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This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church, or download it at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Redeems

Part of The Big God Story

John 21
Jesus Reinstates Peter

Just for Fun

At breakfast, **read John 21:1–19** together. Ask your children why they think Peter jumped in the water when he realized it was Jesus standing on the shore. Then talk together about what type of conversations you might have with Jesus if He was eating breakfast with you. Ask your kids what they think Jesus meant when He asked Peter to feed His sheep. Discuss together how you as a family can find ways to let others know that God loves them and wants to redeem them.

Did You Know?

- Simon Peter was considered to be one of Jesus' closest friends. Peter was passionate and overzealous—often overeager and outspoken. He was the first disciple to declare Jesus was the Messiah.
- Jesus shared that one of His disciples would betray Him. Peter adamantly vowed He would never deny Jesus. Yet days after Peter's sworn allegiance, he denied Jesus—three times!
- For someone with such a volatile personality, it's interesting that Jesus would rename him "Peter," which means "the rock." But Jesus had the authority to give Peter this identity and the power to transform him to live in this identity.

Remember Verse

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **Jesus redeems! May you know that you are God's child and that He can bring good things out of hard things. May you know Jesus as your personal Redeemer and be filled with joy because of His love for you.**

Younger Kids

Your child may be starting to deal with a variety of social and emotional challenges at school. He may be open and share these struggles with you, or he may keep them to himself. Keep an open line of communication with your child and assure him that you're always available to listen.

Older Kids

Children this age can start to take on more responsibilities. Look for ways to empower your child by giving her responsibilities you know she can handle. Taking charge of something can help your child develop confidence and self-respect.

Teachable Moments

After reading John 21, discuss the following together:

- If you had been Peter, how would you have responded when you saw Jesus?
- What does it mean that Jesus redeems?
- How did Jesus redeem Peter after he had denied Jesus three times?