

## **Church at Home Pack – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

### **GATHER TOGETHER**

#### ***A prayer to start –***

Sometimes it is hard to come to worship.

Perhaps we are weighed down by difficult memories;

by things that aren't going so well;

failure that has robbed us of joy.

But, however we feel and whatever we have done,

Jesus knows, Jesus understands, Jesus offers us a new beginning.

So, we say:

**Lord Jesus, here we are:**

**restore us, use us, and help us to love you more.**

**Amen.**

#### ***Action reminder –***

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

**John 21:15-19**



### International Children's Bible (ICB)

<sup>15</sup> When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John do you love me more than these?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my lambs."

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."



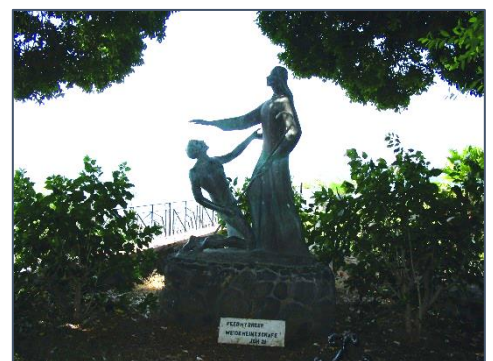
<sup>17</sup> A third time he said, "Simon son of John do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you!" He said to him, "Take care of my sheep. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth. When you were younger, you tied your own belt and went where you wanted. But when you are old, you will put out your hands and someone else will tie them. They will take you where you don't want to go." <sup>19</sup> (Jesus said this to show how Peter would die to give glory to God.) Then Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me!"

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A statue of Jesus and Peter at Lake Galilee

## WATCH TOGETHER



**Peter – A spoken word for Easter Part 1** – Dai Woolridge

[https://youtu.be/Q1CJ0gb\\_pwl](https://youtu.be/Q1CJ0gb_pwl)

**Peter – A spoken word for Easter Part 2** – Dai Woolridge

<https://youtu.be/gxf2GS1K4kE>



**John 21:15-25** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5fQrUiYrJ4>



**Jesus forgives Peter** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppb9bKX1r7k>

## TALK TOGETHER

- What does it mean to forgive someone?
- What does it mean to be forgiven?
- Do we find it easier to forgive or be forgiven?

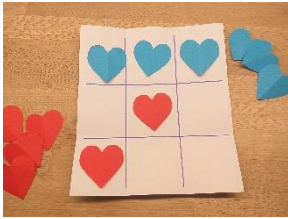
## STUDY TOGETHER

- Read Lk.5:1-11 and Jn.21:4-6, 10-19 – What similarities and differences can you find between these two events?
- What does Jesus mean when he tells Simon Peter to feed his lambs or sheep?
- Why do you think it was important for Jesus to ask Peter three times, “Do you love me?”
- What do you think Jesus is trying to tell Simon Peter in Jn.21:18?  
***Note for after discussion of this question: The early church fathers write about Peter being martyred, killed for his faith, and there is some evidence that he was crucified.***
- Read Matthew 4:18-20. What does Jesus say to Simon Peter at the start of their relationship and again as he is given a new role?
- As we start on our journey with Jesus, he calls us to follow him. That call stays the same throughout our lives. Wherever we are and whatever we’re doing Jesus says to us, “Follow me”. What does “following Jesus” mean for you at your stage of life?

## PLAY TOGETHER

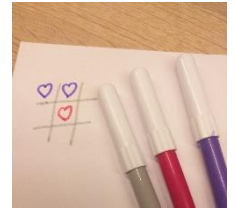
### 3 in a row

Jesus asks Peter if he loves him 3 times.



As a reminder, play a game of 3 in a row (like noughts and crosses) with different coloured hearts. You can do this with different coloured pens or cut out some different coloured heart shapes.

Take it in turns to draw or place a heart in the grid and the first to get 3 in a row, wins!



### Forgiveness Swap



Younger children may not have as many memories as adults, but they can understand that when we do something wrong and say sorry, Jesus forgives us because he loves us so much. This can be re-enforced by playing a simple game. Draw and cut out lots of sad faces and hide them around the house. Go on a hunt for the hidden faces.

When you have found them all they can be swapped for something nice (maybe something nice to eat).

In the same way, Jesus swaps our bad and difficult stuff for good by his forgiveness.



## MAKE TOGETHER

### Forgiven Masking Tape Pictures



- On white paper, stick down strips of masking tape to make the word 'Forgiven' or a happy face or a heart.
- When the masking tape has been stuck down, paint or scribble (with pens or crayons) dark colours, all over the paper. If you have painted your paper, wait for it to dry!

The dark colours are for the difficult things we hang on to, the sin, the things that we get wrong.

