

## Week 4 – Fish Breakfast

**Theme:** Peter is forgiven and reinstated by Jesus

### **Games:**

**Fan the fish:** Relay race – give each team a paper fish and a newspaper (fan). Children to fan fish to other end of room, then run back with fish and give both to next child. Finish when all children have had a go and are all sitting down with fish and fan at front of line.

**Breakfast search:** Hide pictures of breakfast items around the room (can be different coloured card for each team) {See resources}. Need to gather plate / bowl / spoon / knife / fork / cereal pack / fried egg / sausage / bacon / mushrooms. Winner is first team to assemble all ten items.

**Feed My Lambs:** Sit the children in pairs. Give each child a small biscuit. They then need to feed the other child with their biscuit.

**Introduction:** Ask the children to think of a time when they really let a friend down, whether accidentally or on purpose. Ask them what happened, how they felt afterwards and how long it took to repair their friendship. Ask them whether it was easy to repair the friendship. Could they say sorry? Why? What did they want their friend to do?

Explain that today we are going to look at the story of Peter and how he was put right with Jesus.

**Story:** Tell the story of the fish breakfast and Peter's reinstatement, based on John 21:1-17.

**Application:** Say that having a meal with people was a sign of friendship. Peter was Jesus friend, but he had denied knowing Him three times when Jesus was on trial. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him and to look after His sheep? Jesus had died, risen and was spending time with his friends again. How do you think Peter was feeling? (*He was probably pleased that Jesus was back with them, but feeling guilty.*) Jesus knew all this and wanted to help Peter be free from his guilt and shame. He could just have said that he was forgiven, but Peter needed the opportunity to say "I'm sorry. I'll do better next time". Jesus' words showed Peter (and also us) that he will forgive us and give us another chance if we say sorry and want to try again.

**Memory verse:** *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—"*

John 10: verse 14

Copy the sheep in resources. Gradually cover the words with cotton wool as the children repeat it.

**Prayer:** Tell the children to imagine that God is in the centre of the room, and ask them to stand in the middle. Ask for a suggestion of wrong things we do. Say that our wrong things separate us from God. Get more suggestions and explain that for each thing we should take a step backwards towards the walls. Say that although these wrong things separate us from God, He is always ready to forgive us and welcome us back. Ask them to say sorry silently for wrong things they may have done and to step back to the middle to show that God welcomes them back.

**Song:** I Just Wanna Be a Sheep      Words and Music by Brian M. Howard

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(See resources for lyrics)

**Resources :** *Funsheet; memory verse sheep; breakfast search items; song lyrics*

Chorus

*I just wanna be a sheep  
Baa, baa, baa, baa  
I just wanna be a sheep  
Baa, baa, baa, baa  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep  
I just wanna be a sheep  
Baa, baa, baa, baa,*

Don't wanna be a goat...nope  
Don't wanna be a goat...nope  
Haven't got any hope...nope  
Don't wanna be a goat...nope

*Chorus*

Don't wanna be a hypocrite  
Don't wanna be a hypocrite  
'Cause they're not hip to it  
Don't wanna be a hypocrite

*Chorus*

Don't wanna be a Pharisee  
Don't wanna be a Pharisee  
'Cause they're not fair you see  
Don't wanna be a Pharisee

*Chorus*

Don't wanna be a Sadducee  
Don't wanna be a Sadducee  
'Cause they're so sad you see  
Don't wanna be a Sadducee

*Chorus*

Just wanna be a child of God  
Just wanna be a child of God  
Walkin' the same path He trod  
Just wanna be a child of God

