

## Jesus Redeems

**Bible Passage:** John 21 (Jesus Reinstates Peter)

Watch the video [HERE](#).

### 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

## Worship as Response

### RELATE

Jesus redeems! The Bible tells us that we've all sinned—every single one of us. But God is so good, and He loves us so much. No matter what we've done, because of Jesus, if we come to Him and ask for His forgiveness, He will forgive us. What is God saying to you today? This is a time when you can tell Jesus you trust Him as your Redeemer. He loves you and wants you to know He's with you. You belong to Him.

Read the following statements to your child(ren.) Encourage them to repeat them back to you.

I belong to Jesus.

He has a plan for my life.

I am loved.

I am accepted.

I am forgiven.

Jesus, I trust You as my Savior.

I am Yours.

Lead your child(ren) in a time of prayer to thank God for being our Redeemer. Thank Him for sending Jesus to redeem us from our sins. Thank Him for redeeming the hard and seemingly hopeless things in our lives.

## Reflect: Jesus Redeems

Encourage kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

### Questions for Kids

- **What does the word *redeem* mean?** According to Merriam Webster, *redeem* means: to free from what distresses or harms: such as:

- a: to free from captivity by payment of ransom

- b: to extricate from or help to overcome something harmful

- c: to release from blame or debt : clear

- d: to free from the consequences of sin

- **What had Peter done that made him feel ashamed?** Matthew 26:69–74 Peter had denied Jesus three times.

- **How do you think Peter felt when he saw Jesus at the Sea of Galilee?** John 21:7 Peter was so excited that he jumped into the water and swam to shore to see Jesus.

- **How did Jesus show Peter that He still loved Peter?** John 21:6,11 Jesus provided an enormous catch of fish for the disciples.

- **What did Jesus ask Peter three times?** John 21:15–17 Jesus asked, "Simon son of John, do you

*love me?*

- **What plans did Jesus have for Peter?** John 21:15–17 *Jesus told Simon Peter to feed his sheep.*
- **How does it feel to know that God redeems you?**
- **Is there anything too big for God to redeem?** Romans 8:38–39 *Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **How has Jesus redeemed you?**

## Life Maps

Children recall important events in their life and ponder Jesus being with them in those times.

### SUPPLIES

- [Life Map template](#)
- Markers or colored pencils

### PREPARE

Print a copy of the Life Map template (on the last page) for each child.

### RELATE

**Today we walked through some important events in Peter's life. We saw how Jesus forgave Peter when he goofed up and sinned. Jesus forgave and redeemed Peter. Jesus gave Peter another chance, just like He will give us another chance if we ask Him to.**

**What are some of the most important events in your life?** Invite responses. Brainstorm with your kids. Give each child a Life Map template and invite the kids to fill in each box with words or pictures of important events in their lives. As they go through each box, have them imagine Jesus in each major life event—what He was doing and how He might have been working in their lives at that time. In the last box, have the kids draw themselves and how they think God might choose to use them in His story as His child.

## BLESS

### RELATE

invite your child(ren) to wrap their arms around themselves as if giving themselves a hug as you read today's blessing from 1 John 3:1a:

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!**

(Child's name), **may you know that Jesus redeems! May you hear the Holy Spirit's voice clearly.  
May you continually grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus, who loves You and died to  
redeem your life.**

## Life Map
