

## **After the Resurrection Jesus Meets with Peter A Lesson on Forgiveness**

Passage: John 18:17; 25-26; John 21:15-17

Verse: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

### **Introduction:**

Have you ever had to ask someone to forgive you?

Was it for something you did or said?

Is it hard or easy to ask: Will you forgive me?

Does your friend always forgive you?

Does Jesus always forgive you?

The story of the apostle Peter is so helpful when we feel like our sin must separate us from Jesus' love.

### **The story of Peter**

After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet and served them His Last Supper they went outside to the Garden. Jesus wanted to pray. While He was praying soldiers came and arrested Him and took Him away.

Peter stood outside the courtyard hoping to see what would happen to Jesus.

As Peter waited and watched a young servant girl saw Peter and said, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" And Peter said, "No, not me!"

Then another servant said that he had seen Peter with Jesus. Again Peter said, "No, not me!"

Peter was asked by a third person about his friendship with Jesus. And Peter said, "No, not me!"

Remember what happened when Peter said for the third time that he did not know or follow Jesus? A rooster crowed, just as Jesus had said it would.

Now Peter is on the beach after Jesus' resurrection. Some of the disciples had gone fishing. Jesus had a fire going and was cooking fish on the beach. Jesus had shouted to the disciples from the beach to throw their

nets on the other side of the boat. If they did that, then they would catch fish. They did just what He said and 153 fish jumped into their net.

Now the breakfast with Jesus on the beach was over. Jesus asked Peter 3 times about love. Jesus wanted to know if Peter loved Him even though Jesus knows what is in our hearts. Jesus loves to hear what is on our hearts. It is good for us to say what we are feeling and thinking. Now Peter could tell Jesus that he loved Him. Jesus asked, "Peter, do you love Me?" This time Peter said, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love you."

Jesus told Peter how to show his love. Jesus told Peter to tell others about Him and His love when Jesus said to Peter, "Feed My sheep."

### **Ending thoughts:**

How do we know that Jesus loves us and is always ready to forgive us? One way is by remembering that Jesus died to wash our sins away. Jesus gave up His life to forgive us.

What can be more amazing?

Romans 5:8 tells us: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

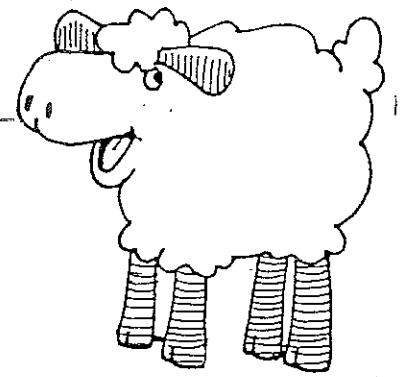
When we pray the prayer Jesus taught us we ask: "Forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors."

Did Jesus always show Peter that He loved him? Yes

Will Jesus always forgive us and show us that He loves us? Yes

Pray!

# Feed My Sheep



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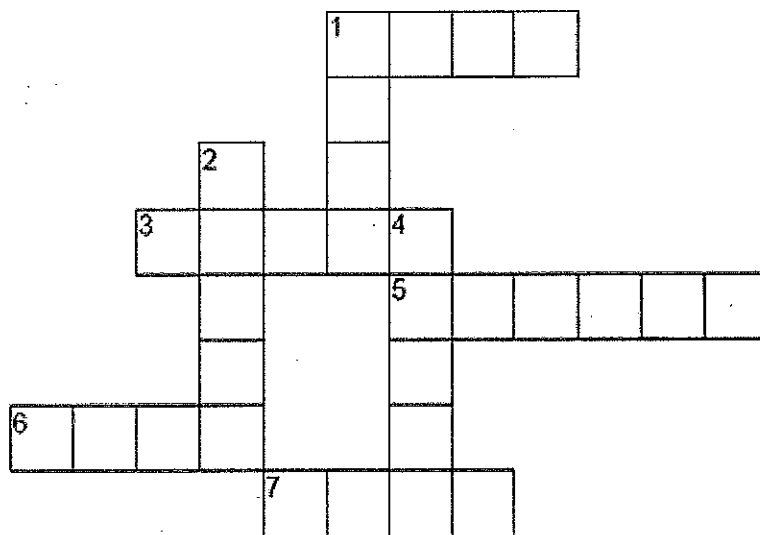
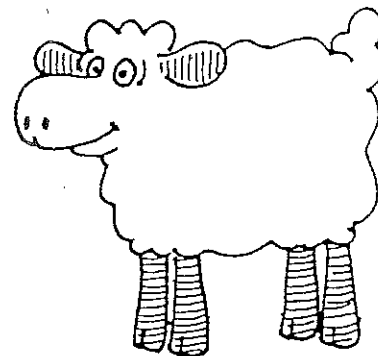
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# Feed My Sheep

Jesus said to Peter, "Peter do you love Me?" He said "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My lambs."  
 Jesus had said before, "My sheep know My voice and they follow Me."



## ACROSS

1. A young sheep
3. Woolly animals similar to goats
5. Taking food into the body through the mouth
6. To give food to be eaten
7. The Almighty, Creator, God; the One we worship

## DOWN

1. A deep, tender, feeling of affection toward another person
2. The person or thing following the first and second
4. A fisherman who was one of Jesus' disciples

LAMB	FEED	EATING	THIRD
LORD	PETER	SHEEP	LOVE

# JESUS LOVES PETER



After breakfast Jesus said to Peter, "Do you love Me?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My sheep." John 21