

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church**  
**Kids' Worship Bulletin**  
**Sunday, 18 April, 2021**  
**Third Sunday after Easter**

**The Story Behind the Story**

To understand today's bible story, it helps to know what happened before.

One of our scripture readings today is from the book of John 21:15-25, but like lots of the stories in John, we sometimes need the "backstory," or to know what happened before, in order to make sense of what we're learning now.

**Where**

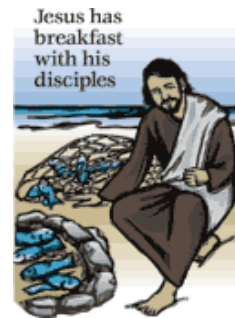
Jesus and the disciples are on the shore of Lake Tiberius.

**When**

It is early morning and the disciples have just come back from an unsuccessful night of fishing.

**Who**

The disciples are enjoying a breakfast of fish and bread that Jesus provided. This is the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death.

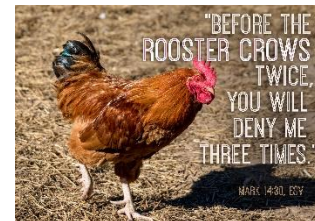


**What**

Jesus asks Peter the same question three times and Peter answers Jesus all three times: "Peter, do you love me?" Peter tells Jesus he loves him all three times.

**Flashback to before Jesus died**

Peter loved Jesus, but when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus and take him away to be killed, Peter said three times he wasn't a friend of Jesus and didn't even know him. Later, Peter felt bad about lying like that.



**Fast forward to today's story**

Do you think there is a reason Jesus asked Peter the same question three times? Jesus forgives Peter, not once, not twice, but three times! I wonder if Jesus was sending a message to Peter. The bible tells us Jesus forgives us too.

How many times do you think Jesus forgives us?

**Where in the Word is the Word?**

You can read today's bible passages in 1 Peter 4:7-11 and in John 21:15-25

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**Jesus Gives Instructions to Peter**

Each time Peter answers Jesus' question, Peter, do you love me?" Jesus gives Peter instructions:

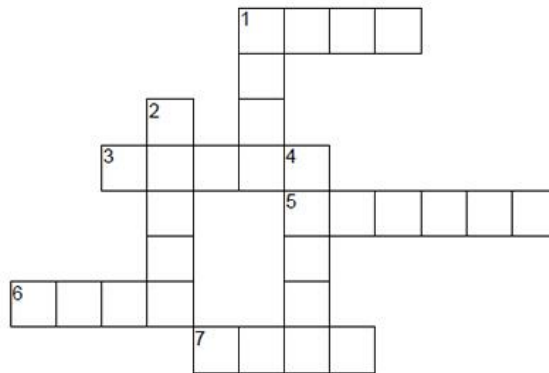
1. Feed my lambs
2. Take care of my sheep
3. Feed my sheep

Jesus wanted Peter to remember that an important way to show his love for Jesus was to love other people just as Jesus loved them. Jesus loves people like a good shepherd loves the sheep. He asked Peter to do the same thing.

**Feed My Sheep**

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Puzzle is based on John 21:15-19



**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

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EATING	JESUS	TRUTH	CARE	MORE
SAID	PETER	HURT	GLORIFY	FEED
SHEEP	THINGS	LOVE	THIRD	LAMBS

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**Drawing Page**

Ideas of what to draw:

- Jesus and the disciples having a breakfast picnic on the beach
- What you see out your window
- Friends playing together