Two disciples followed Jesus as the soldiers took Him to the high priest. One disciple knew the high priest and went inside. He spoke to a servant who allowed Peter inside the courtyard. The servant girl asked if Peter was one of Jesus’ disciples. Peter lied. He said, “No, I’m not.” Peter joined the other people standing around a fire. They asked him, “Aren’t you one of this man’s disciples?” Peter lied again, saying, “I am not!” One man who had seen Peter in the garden when Jesus was arrested asked, “Didn’t I see you in the garden with Jesus?” As soon as Peter denied knowing Jesus a third time, the rooster crowed. Later, after Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead, Jesus met with Peter. Jesus showed Peter that He still loved him. — based on John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-17

**The Point: God will forgive me if I ask Him.**

Think of the last time a friend said or did something hurtful to you. Even remembering a moment like that can bring back sad feelings. It’s hard to show love to those who have hurt us, even if they didn’t mean to do it. Sometimes when I think of how I’ve denied knowing Jesus in my life, I feel like He couldn’t possibly love me. The Bible tells us that just like Jesus loved and forgave Peter, He loves and forgives us, too! Even when we make mistakes or disobey, Jesus is there to forgive us, calling us to repent and turn back to Him, and covering our sin with His impossible love. God will forgive me if I ask Him.

**Prayer**

Dear God, Thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your love for me that covers all my sin. You are a great God, and You are bigger than my mistakes. Help me to follow Your truth. Amen.

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**Activity:**

Grab sidewalk chalk and go outside to your driveway/sidewalk. Draw a big heart and write the word sin in the middle of the heart. Then take a bucket of water and pour it over the heart. The sins were washed away! Remind your kids that God forgives our sins! Use a dry erase board to modify this activity if needed.