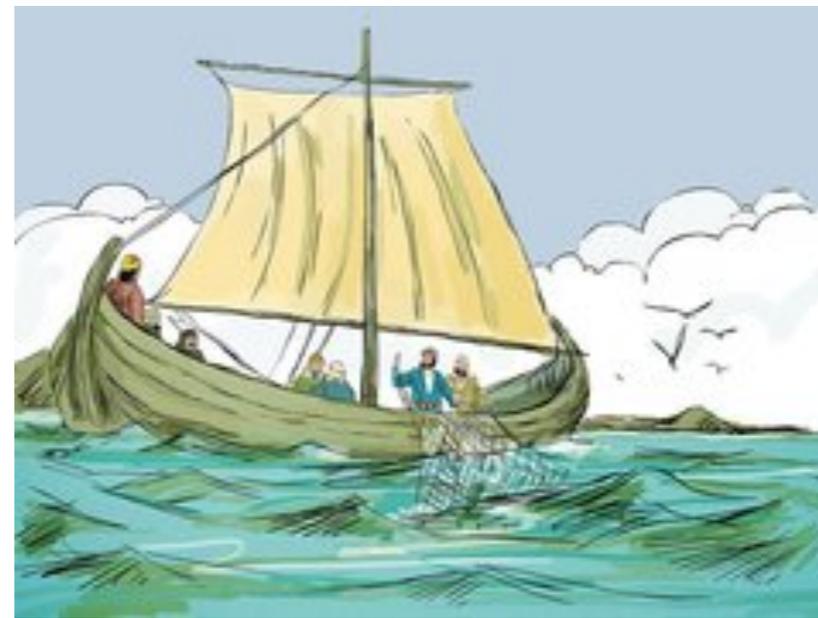








- 4 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some,' Jesus shouted. They obeyed.



- 5 They struggled to haul the net in because of the large number of fish they caught.



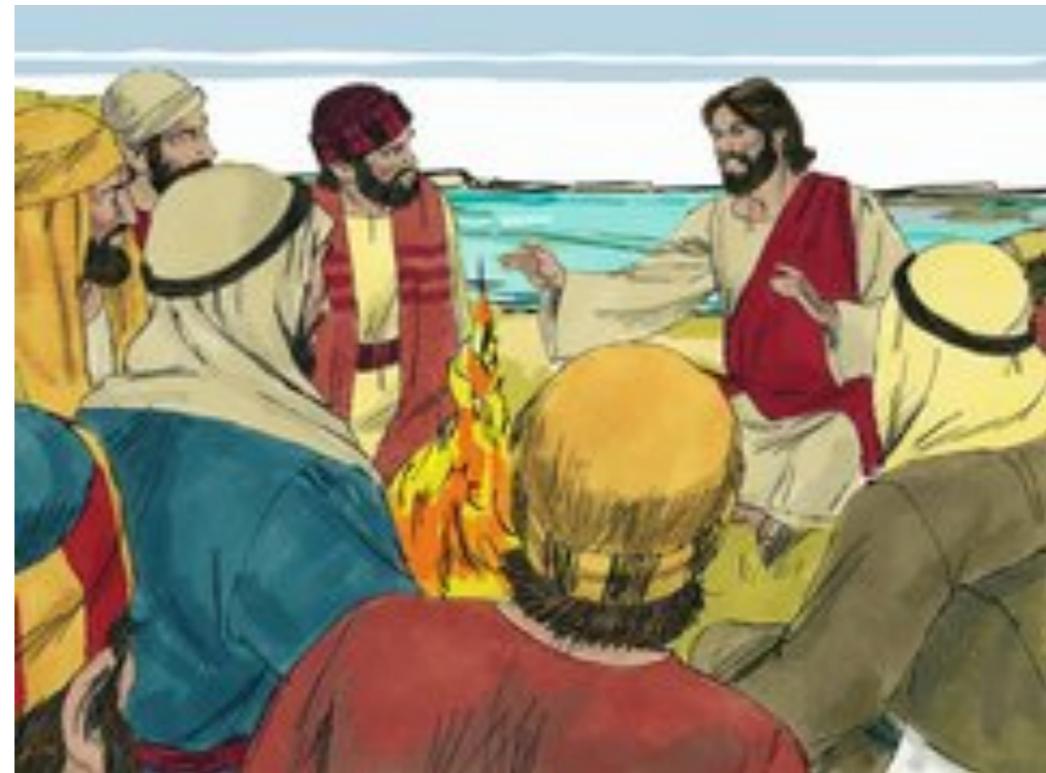
- 6 At once, John knew it was Jesus on the shore and shouted, 'It's the Lord.' Immediately, Peter wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped in the water to swim to Jesus.