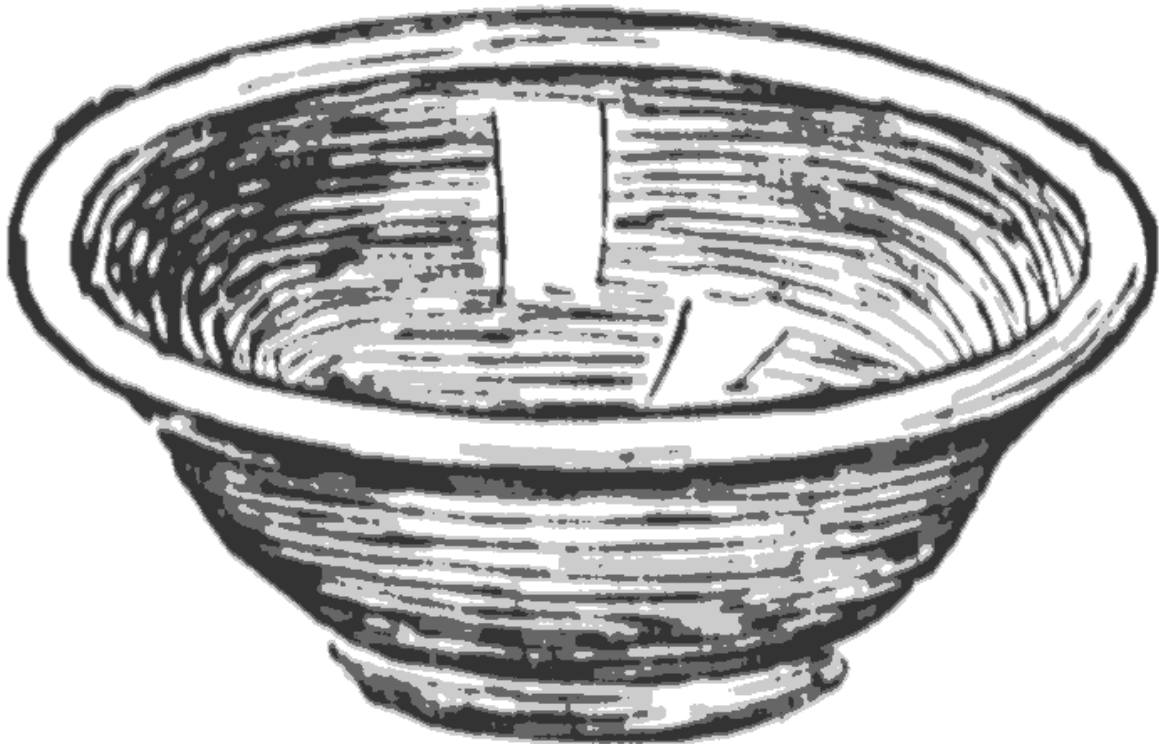
