

## REFLECTION IDEAS

### A New Start

Luke chapter 22 verses 54-62; John chapter 21

Christians believe that God sent Jesus into the world to show us how to live. He died and then came back to life again so that we can be forgiven when we say sorry for the things that we get wrong. The Bible story we use in this presentation is that of Peter, one of Jesus' disciples who denied even knowing Jesus three times; we read that Jesus loved Peter and was willing to forgive him, giving him a new start and an important job to do. Christians believe that God loves us all like that and does not give up on us – he is always willing to forgive us and give us a new start.

### Reflection

- When have you made a new start? *Examples might include a new school or club, or moving house*
- Why did the puppet want to go to Timbuktu? Have you ever felt like that?
- What mistake did Peter make? Why did he do it? How did it make him feel when he realised?
- How does the story of Peter make you feel about saying sorry and forgiveness?
- Do you think it is easier to say sorry or to forgive?

### Links

Versions of the Bible story can be found here – please check they are suitable for your group:

The Lego Easter Story <https://youtu.be/59iAsUBB79E>

The story including Peter's denial of Jesus: <https://youtu.be/Ppb9bKX1r7k>

The Story from John chapter 21:

KS1 / lower KS2 <https://youtu.be/18Ks1GbKqsl> <https://youtu.be/WtWGiEpI3Go>

Upper KS2 <https://youtu.be/0QJpz1gWV4M>

The song used in the presentation – *How broad, how long is the love of Christ* by John Hardwick:  
<https://youtu.be/7DKbePAXsKg> What does this song say about God's love?

### Inspire Prayer Space Activity – A New Start

#### Equipment

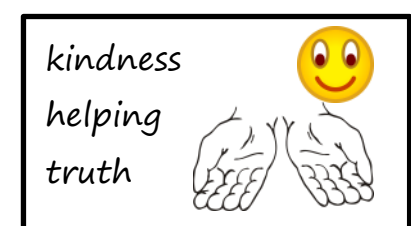
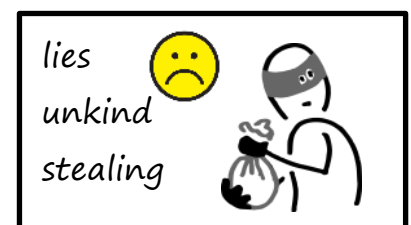
White boards, white board pens, something to clean white boards

#### Description

Christians believe Jesus did something amazing when he died on the cross and came back to life at Easter. He gave us the chance to have a new start, by wiping out all the mistakes we make in our lives, just like the team wiped the bad words off the white board in the presentation.

- Write words or draw pictures of things that you might do wrong on your white board. You don't have to show these to anyone.
- Think about how you feel when you do these wrong things.
- Wipe the board clean and think about being forgiven for the bad things you have done, and having a new start.
- Write or draw some good and happy things on your board instead.

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See below for activity sheets and other activity ideas

## Word Search

### Peter Recognized Jesus Word Search 1



Find the words below that are hidden in the puzzle. Words can be left to right or up and down.

A	O	U	I	P	E	T	E	R	O
R	G	K	U	D	E	M	B	F	Q
Q	O	H	L	M	T	J	E	O	F
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R	V	K	A	D	E	M	B	F	Q
H	N	E	T	S	G	S	O	N	K

BOAT	GOD	NETS	SIMON	WATER
FISH	JESUS	PETER	SON	TEAR

Peter had two names: Simon, his birth name, and Peter, the name that Jesus had given him. Peter means 'rock'.

## Easter Poem

We used this Easter poem by Amy Scott Robinson. Children could choose one verse from the poem to create a collage or painting. Display each verse with the corresponding artwork around it.

- 1 That first day, everything looked black.  
The friends of Jesus cried.  
They thought he'd gone forever  
the day that Jesus died.
- 2 He hung upon a cross  
and his friends all ran to hide  
they thought he'd gone forever  
the day that Jesus died.
- 3 They put him in a tomb  
and they sealed him tight inside  
they thought he'd gone forever  
the day that Jesus died.
- 4 But only three days later  
the tomb was opened wide -  
when Jesus' friends arrived there,  
an angel stood inside!
- 5 Today the cross reminds us  
Not just how Jesus died  
But that he's alive forever  
And is always by our side.

## Other Activity Ideas

KS1:

- Make a painting or collage of part of the assembly story: The disciples fishing, the breakfast on the beach, Jesus forgiving Peter.

KS2:

- Make an Easter Story cube with a different part of the story on each face. Inside the cube put a piece of paper explaining in their own words the meaning of the story for Christians (forgiveness, redemption, salvation).
- Write a letter from Jesus to Peter showing how much he loved him and how he forgave him for what he did and wanted him to go and tell others about Jesus.
- Write a short version of the story of Peter to share with a younger class.
- Create an Acrostic poem about the meaning of Easter to Christians using 'New start'

## A new start for Peter



1. Peter went everywhere with Jesus. He was one of his followers. 'I will never leave you', Peter said to Jesus.



2. After Jesus was arrested, three people asked Peter if he was a follower of Jesus and Peter said, 'No'. Jesus was then killed on a cross.



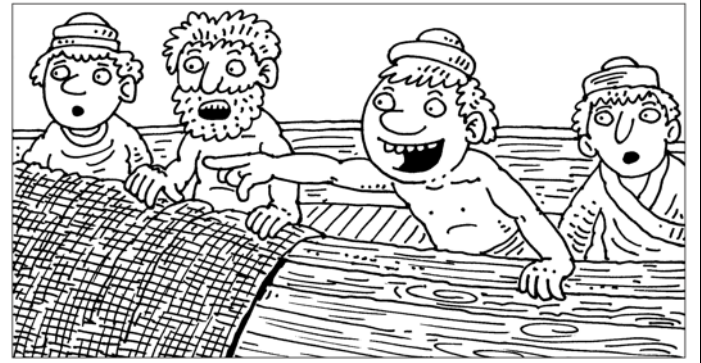
3. Peter had let Jesus down and decided to go back to his old job as a fisherman.



4. Peter and some of his friends went fishing; they fished all night but did not catch anything.



5. Jesus shouted from the shore, but they did not realise it was Him. "Try putting your nets on the other side of the boat", he said.



6. At once the net was so full of fish they could hardly get it onto the boat. Then they realised that it was Jesus who had called to them.



7. Peter quickly jumped in and swam ashore. He was so excited to see his friend Jesus again. Jesus had risen from the dead – he was alive!



8. Peter forgave Peter and gave him a special job to do. Jesus cooked a breakfast of fish for his friends. They were all so happy to see Jesus again.