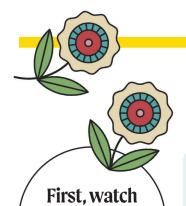
week of April 30, 2023

# Community Garden: Growing from the ground up

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



this week's

video!

Humility:
Putting others
first by giving up
what you think
you deserve

## **Memory Verse**

"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves." Philippians 2:3, NIrV

### **Bible Story**

Jesus Restores Peter John 21:1-19 (John 18:1-27)

#### **Key Question**

When is it hard to make things right?

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us have humility.



## **Activity**

**Those Hearts Dough** 

#### What You Need:

Play-Doh® (or modeling clay, slime, or actual dough; or, if you don't have any of those things, you could also complete the activity by drawing and then redrawing a heart)

### What You Do:

Invite your child to do an activity with you. Give them a small amount of Play-Doh. Tell them to form their dough into the shape of a heart.

As they're forming the heart, ask, "Before Jesus died on the cross, what did Peter do that he said he would never do? (He denied knowing Jesus, three times.) What do you think prompted Peter to do the very thing he said he'd never do? (He was afraid.) Before Peter saw Jesus alive again, how do you think he felt as he remembered that night?" (Embarrassed; sorry; guilty)

When your child has their dough in the shape of a heart, say, "If the Play-Doh could represent how Peter felt after Jesus died, what might it look like?" (Pause to let your child reshape the dough in whatever way they choose.)

Then ask, "When Peter saw Jesus alive again, what was the question Jesus asked Peter three times? ("Do you love me?") Then what did Jesus do?" (He gave Peter an important job; He asked Peter to take care of His followers.) Have your child reshape the dough into a perfectly shaped heart.

Say, "Sometimes it's hard to make things right with others. But Jesus showed us what that can look like. One way we can put others first is by making things right."

## Talk About the Bible Story

How have you made things right with someone after you've done something you regret?

When is it hard to make things right?

What are some things you can say or do to start making things right with someone?

What can you do when you're willing to make things right, but the other person isn't?

If you need help making things right with someone, who can you talk to?

Tell your child about a time when you made things right with someone. Maybe the person said something that wasn't kind, ignored you, or did something that hurt your feelings. Explain how God helped you reconcile with the person.

## **Prayer**

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for making things right with us by sending Jesus. Thank You for making a way for us to be in a forever friendship with You! Please show us how to be humble. Give us the courage to take the first step and make things right with those we have hurt, or those who have hurt us. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen."