



## FAMILY BIBLE STUDIES

# Learn from God's word With your family

**At CMS we are very excited about the idea of *a world that knows Jesus*. We are convinced that no one is too young to be part of this wonderful statement.**

In all of our programs at Summer School we will be encouraging those present to look carefully at what God has to say to us through his Word and then think about how to put this into practice. This year we have the privilege of looking at the book of 1 Peter in all of our programs, from preschool to adults. This wonderful book will help us think about being part of God's family, persevere when times get tough and hold on to the fantastic message of hope in the gospel.

To complement this teaching, we will be looking at six episodes from the life of Peter, beginning with his earliest interactions with Jesus right through to his preaching in Acts. We will look at one episode each morning with four important questions to discuss as a family. We then encourage you to spend time praying for our mission regions.

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## The shape of each study



- A passage from the Gospels or Acts to help us see Jesus as Peter interacts with him (a story summary is included for families with younger children)
- Questions to help us explore the passage



Prayer for God's work around the world

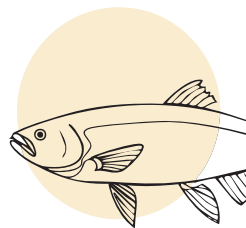


The memory verse challenge

**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.”**

**1 PETER 1:3-4**





## Miraculous catch of fish – Luke 5:1-11

### Story summary

One day Jesus was teaching God's word to a crowd of people near a lake. He got into a boat belonging to a fisherman named Simon. (Simon would later be called Peter!).

Jesus taught the crowd from the boat in the shallow water. Then he told Simon to move the boat into deep water and put the nets down to catch some fish.

Simon told Jesus that they hadn't caught anything all night. But he did what Jesus asked, and they caught so many fish that the nets began to break. Simon had to ask his friends James and John to bring their boat and help. Soon both boats were so full, they started sinking.

Simon fell on his knees when he saw Jesus' power. He said, "Go away from me Lord, I am a sinful man". But Jesus told Simon not to be afraid. Jesus said that from now on, he would fish for people instead of fish! So Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus.

### Study

- How does Simon (Peter) refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Simon (Peter) felt after this event?
- If Simon (Peter) were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for Africa.

- Ask God to raise up strong leaders who love the Bible and love people.
- Ask God to protect people who live in places where it's hard to follow Jesus.
- Ask God for whole families to be saved.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4



## Walking on water – Matthew 14:22-36

### Story summary

After feeding a big crowd, Jesus told his friends to get into a boat and go to the other side of the lake. Jesus said goodbye to the crowd and went up a mountain to pray. By night time, the boat was far away on the choppy water.

Just before morning, Jesus walked on the water towards the boat. When the disciples saw him they were afraid and cried out. But Jesus told them not to be afraid because it was him!

Peter said: “Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water”. So Jesus said “Come”.

Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. But then he felt afraid of the wind and started to sink. He called out to Jesus: “Lord, save me!”.

Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. Jesus asked Peter why he was afraid. When they climbed into the boat, the wind stopped. Everyone in the boat praised Jesus saying, “Truly you are the Son of God”.

### Study

- How does Peter refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt after this event?
- If Peter were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for East and South East Asia.

- Pray that churches in Japan will stand firm and hold on to Jesus.
- Pray for more young people and university students in Japan to be saved by Jesus.
- Pray for missionaries in South East Asia to keep talking about Jesus with local people.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4

## Who do the people say I am? – Mark 8:27-33

### Story summary

Jesus asked his friends a question: “Who do people say I am?” They told him some people thought he was John the Baptist or Elijah, and others thought he was a prophet.

“But what about you?” Jesus asked them. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are God’s promised king.” Jesus told them not to tell anyone.

Then Jesus told his friends he would suffer and the religious leaders would reject him. Jesus said he would be killed and after three days he would come back to life.

Peter told Jesus not to say that. So Jesus said to Peter “Get behind me Satan!” because Peter was acting like God’s enemy. Jesus told Peter that Peter wasn’t thinking about God, only himself.

### Study

- How does Peter refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt after this event?
- If Peter were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for North Australia and the Pacific.

- Pray for new missionaries to build strong friendships with local people.
- Thank God for Bible translation and ask God for more people to help with it.
- Pray for church leaders to understand and teach the Bible well.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4



## Peter denies Jesus – Luke 22:54-62

### Story summary

After they arrested Jesus, the religious leaders took him to see the high priest. Peter followed in the darkness.

When a servant girl saw Peter, she said he was with Jesus. But Peter lied. “I don’t know him,” he said.

A little later, someone else saw Peter and said he was one of Jesus’ friends.

“I am not!” Peter replied.

About an hour later, a third person said that Peter was with Jesus. But Peter said “I don’t know what you’re talking about!”.

While he was talking, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned and looked right at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the rooster crows today, you will say you don’t know me three times.” Peter went outside and cried.

### Study

- How does Peter refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt after this event?
- If Peter were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for Europe.

- Pray for Christians to stand out for Jesus, even when it’s hard.
- Thank God for lots of people working with university students and ask him to send more.
- Pray for young Christians learning what it means to be part of God’s family.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4



## Jesus restores Peter – John 21:15-19

### Story summary

After Jesus came back to life, he ate a meal with his friends.

Jesus asked Peter “do you love me?”. He asked him three times.

Peter felt sad.

“Yes, Lord” he said. “You know that I love you!”. He said it three times too.

Jesus said that it was Peter’s job to look after his sheep. Jesus wasn’t talking about animals! He meant that Peter would look after God’s people.

Then Jesus told Peter that when he got old, Peter would die for following Jesus. Jesus said to Peter: “Follow me!”



### Study

- How does Peter refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt after this event?
- If Peter were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia.

- Pray for peace in places where there is fighting.
- Pray for peace between God and people.
- Pray for people who live in places where it’s very hard to hear about Jesus.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4



## Peter addresses the crowd – Acts 2:14-41

### Story summary

After Jesus went back to heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to help his friends tell everyone about Jesus.

Peter spoke to a big crowd. He reminded them that God promised in the Old Testament to send his Spirit. He also told them it was part of God's plan for Jesus to die and come back to life.

Peter reminded the crowd about King David, who knew that one day God would send a king to rule forever. Peter said that Jesus was that king, and God had raised him to life after they killed him.

Now, King Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God. So Peter said: "God has made this Jesus, who you killed, both Lord and King."

When the people heard this, they were sad and scared, and asked "what shall we do?" Peter told them they needed to turn from their sin and say sorry. Then they would be forgiven and get the Holy Spirit! This special promise was for them, their children, and everyone God saves. They all needed to be saved, and three thousand people were saved that day.

### Study

- How does Peter refer to Jesus?
- What do we learn about Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt after this event?
- If Peter were here today, what might he say about this passage?

### Prayer

Pray for Latin America.

- Thank God for Bible teachers who teach the truth, and pray for more.
- Thank God for young people who want to share Jesus with their friends.
- Pray for local believers to grow as they read God's word.

### Take the challenge

Remember 1 Peter 1:3-4