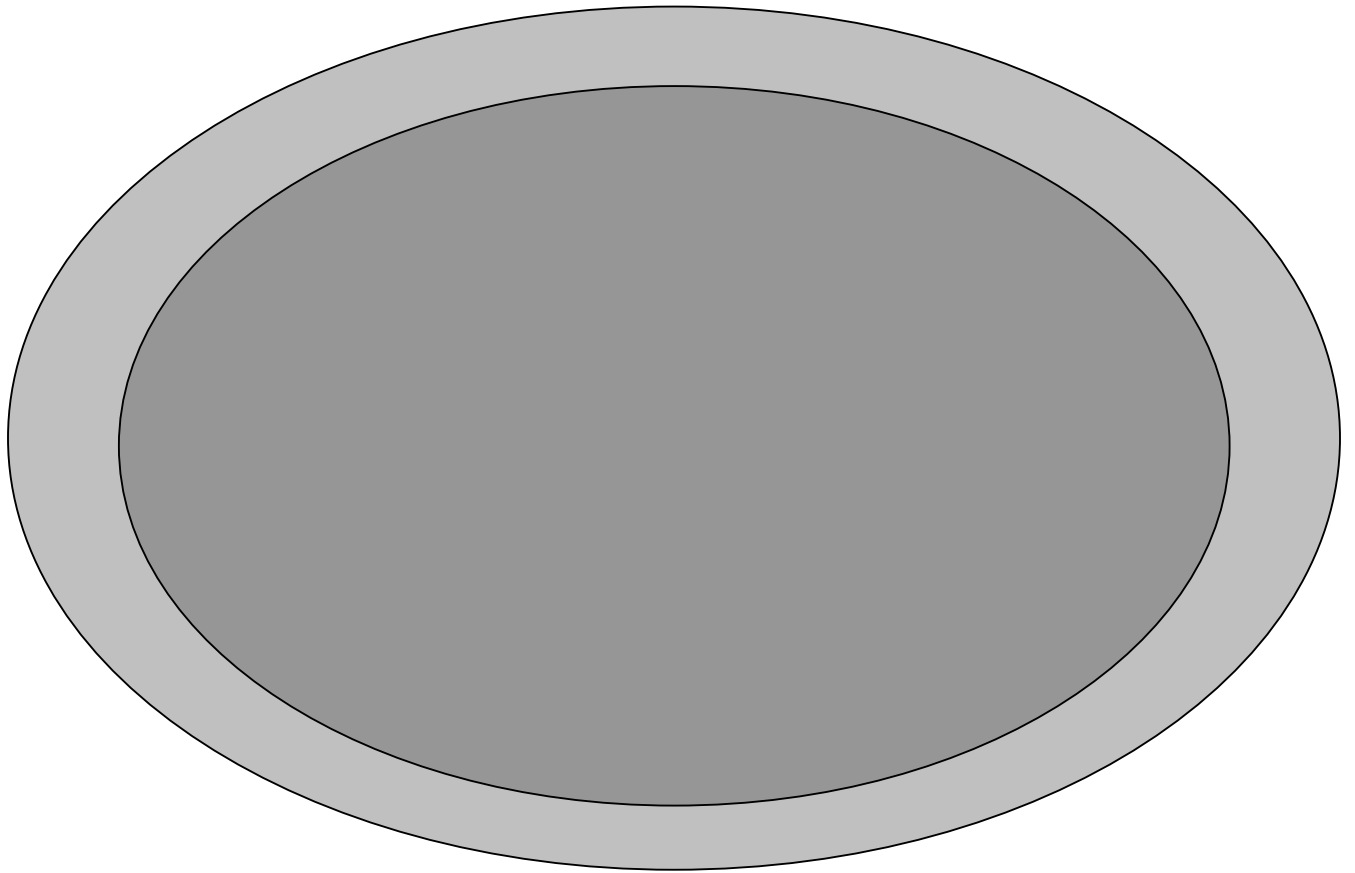
*Chorus*



