



# FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

**Week of March 20, 2022: John 18:12-27**

## Memory Verse

**John 18:27:** *"Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow." (NIV)*

## A Time to Pray:

**A Prayer for the Day:** God, help us to be better friends. Help us to see Jesus as a friend who loves us. Amen.

## A Bedtime Prayer:

Drip, drip, winter to Spring  
New adventures tomorrow bring  
God let me rest, long and deep  
And watch over me as I sleep

## A Dinner/ MN Foodshare Month Prayer:

*(consider getting some donations to STEP and placing them on your dinner table one night)*  
Great and glorious Lord, thank you for food on our tables, in our cupboards, and in our bellies. We set aside these gifts for those in need. Help us to feed your children. Amen.

## The Story: New Life for Dry Bones

Have you ever been let down by a friend? They said they would do something and they forgot. They said they would meet you but they did not show up. This is what happened to Jesus. Peter said to Jesus that he would always be his friend but then when things got tough, Peter said he did not know Jesus. Even though he lied about knowing Jesus, Peter is forgiven. Later, Jesus said that Peter was the rock that the church would be built on. They stayed friends.

When Jesus was with his disciples in the upper room, he said to them: 'All of you will abandon me tonight.' Peter said: 'Not I! Even if all the others leave you, I will never leave you.' But Jesus told Peter: 'Before a rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me.'



When the soldiers took Jesus to the house of Caiaphas, most of the apostles fled. But two of them followed in the crowd. One of them was Peter. He went into the

## Activity:

### Messy (all ages)

Sin makes us messy people. But no matter how messy or broken we are, God takes our mess and makes a beautiful picture. With Jesus as our Savior, we never have to be ashamed!

Gather paper scraps, glue, and construction paper. Use these messy scraps of paper to make a beautiful picture. Hang this picture in your room or on your fridge to remind you of how God can use us messy people for God's purpose and glory.

### True or False Questions for Kids:

Talk to your kids about telling the truth, even in difficult situations. For school age kids, find websites that have fun trivia kinds of questions that are true or false. You could make a game out of trying to guess the correct answer.



courtyard of the house of Caiaphas and warmed himself by the fire. In the light, a servant girl saw Peter's face and said: 'I know you! You were with Jesus!'

Peter said: 'No, I wasn't! I don't know what you're talking about!' He headed toward the gate. But soon another servant girl saw him and told the crowd: 'This man was with Jesus!' Peter said: 'I don't even know Jesus!' A man said: 'You are one of the disciples! I saw you with Jesus. But Peter swore: 'I don't know him!'

At that moment, a rooster crowed. And he remembered what Jesus had said. He felt very sad and cried. He knew he had not been a good friend to Jesus.

Questions: What does it mean to be a friend? How can we be better friends?

### Minnesota FoodShare Month & Your Kids:

March is Minnesota Food Share Month, which is a statewide effort to support local Food shelves. We are supporting STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program), and they need breakfast foods. And, hey, kids love breakfast! Consider taking them to the grocery store this week to pick healthy cereals, peanut butter and jelly, and oatmeal to bring to church as part of our effort to support STEP. Also, note the dinner prayer in the left column on the first page, and consider talking with your kids about how many kids in our state and cities don't know when their next meal will come, and how we can help.



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