7 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish. They were about a hundred yards (100m) from the shore. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.



8 Jesus told them to bring in their catch. They counted 153 large fish. 'Come and have breakfast,' said Jesus and gave them bread and fish to eat. They all knew it was the risen Lord Jesus - the third time they had seen Him alive after He had been crucified.



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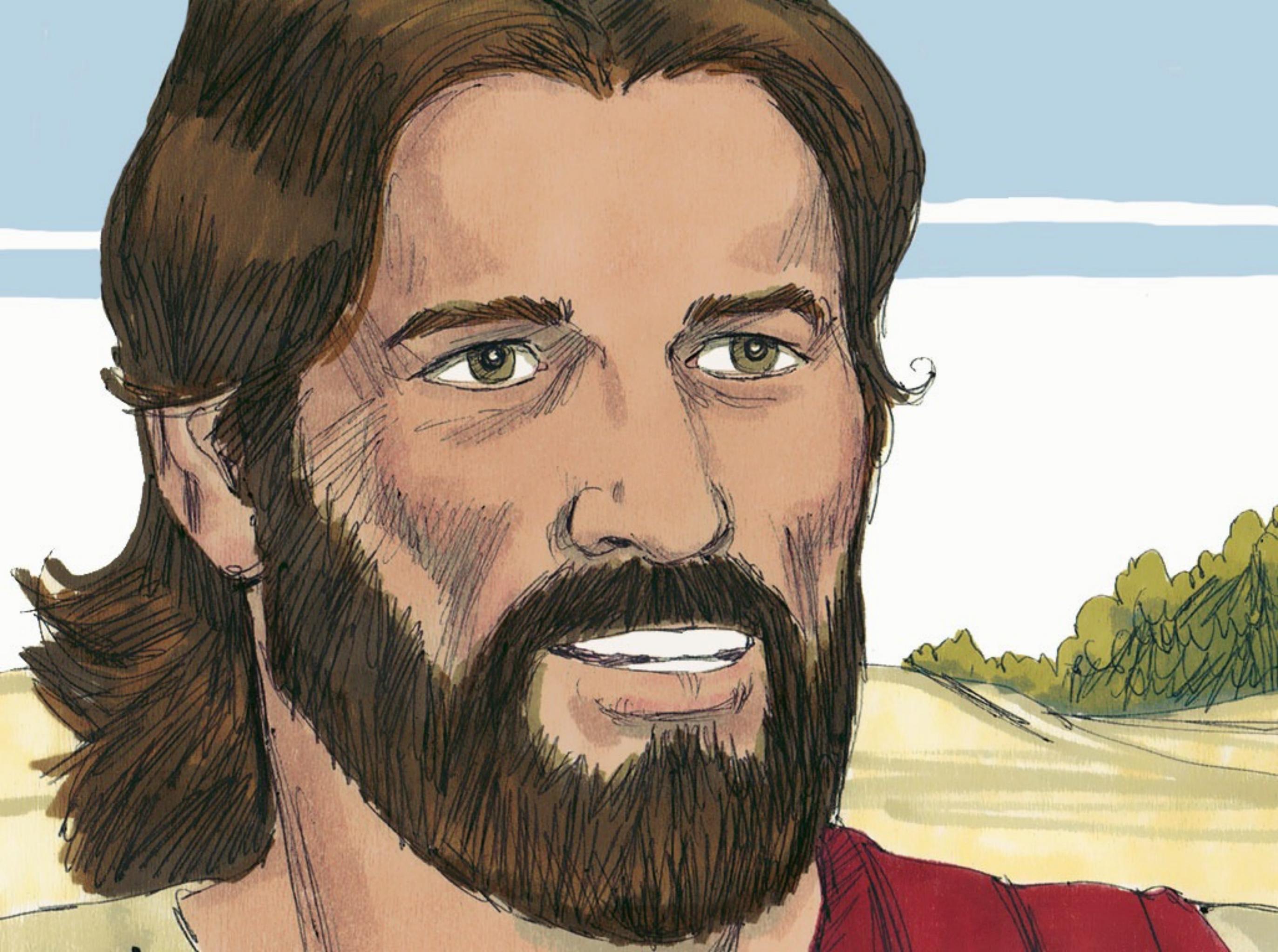
1. Which disciple first recognised Jesus? 21:7
2. Why did catching so many large fish help the disciples identify Jesus?
3. How did seeing Jesus eat, help the disciples believe Jesus was really there in person?

