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Peter could have said no. He could’ve stayed in the boat. But he didn’t. He dropped everything and followed Jesus. He trusted God with his whole life, even when it didn’t make sense. What about you? Will you follow Jesus even when you don’t understand everything?

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But when you remember that Jesus is with you, no storm can shake you. Peter walked on water because his eyes were on Jesus.

Look at these two waves. Inside one wave, write or draw something that makes you feel afraid or worried. Inside another wave, write or draw a truth you know about Jesus

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Jesus didn't stay dead. Let that sink in. He is ALIVE, and that changes everything. Because of Jesus, you can be free from sin. You don't have to live stuck in your sin, your anger, your guilt, or even your fear. Jesus came to find what was lost, and that includes you.

You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to earn it. You just have to believe it. Romans 10:9 says it like this:

"Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved."

Jesus is alive, and He chose you. Take a minute to think or write: What does it mean to you that Jesus died and came back to life for you? What do you want to say to Him in response?

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Read John 21:15-17.

Peter thought his mistake ruined everything. He said he'd never turn away from Jesus, but when things got scary, that's exactly what he did. Peter denied Jesus three times. Talk about failure. He felt awful, ashamed, and far from God. But Jesus didn't leave Peter. He didn't push him away. Instead, He gave Peter a new chance, a new mission: to

love, lead, and keep following Him. Sometimes we do things we regret, too. We mess up, choose our way over God's, or hurt someone. But Jesus is ready to forgive. When we ask, He doesn't just clean the slate, He makes us new.

Even if there are consequences, Jesus walks with us and helps us grow. You are never too far gone for His love.

Find something old at home with a grown-up, like a scrap piece of paper or an empty box. Decorate it to make something new! Add color, stickers, drawings, or words about Jesus. As you create, remember: just like you're turning something old into something new, Jesus can do that in your life, too.

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On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and suddenly, they had boldness, understanding, and a new kind of power, the power of God! Peter stood up and told a huge crowd all about Jesus. And guess what? Thousands of people believed. The Holy Spirit didn't just help the disciples. He's for you, too. You can be filled with the Holy Spirit. He gives you strength when you feel weak, peace when you're afraid, and boldness to tell others about Jesus.

"Dear God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. Please fill me with Your power so I can live for You and share Your love with others. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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