

## **Peter follows Jesus**

This session can be done with an adult family member or independently. Answers to questions can be written in the spaces provided.

**Our story today looks at one of Jesus' friends, called Peter. Jesus asked Peter to follow him, but Peter thought he wasn't good enough. This story shows us that Jesus knew everything about Peter, the good and the bad and he still loved him anyway.**

Do you sometimes feel unsure about how to follow Jesus?

Do you sometimes feel that maybe other people matter to Jesus more than you do?

### **Bible story**

The following story is from Luke 5:1-11.

One day, Jesus was by a lake. There were lots of people who wanted to listen to him, so he used Peter's boat so the people could hear him speak properly. When he had finished talking, he said to Peter, "Let's go into the deep part of the lake and catch some fish." Peter was really surprised to hear Jesus say this because Peter knew that you did all your fishing at night. In the day time, the fish would be too low in the lake to catch. He replied, "Master, we've been out all night and we haven't caught anything. But if you say so, I'll do it." So Peter took the boat out with his other fishermen and did as Jesus said. He put the nets down into the lake. When he did this something amazing happened! The nets became so full with fish that they started to tear. Peter had to ask his friends in another boat to help. They came and helped pull in the fish and both boats started to sink. Peter and his friends had never seen anything like this before! It was so amazing! But then Peter started to feel sad because he knew he'd done bad things in his life. He fell on his knees and said to Jesus, "You should leave me Jesus, I'm not a good person. I'm not good enough to be your friend." Jesus said, "Don't be frightened. I have a very special job for you Peter. From now on you will be telling other people about me and how to follow God."

### **Possible activities to do together**

- Spend some time praying thanking Jesus that he loves us always and asks us to be his followers. Ask him to help you follow him.
- Cut out the fish symbol below and inside write the name of someone you would like to pray for to know Jesus.
- Have a fish finger meal and talk about the story, your favourite parts and what it means to you.