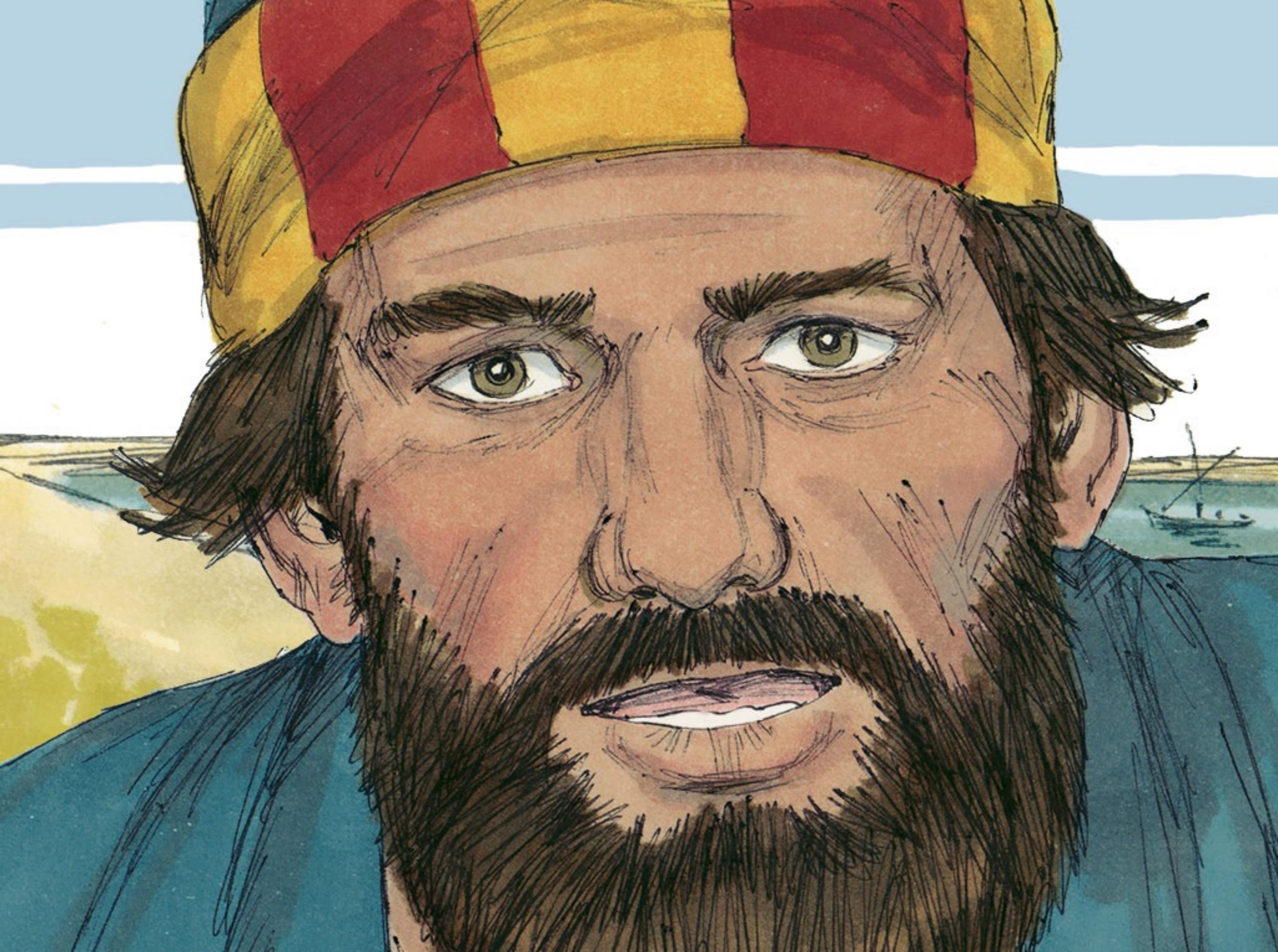
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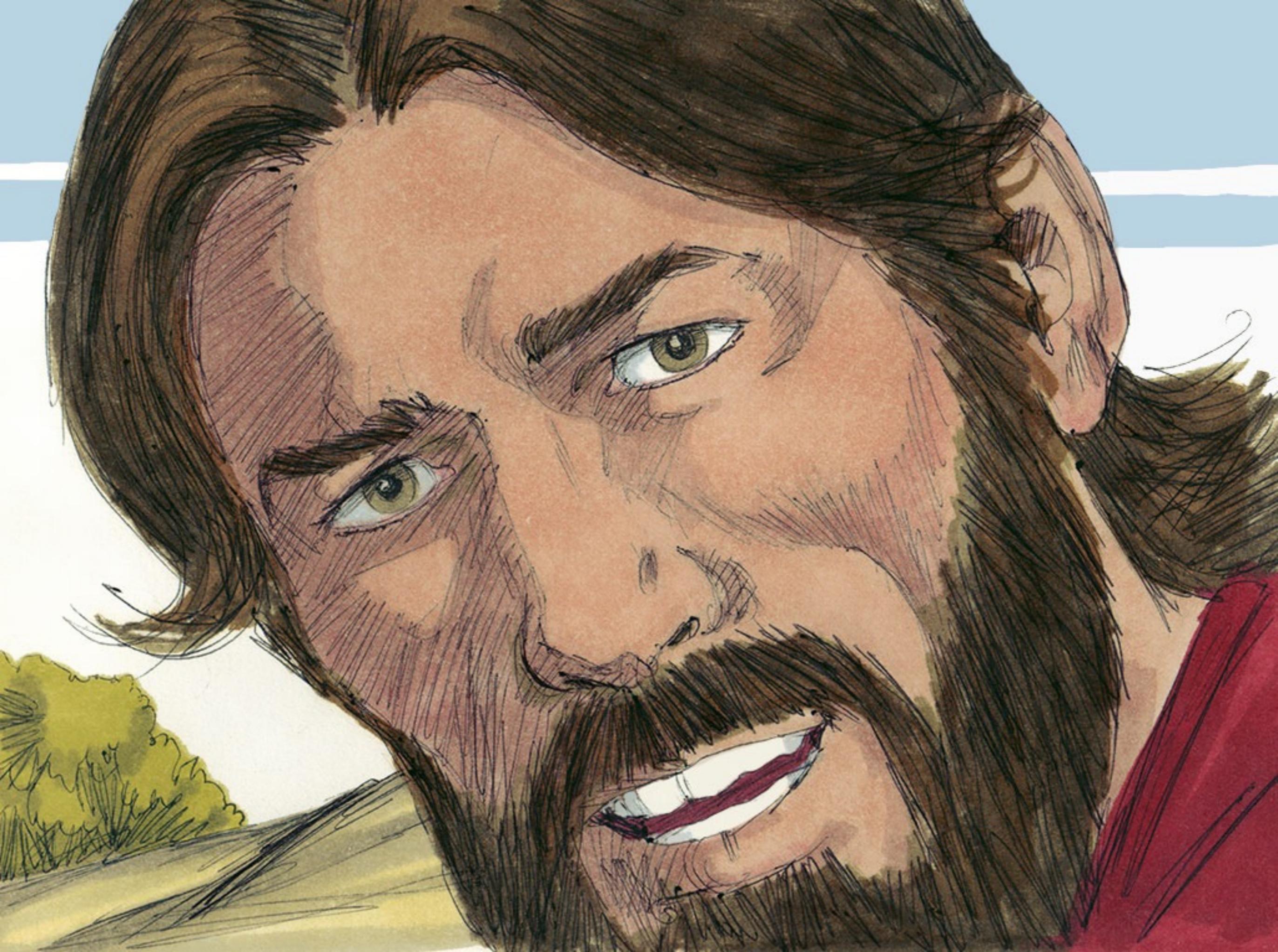
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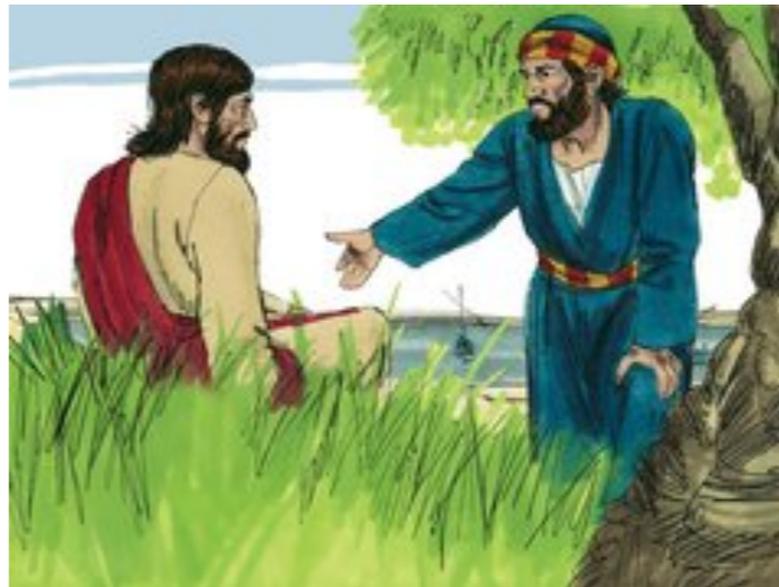




