

LOVE DOES: *for kids*

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR
A FAMILY BOOK STUDY ►

SESSION TWO:

Chapter One: "Mistakes"

Begin your family time by creating a sacred space. Then, as a family, take a moment to read "Mistakes." Also read John 21:15-19 in your Bible. After some conversation with one another, pray with one another. As you end your time together, bless one another, "You are blessed to be a blessing."

HEAR THE STORY

Grab your Spark Bible and read John 21:15-19. Peter is one of Jesus's disciples. In this story Jesus asks Peter a question three different times. What was the question he asked? How would you have responded if Jesus asked you the question?

We can all be like the disciple, Peter, in the story. We can care for one another and help one another to follow God.

TALK ABOUT THE STORY

In our bible reading today from John's gospel, Jesus said to Peter, "feed my sheep" and take care of them.

Jesus wasn't talking about the kind of sheep that have wool and go bah bah bah. Who do you think these sheep were that he wanted Peter to look after?

Right! He was talking about his followers. They were people like you and me. If we are followers of Jesus we are part of that flock of sheep. Jesus wanted Peter to help care for them.

"MISTAKES"

Use some of the following questions during your sacred family time, or at dinner to begin conversations.

What do you think about Bob's story about making mistakes?

Tell about a time that you made a mistake? What happened?

How did you experience God's Love during that mistake?



WRITE: MISTAKES ARE PROOF YOU'RE TRYING!

Chocolate Chip Cookies, Ice Cream Cones, Play-Doh and Silly Putty?! Did you know these were all invented by mistake? If we embrace them, mistakes can actually have valuable outcomes- use this opportunity to let your kids think about some of their "mistakes" and the positive learnings that resulted. [learn more >](#)

MAKE: ART REPAIR SHOP

Sometimes, all it takes is putting a fun twist on things to create a new perspective, so why not try your hand at an "art repair shop" for a day? Prep your space with various pieces of paper with "mistakes," it could be blobs of paint, rips, pieces of tape stuck in weird places, holes, etc. and have your kids turn something otherwise seen as an "OOPS!" into something beautiful!



DISCUSS: WHAT TO DO WHEN I MAKE A MISTAKE

Turn the idea of mistakes or failures into a positive by providing language to use to help to learn and grow from them. [learn more >](#)

READ: THE GIRL WHO NEVER MADE MISTAKES

Beatrice has NEVER (not once!) made a mistake. But one day, the inevitable happens, and in the end, readers (and perfectionists) will realize that life is more fun when you enjoy everything—even the mistakes.



CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION

READ:

chapter 7: "Wedding Cake"

DISCUSS:

Who is someone who has been there for you or helped you when you have made a mistake? Take a moment to make a card or draw a picture, and mail it to them.

READ:

chapter 38: "Quitter"

DISCUSS:

Have you ever quit something? Why did you give it up? Take a moment to think about what you quit and did it give you more time for something you love?