

Bible Heroes from Long Ago. Introducing: The Apostle Peter

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### Jesus's off-shore Sermon.

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Luke 5:1 & 3

Jesus assigned Simon the name "Cephas", which means "Peter" (John 1:42). The Lake of Gennesaret is also known as the Sea of Galilee.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so,

I will let down the nets."

Luke 5:4-5

Peter didn't catch a fish all night, but because Jesus told him to go back out, he did.

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Luke 5:6-7

Wow, they must have caught a whole lot of fish that day!

### Peter leaves ALL to follow Jesus.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:8, 10-11



When Peter realized who
Jesus was, he and his partners
left everything behind and
began following him!

### There were 3 types of fish in the Sea of Galilee that Peter had been fishing for.

Identify these fish by using the chart below.

A-1 C-2 F-3 H-4 I-5 L-6 P-7 R-8 S-9 T-10





Jesus sent his disciples out onto the Sea of Galilee one day while he went off to pray. That evening, a horrible storm struck. They fought all night just to stay afloat. Then, according to Matthew, something amazing happened.

#### **Peter Walks on Water!**

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:25-27



Could you imagine how scary that must have been? Would you have been afraid?



"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Matthew 14:28-32

Why would Peter even think about stepping out of the boat in the middle of a horrific storm?

Peter actually walks on water but when he takes his eyes off of Jesus, he becomes frightened and starts to sink.

WE MUST NEVER TAKE OUR EYES OFF OF JESUS!

### Decode the Secret Message

Use this chart to decode the secret message below.

Example: Write A above all spaces that have a 1 underneath them.



### Peter denies Jesus 3 Times.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Luke 22:31-34

As Jesus was eating the Last Supper with his disciples before being arrested and going to the cross for our sins, Peter stated that he was ready to even die for the Lord. Jesus knew better!



Sure enough, immediately after Peter denies Jesus 3 times the rooster crows!

Peter really messed up and thought it was now all over between him and Jesus.

WELL GUESS WHAT? AFTER JESUS DIED FOR ALL OF US AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD,
HE FORGAVE PETER WHO WOULD GO ON TO FOUND THE FIRST CHURCH AND LEAD
MANY PEOPLE TO THE LORD!

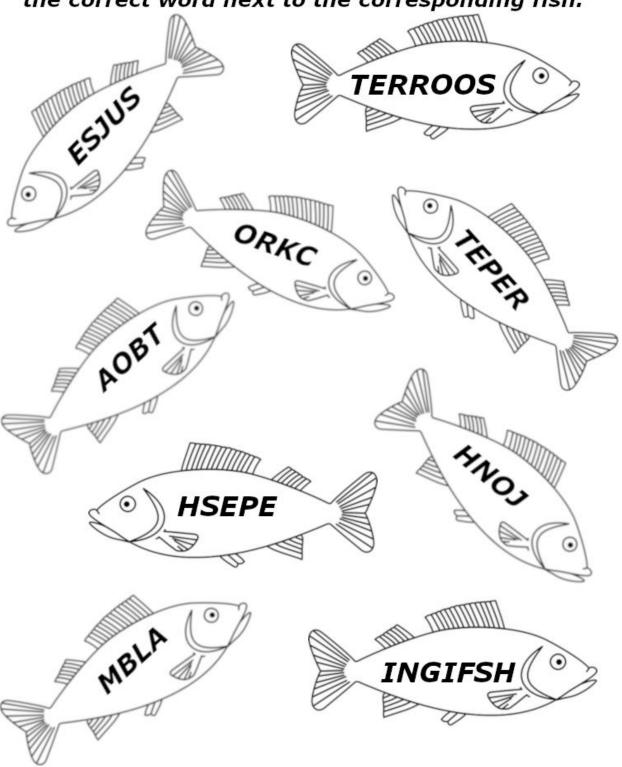


Have you ever felt like you really messed up and Jesus will never forgive you?

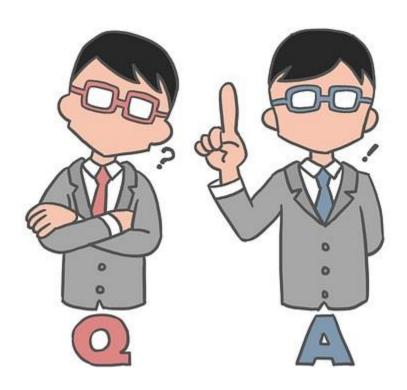
HE CAN AND
HE WILL!

# Time for a Fishing Derby

Unscramble each set of letters, then write the correct word next to the corresponding fish.



# **Answer Key**



There were 3 types of fish in the Sea of Galilee that Peter had been fishing for.

Carp, tilapia and catfish.

#### **Decode the Secret Message.**

Have faith, never doubt.

#### Time for a Fishing Derby.

Jesus, Rooster, Rock, Peter, Boat, Sheep, John, Lamb, Fishing.

### **So Long for Now**

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