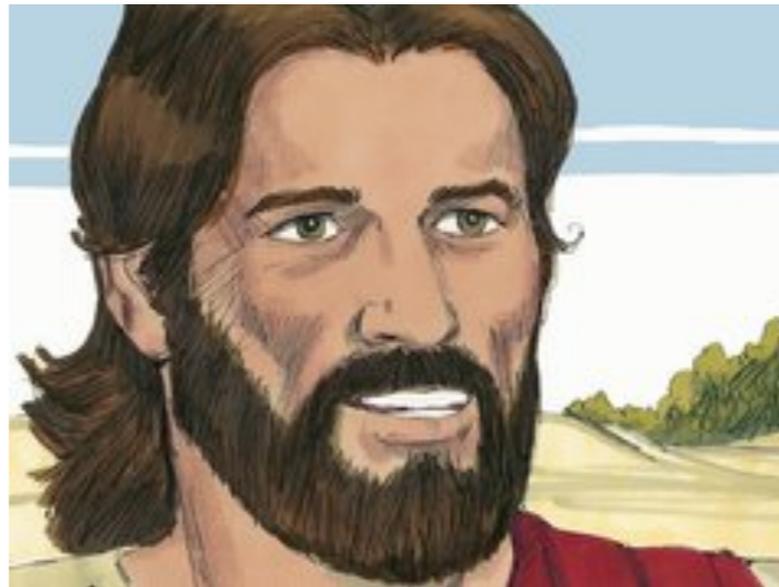
9 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'



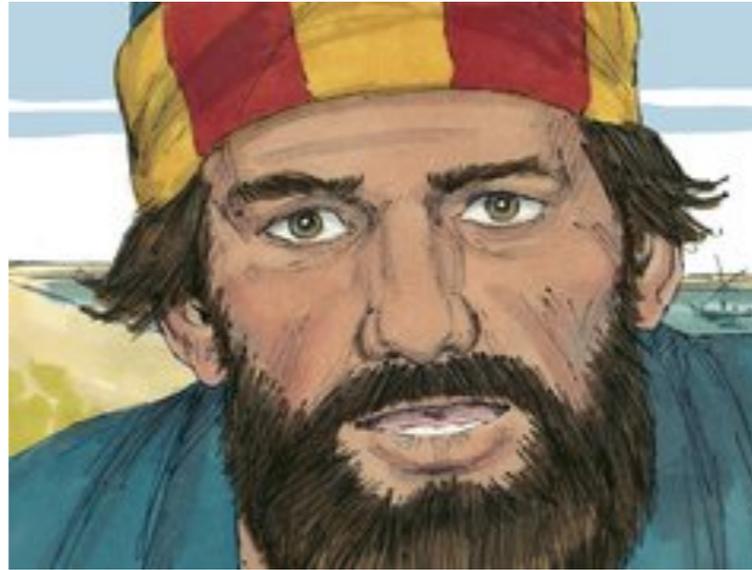
10 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus replied, 'Feed my lambs.'



