

MAIN POINT:

Jesus Forgives: Tell the World

MEMORY VERSE:

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone.'" Mark 16:15

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

Just before Jesus was taken to trial, Jesus told Peter that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. Sure enough, Peter denied knowing Jesus to three different people, and then the rooster crowed. After Jesus died and rose again, He appeared to His disciples many times. One time, He saw them when they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. He told them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. They did and caught more fish than their nets could hold! Then, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved Him. Each time, Peter responded that he did, and Jesus told him to "feed my sheep." This was Jesus' way of telling Peter that he was both forgiven and had a responsibility to lead the early church.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → BALLOON CARD SERVICE PROJECT

Supplies:

- Half a page of cardstock, folded as a card (1 per child)
- Half a page of contrasting cardstock (2 colours per child)
- Colourful balloon, matching one cardstock colour (1 per child)
- Googly eyes (2 per child)
- Verse page (1 per child)
- Glue Dots (3 per child)
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil crayons or markers

Activity Instructions:

- Allow children to choose which version of the card they want to make. They will need to choose this first, as the fish card opens from the bottom, and the elephant card opens from the side.
- Have children choose a verse to cut out and colour to place in their cards. If they want to write an additional note inside the card, it will be easier to do that before they decorate the front.

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For the Elephant:

- Using the paper that matches the balloon, cut two matching hearts as the ears. To do this, fold the card stock and cut on the fold. Then, fold the ends into the centre so you have two folds to cut from your piece.
- Trim the points off and turn sideways.
- Glue onto the card front using the glue stick, placing it behind where the balloon will be.
- Attach the balloon with a glue dot.
- Glue the googly eyes to the balloon with two glue dots.
- Decorate the rest of the card front as desired.



For the Fish:

- Cut fins and a mouth out of the contrasting cardstock to the balloon.
- Glue those pieces behind where the balloon will go.
- Attach the balloon to the card with a glue dot.
- Glue a googly eye onto the balloon with a glue dot.
- Use markers to add waves and bubbles to the card, or decorate as desired.



TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **Have you ever made the same mistake more than once like Peter? Share.** (Discuss answers and share an example of your own.)

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2. **When we're telling others about Jesus, one of the most important things we can share, is how He forgives our sins. When our sins are forgiven, we want to live differently. Maybe you used to struggle with telling lies, but since Jesus forgave you, He's helped you with telling the truth. Maybe you and your sibling used to fight all the time, but since you started trying to act more like Jesus, you are kinder to your sibling. What are things that used to be hard, that are easier now that you follow Jesus? Or, if you haven't yet chosen to follow Jesus, what are things you struggle with that might get easier with Jesus?** (Be prepared as a leader, to share an age-appropriate example from your life to help facilitate this discussion. If you have children who haven't made a faith decision yet, talk about struggles that may be common and assure them that when we follow Jesus, He helps us).

3. **We want to continue to encourage others and tell them about Jesus. This week you might want to make more cards like the one we made, that you can drop off at the church. What other ways can you encourage those around you?** (Leave a small gift for a neighbour, sing or play a song to encourage a grandparent over a video call, write a nice message with sidewalk chalk as a fun note for your neighbours to find as they go for a walk.)

THE POINT:

Jesus wanted Peter to "feed my sheep." That meant He wanted Peter to care for those Peter met, by teaching them about God. We also have the opportunity to care for others and share Jesus' love with them. Today, we're going to make cards that will be placed with meals that our church gives out to those who need a meal. Whatever their need, this is a way that our church blesses people. And as we share a meal, we have an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus. We can write an encouragement in the card and share a verse with them. If you plan on dropping your cards off at church, please do not write your names on them. They must be anonymous.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, thank You that You forgive us! We want to others to know that You forgive us, so they can love and follow You too. Please help us to show Your love to everyone we meet. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our Children's Ministries offering from April to June will be going to The Well Cafe, a ministry of Centre Street Church. The Well Café is a place for people to connect in community as they share a free, hot meal together.

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Because of the Lord's
great love we are not
consumed,
for his compassions
never fail.
They are new every
morning great is your
faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

So do not fear, for I
am with you;
do not be
dismayed, for I am
your God.
I will strengthen you
and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous
right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I will say it
again:
Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is
noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever
is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strong-
hold of my life—
of whom shall I be
afraid?

Psalms 27:1

"I have told you
these things, so that
in me you may have
peace. In this world
you will have
trouble. But take
heart! I have
overcome the world."

John 16:33