

**“Follow Me!” • John 21**

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**Intro** • (For fun...) What’s your favorite breakfast when you are eating out? When you are home? When you are camping?

**John 21:1–7 • Peter Jumps In** (message with the kids)

**Vs 1–3** • Peter goes back to fishing—but he doesn’t catch anything.

**Discuss** • What is the lesson Jesus is trying to teach Peter by his “fish-less” efforts?

**Vs 4–6** • The stranger on the beach tells them to cast on the other side; they bring in a massive catch of fish.

**Vs 7a** • John tells Peter—“It’s Jesus!” | What happened to Peter a few weeks earlier? He denied Jesus three times! (Review)

What should we do when we’ve messed up or hurt someone or disobeyed?  
How long should we wait before apologizing? Peter shows us...

**Vs 7b–8** • Peter puts on his clothes and jumps out of the boat, to get to shore as quickly as possible. He forgets all about the fish!

*Fun possibility: Did Peter jump in the water with his clothes on because...?* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Vs 9–11** • So many interpretations of the 153 fish...!

**Vs 12–14** • Jesus cooks breakfast over a *charcoal fire!* This is for Peter’s sake: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Vs 15** • “Do you love me more than these?” Peter wisely refuses to claim to love Jesus more than his fellow disciples. He’s learned a lesson in humility!

Peter do you \_\_\_\_\_ me? Yes Lord, you know I \_\_\_\_\_ you!

Agape: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phileo: \_\_\_\_\_  
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“Tend my lambs” \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 16** • Jesus: *Do you agape me?* Peter: *You know I phileo you.*

“Shepherd my sheep” \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 17** • Jesus asks A THIRD TIME—but now Jesus ask, *Do you phileo me?*

And Jesus adds, “Tend my sheep” \_\_\_\_\_

Peter is GRIEVED by Jesus’ repeated questioning. But he should be THRILLED!

1 • Peter is getting the chance to undo his three denials! \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 • Jesus is commissioning Peter as a shepherd for His Flock \_\_\_\_\_  
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