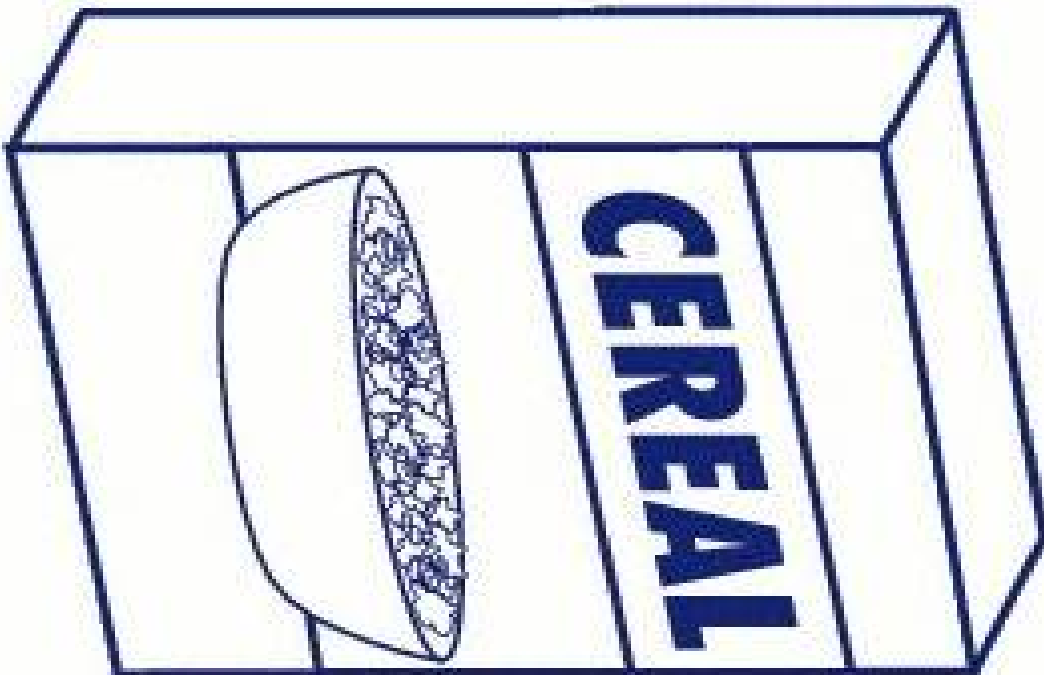
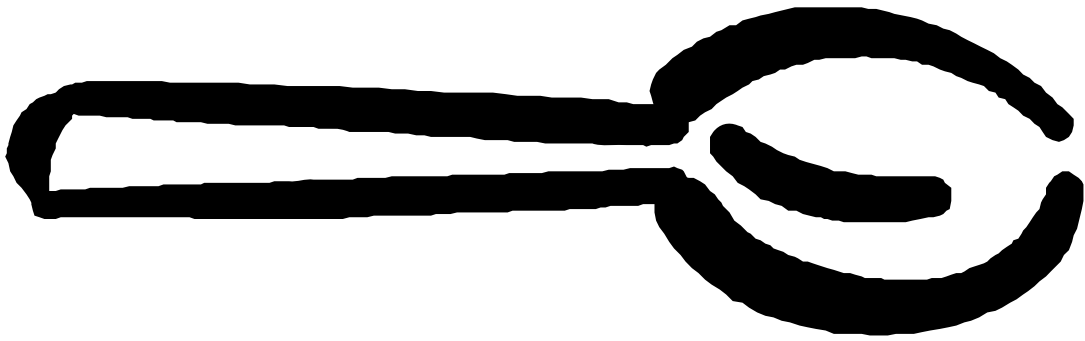
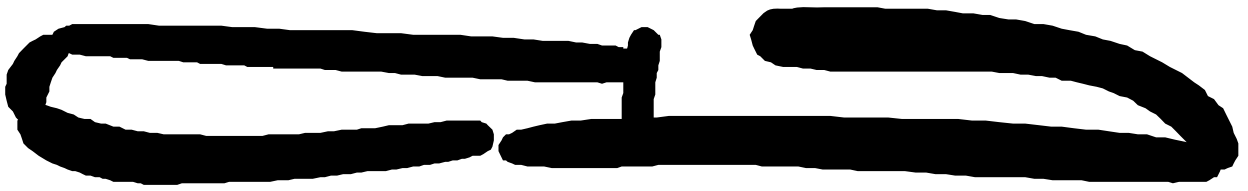
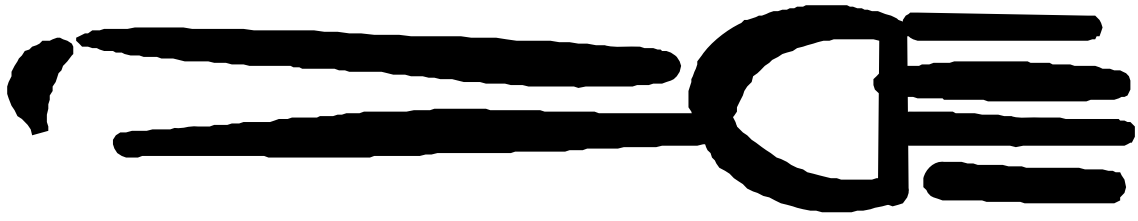
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**John 10v14**

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