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God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Jesus Appears to His Disciples by the Lake

Take Home Point:
Even after mistakes, Jesus invites us to follow him.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Show me your paper-cutting trick. What happened in today's Bible Event? *(The paper loop was cut in half, but it wasn't separated. Peter denied Jesus, but after Jesus' resurrection, Peter wasn't "cut off." Jesus' love just got bigger.)*

Select questions and adapt for your family.

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FOR STARTERS: Ask family members to think of a time when they said they would do something for someone else, but somehow ended up not doing it. Let each share their story. After discussion, you might use this option: show a suitcase packed with one of the kid's clothes as if they would be asked to move out after making a mistake. Then discuss how ridiculous this would be. Even after mistakes, children are still loved and accepted by good parents. So it is with Jesus. He still invites us to follow him after we make mistakes.

READ THE BIBLE: John 21:1-25

KEY VERSE: Romans 5:8, *"Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Why do you think Peter returned to his fishing business? *(Maybe he felt disqualified to be in the disciple-making business.)* How long had Peter and the other disciples fished and caught nothing? *(John 21:3. All night.)* What did Jesus, standing on the shore, tell them to do to catch fish? *(John 21:6. Throw the net out on the right side of the boat.)* What happened when they did this? *(They had so many fish in their net they were unable to pull it in.)* What can we learn from this about trying to fish for men? *(When we try on our own and are unsuccessful, we should listen to Jesus and do it his way. Then we will be successful beyond imagination.)* Why do you think the disciples didn't recognize Jesus until after they caught the fish? *(Jesus wasn't constantly with them after he rose from the dead. This was only the third time he had appeared to them after his resurrection (John 21:14), and they probably weren't expecting him. They recognized him then because the same thing happened when he first called them to be his disciples as found in Luke 5:1-11.)* What crazy thing did Peter do when he realized it was Jesus on the shore? *(John 21:7. He jumped in the water and swam to shore.)* Why do you think he did this? *(He was so eager to be with Jesus and couldn't wait.)* Why did Jesus ask three times the same question of Peter, "Do you love me?" *(Peter had denied Jesus three times, so Jesus gave him complete assurance he was forgiven.)* Why do you think Peter felt sad that Jesus had asked him this question three times? *(Maybe it reminded him of the three times he denied Jesus. Maybe he wondered if Jesus really trusted him now.)*

What did Jesus do and say that let Peter know Jesus still wanted Peter to be a fisher of men? *(Jesus did the same miracle of filling the net with fish the first time he called Peter to be a disciple. Jesus asked Peter three times to feed his lambs and take care of his sheep, Jesus' followers. Jesus told Peter again in John 21:22, "...Follow me!")*

PRAYER POWER: Encourage family members to pray for any failures or burdens and give them to God. Thank God for the power that raised Jesus from the dead to claim victory in these areas.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Think of how your family this week can do one thing that would help "feed Jesus' lambs." In other words, how can you share God's word with others in your home, neighborhood, workplace, school or church?

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