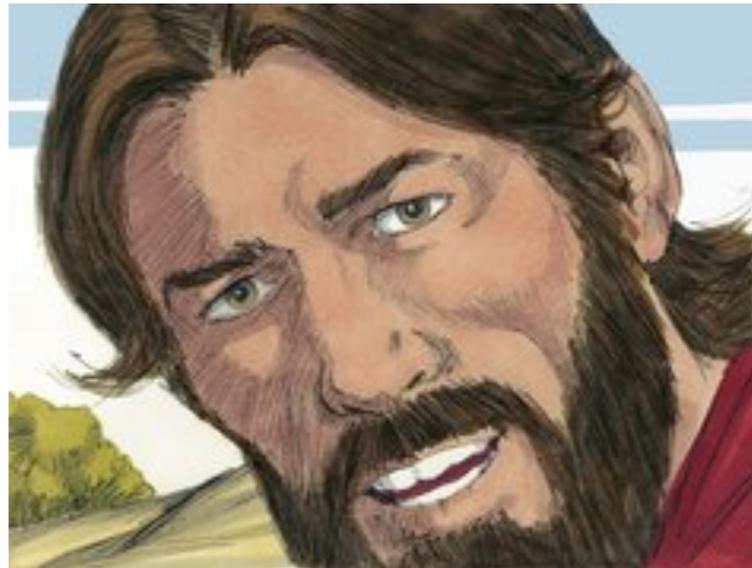
11 Then again, Jesus asked, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'



12 Peter answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'
Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'



13 But Jesus was not finished. A third time He asked, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'



14 Peter was hurt that Jesus had asked him this question a third time. 'Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you.'
Jesus replied, 'Feed my sheep.'



Questions

1. How many times did Peter deny Jesus the night of his arrest?
2. How many times did Jesus tell Peter to feed and care for his sheep?
3. How did Peter show his faith in Jesus with his 3rd answer?
4. How does this story give us hope as sinners?

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPC3qQP8sS4>

Quiz

1. What was Peter's job before he became a disciple?
2. How did they catch fish?
3. Jesus died, but God raised Him back to life! Wonderful, but what should the disciples do now? 21:1-3
4. Peter suggested they all go fishing that night. How many fish did they catch? V3
5. Who was waiting for them on the shore? V4
6. What did He tell them to do? V6
7. How many fish did they catch? V11
 - Did you know this had happened before? Luke 5:1-11. It was when Jesus first met some of His disciples. He gave them the new job of 'catching men'. This didn't mean catching people in a huge net! It meant telling people about Jesus
8. What were they trying to catch now? v3
9. What would this miracle remind them of? *They couldn't go back to 'normal life'. They had to catch people, not fish*
10. What did Jesus ask Peter?
11. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him?
12. Why do you think Jesus asked 3 times?
13. Jesus was showing Peter that He forgave him! We all mess up and let Jesus down sometimes. But we can say sorry to Jesus and he will forgive us. Then we can get back to living in a way that pleases Jesus.
14. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? V17
15. Do you think Peter was to look after while, wooly animals? So what did Jesus mean? Jesus sometimes called His followers 'sheep'

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHptbdsZnCc>

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you so much for the time we could spend together as a family reading your word. We thank you that your word is Truth and we ask that you would help us to trust it and obey it. Thank you for the story of Peter that John recorded for us. Thank you for what it teaches us about ourselves and about you.

Please would you help us to remember that there is no sin that you wont forgive and even when we sin over and over again, if we come to you in repentance, you will forgive us.

Thank you that even though Peter failed you big time, you forgave him and you used Him to bring other people into your Kingdom. Please help us to share the good news of what you have done for the world on the cross with friends and family.

Please be with us as we go into another week of lockdown. Help us to use this time wisely and would you bless us all with good health.

Amen