



## Jesus Forgives Peter for Lying

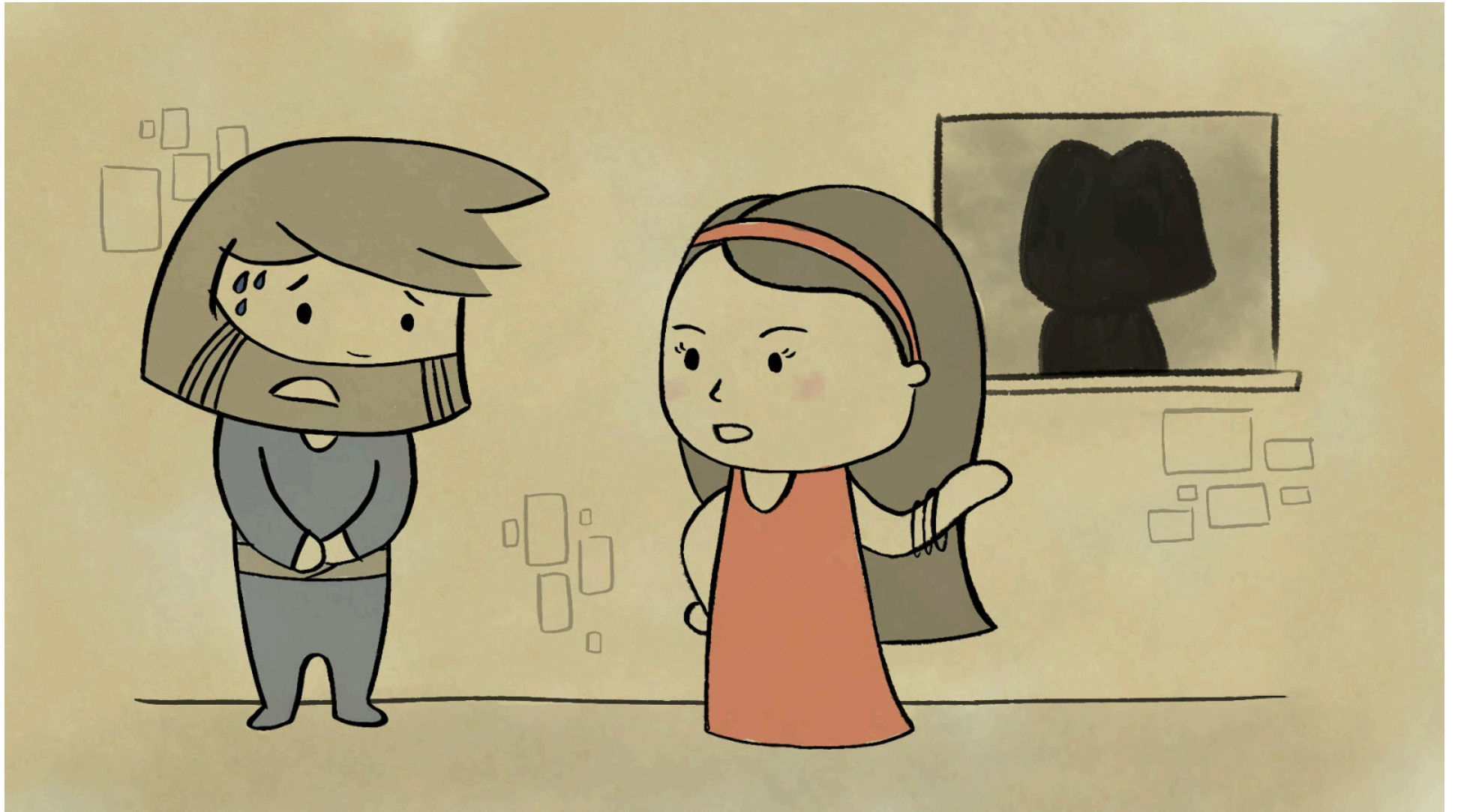
John 18:15-18, 18:25-27, 21:15-17

(Point to Peter, wearing blue)

***This is Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends. They were together all of the time.***

***When Jesus was arrested and taken to another town, Peter followed close behind Him.***

***Let's all pretend to walk quickly like Peter did while he was following Jesus. (Everyone will move their arms as if they are walking quickly)***



***When they got to the place where they were holding Jesus, a servant girl asked Peter, “Are you one of Jesus’ disciples?”***

***Friends, was Peter one of Jesus’ disciples, or friends? (Yes) You’re right! Peter was a disciple. He was friends with Jesus.***

***Peter told the servant girl that he didn’t even know Jesus! Did Peter tell the truth or did he lie? (He lied)***

***Peter was scared to tell the truth because he thought people would be mean to him and hurt him, just like they did to Jesus.***



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***Everyone hold up one finger.*** (Everyone will hold up one finger)

***Peter didn't lie about knowing Jesus just one time.*** (Hold up one finger)

***Now, hold up three fingers.*** (Everyone will hold up three fingers)

***Peter lied about knowing Jesus three (show three fingers) times!***

(Point to Peter) ***Does Peter look happy or sad?*** (Sad)

***Yes, Peter was sad, because he knew that what he had done was wrong.***





***After Jesus died and came back to life, He visited Peter.***

***Show me a scared face.*** (Everyone will make scared faces)

***Peter was scared that Jesus would be mad at him for lying. But Jesus forgave him!***

***Lies can hurt others and get us in more trouble! Even if it feels scary, telling the truth is always the right thing to do!***

***Let me hear you say this after me:*** (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

***I Can*** (thumbs to chest)

***Tell*** (cup hands around mouth)

***The Truth*** (two thumbs up)