- Gently peel the masking tape off the paper to reveal the clean white paper underneath.

This reminds us that no matter what we do. Jesus can wipe it all away, forgive us and make us clean again.





## SING TOGETHER

**You forgive me** – Lifetree Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU>

**Forgiveness** – Lifeway Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW9L3tU-w8s>

**Grace** – CityAlight: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKWskakIANQ>

**Lovingkindness** – Matt Redman, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Keith & Kristyn Getty:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV-fNmt6ZAo>

**Raised with Christ** – St Aldates Worship (featuring Lauren Harris):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciFrOVR7mFw>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

### *Chained by memories*



Focus on this picture as you think about any memories which are holding you back in your relationship with Jesus.  
Imagine Jesus breaking the chain and setting you free to love and serve him with joy

Remember the words from Psalm 103:8-12

*"The Lord shows mercy and is kind. He does not become angry quickly and he has great love.  
He will not always scold us. He will not be angry for ever.  
He has not punished us as our sins should be punished.  
He has not repaid us for the evil we have done.  
As high as the sky is above the earth so great is his love for those who respect him.  
He has taken our sins away from us as far as the east is from the west."*

### **Poem: Peter Remembers**

*Use this poem to reflect on today's Bible passage and the hold that memories can have on us.*

No more can I watch a young donkey again  
without seeing the palms and the carpet of clothes.  
In my ear there still echoes the cry of the crowd  
hailing him home.  
Yes, this I remember, but more I recall:  
the sound of his sobs above the clop of the hooves;  
I still remember the outpouring of joy,  
but most of all tears.



No more can I pour out water unmoved,  
hearing the sound of a basin being filled  
and seeing his face as he kneels at my feet.  
'Lord, you cannot, you shall not, act as my slave.'  
This I remember as it were today.  
He turned from me, tears filling his eyes:  
'I must wash your feet, or you have no part in me.'  
'Wash all of me then,' I cried out ashamed.  
I still remember that moment of shame,  
but most of all tears.



No more can I hear trees rustle at night  
without going again to Gethsemane.  
The dark wind, the heart stopping fear, I remember:  
the waiting, the sleeping, the agonized prayer,  
still seeing the flicker of torches, the flashing of swords,  
hearing as if now the sound of that kiss.  
These I remember, and the weight of my grief,  
but most of all tears.



No more can I hear a cock greeting the dawn  
without returning again to the high priest's yard  
and feeling the terror and the chill of the night,  
as I watched for him in the shadows.  
I remember the glances, the whispers, the accusation:  
'You know him don't you, you are his friend?'  
Three times asked, three times denied.  
Then as he turned, looking at me, came the crow of a cock.  
And I remember his look, his words and my tears,  
but most of all tears.



No more can I smell a charcoal fire and the savour of grilled fish  
than I'm back by the lakeside plunging ashore,  
hungry for breakfast, but hungering more to see him;  
nursing my hurt, and my shame, but glad, so glad he's alive!  
And I remember, oh do I remember him asking:  
'Do you love me?' not once, but three times.  
'Yes, Yes, Yes!' I cried, knowing he knew.  
I remember the joy,  
but much more the tears.



## PRAY TOGETHER

This prayer activity helps to emphasise the idea of the new starts that Jesus can give to us all so that we too can go out and reach others for him.

**You will need:** two containers with lids - one holding a mixture of vinegar and salt (about a cup of vinegar to a tablespoon of salt) and one holding water. Old, stained copper coins.



Take a coin and hold it. Think about parts of your life where you may have let others down or would like a new start. Put your coin into the container of vinegar and salt. Put on the lid and shake. Quietly, say sorry and thank Jesus for forgiveness and new starts. Take off the lid and transfer the coins to the water to wash off the vinegar. Keep the coin as a reminder of the new start Jesus gives.

### ***A Personal Prayer***

Lord Jesus, please be gracious to me as you were to Peter, for I have denied you – in my heart, in my relationships, in my way of life.

I have not lived as though I loved you.

And yet I do. I really do. I really do.

Call me by name, as you called Peter, that the sound of your voice may quieten my fears and restore my confidence.

Wherever my journey takes me, whatever I am called to do, however many times I fall down.

Lord, hold out your hand to me, and be by my side, every day, every moment, every step.

Amen.

## DO TOGETHER

### ***Social Media Memories***

Social media often reminds us of “posts” and pictures from our past.



- If a post appears which reminds you of a difficult time or something you're ashamed of, ask God to help you let go of that memory or to learn something from it to move forward. If necessary, ask for forgiveness and know that he has removed your sin.
- If a post appears which reminds you of a good time, what did you learn about God during that time that's helpful and encouraging for you to remember today?

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