

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Knows Me

Part of The Big God Story

John 21

Breakfast for Peter

JUST FOR FUN

This week when you're enjoying breakfast as a family, ask your children to share a time they may have been scared to tell the truth. Assure them we all make mistakes, and Jesus knows us and loves us regardless of our faults. After your children have finished eating, tell them you're going to read from The Big God Story about a time when Jesus had breakfast with His disciples. Then **read John 21**. Share how Jesus loved Peter no matter what.

Did You Know?

- Peter was a trusted follower and intimate friend of Jesus. Even though he knew the truth about who Jesus was and why He came, in the hours that led up to Christ's crucifixion Peter publicly denied Jesus three times.

- In the final chapter of John, Jesus questioned Peter and his love for Him. Three times Jesus asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Each time, Peter answered with an appeal to Jesus' ability to search people's hearts and know their natures: "Lord, You know I love You."

- Jesus knew Peter loved Him and that he would go on to be one of the greatest pastors of the church. He knew everything about Peter—his pride, his failures, his sin—and still Jesus loved him and called him for a special purpose.

Remember Verse

The Lord is near to all
who call on him, to all
who call on him in truth.
Psalm 145:18

At this age, you can start expecting more of your child. People, preschoolers included, have a tendency to live up or down to expectations. So raise the bar a little higher, and encourage her to stretch to meet it.

Teachable Moments

After reading John 21, discuss the following together:

- What would you think if you saw Jesus standing on the shore making breakfast for you?
- What would you talk to Jesus about?
- What would you say or do to let Jesus know that you love Him?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you have a deep understanding that God knows you completely. May you know that God delights in you, and He will always love you.