

# Preschool Story 2

**Peter – in the courtyard, at the empty tomb, on the beach**

**(John 21.1-17, 18.12-27)**

## **Busted!**

*Before you begin this story, explain that this story is called "Busted!" Say something like: "The word busted happens lots of times. Each time the word busted happens, we will all waggle our fingers at each other, as if we are telling someone they are "busted" – in trouble. Sometimes busted also means broken. So we'll listen out for that one as well."*

Peter is a follower, a follower of Jesus

He's been following and listening and watching and learning.

As Peter follows Jesus, he discovers God's good ways to live.

Peter followed Jesus through a storm

And Jesus busted the storm – and the storm was still.

Peter followed Jesus and met a man born blind

And Jesus busted his blindness and the blamers who bullied him

and the man could see that Jesus was from God.

Peter followed Jesus into a strange part of the country

And Jesus busted the bad rules that said

"Nice people don't talk to weird people"

"Boys don't talk to girls"

"People from one country don't talk to people from another country"

And he especially busted the big bad rule

"People can't talk to God unless their perfect".

Peter followed Jesus into a garden where soldiers came with swords and clubs .

Jesus got busted for being good, and Peter ran away.

Peter followed Jesus, hiding in the shadows, pretending not to know Jesus, afraid that he'd get busted too.

Jesus was killed, and put in a grave. A night and a day and a night passed.

On the third day, Peter went to the grave – and saw that it was busted open.

Where was Jesus?

Jesus found Peter later on a beach.

“How’s your fishing?” asked Jesus

“Pretty Busted” said Peter.

Try the other side of the boat suggests Jesus.

Sounds crazy, but one more time, Peter follows Jesus way.

And you know, there were so many fish that the nets ...busted!!!

Peter is excited to see Jesus but he knows that their friendship is busted.

He let Jesus down. Pretended not to know him. Ran away when he was in trouble.

But Jesus is a friend who can bust anything bad.

“Peter, are we friends? Are we buddies? Are we unbusted?”

He keeps on asking Peter time and time again.

And Jesus asks us to be his friends too,

over and over again,

no matter how busted we are,

no matter how many things we bust,

Jesus busts storms and bad rules and blindness and blamers.