

## WILD ZONE

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## CRAYFISH

"Do you know what Kaikoura means?" Uncle Maui asked Torrance and Cooper. "It means eat crayfish."

That's what they went to Kaikoura to do. But first they had to catch one. They borrowed a crayfish pot, a rope, some bait and a boat. The pot was a big flat-bottomed basket with a hole at the top. It curled inwards so the crayfish could go in but not get out. The bait was the head of a kingfish inside the pot.

They rowed out to a buoy, tied the rope to it and lowered the pot into the sea. The next day they rowed back and hauled it up. They were very excited to find three crayfish in it. Two were too small, so they let them go. One was big enough to eat and it was delicious.

"Kaikoura at Kaikoura," Uncle Maui said as they shared it together. Then Uncle Maui told them another Bible story about Peter, the fisherman.



Seawater  
red crayfish

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## A GOOD TIME AND A BAD ONE

"You are the Messiah, the great leader God has promised to send us," Peter replied.

"Good on you!" Jesus said. "God's Holy Spirit told you that."

Peter was very pleased to be praised. He smiled. He really loved following Jesus. It was a good time for him.

Jesus and his friends were in a country place. Jesus knew he would have to walk the long journey to Jerusalem. He had to die there on the cross and come back to life three days later.

On the way Peter became proud. He quarrelled with the others. Jesus kept on warning them about what would happen to him. None of them listened so they weren't ready. In Jerusalem the enemies of Jesus planned to arrest and kill him. One night Jesus and his friends had a meal together.

Jesus said: "Peter, tonight before the rooster crows in the morning, you will say three times that you never even knew me."

"I will never say anything like that," Peter boasted. "I will always be loyal to you. I would die with you."

Later that evening the enemies came and arrested Jesus. At first Peter tried to fight but then he ran away with the others.

Then Peter and another friend of Jesus turned around and went back to see what was happening. Jesus was inside a house, on trial. Outside there was a courtyard with a fire

burning. The soldiers who arrested Jesus were warming themselves around the fire.

A woman was in charge of the gate. As they went in she said: "You're one of Jesus' friends, aren't you?"

"No, I'm not," said Peter. He was afraid he would be arrested too.

Peter went over to join the men at the fire. The woman spoke to the men about Peter.

"I saw you with Jesus when he was arrested. You're one of his friends," a man said.

"No, I'm not," Peter replied.

But they noticed his accent was the same as Jesus'.

"You're from Galilee, too. You are one of his followers," another man said.

"I swear that I'm not and I don't even know the man you're talking about," Peter said.

Just then a rooster crowed and Peter remembered what Jesus had said.

The next day Jesus died nailed to a cross. Peter didn't have a chance to say sorry to Jesus for letting him down so badly. It was a very bad time for him.

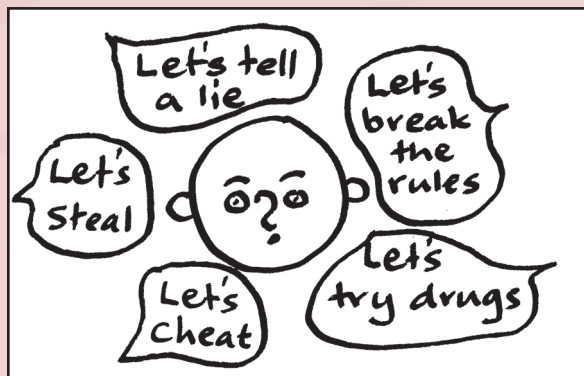
Read the story for yourself from the Bible in Mark 8: 27 – 30; 9: 30 – 35; 14: 27 – 31, 66 – 72.



# WHEN OTHER KIDS PRESSURE YOU

When Peter was warming himself by the fire he was under pressure from other people. It made him say some things he never really wanted to.

Other kids can put pressure on you to do bad things. Here are some things they can say:



What will you do? Tick (✓) the boxes for what you will do. Put a cross (X) in the boxes for what you won't do.

- ☐ Be strong and say "No"
- ☐ Leave them and go away to play with others.
- ☐ Pray silently to God to help you do what is right.
- ☐ Go along with what they say
- ☐ Tell your Mum, Dad or an adult you trust.

## WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY?

## A VERSE TO LEARN

Can you decode this Bible verse?

THE CODE:

1 = D, 2 = E, 3 = G, 4 = I, 5 = N, 6 = O, 7 = S, 8 = T, 9 = W.

The other letters are not changed.

THE VERSE:

9 H 2 5    7 4 5 5 2 R 7    8 2 M P 8  
Y 6 U,    1 6 5 8    3 4 V 2    4 5.

To check your answer look up Proverbs 1:10 in a Good News Bible. Learn the verse by heart.

## FISHING FOR FACTS

Did you find out how many legs fresh-water crayfish, sometimes called crawlies, have? As this picture shows, the answer is 8. But sea-water crayfish have 10. See the other picture.

Next month Uncle Maui will take Torrance and Cooper fishing for flounder or flat fish. What is the Maori name for flounder? Where are their eyes?



Fresh water crayfish 'crawlie'

Here's a quiz about some of the things that happened during Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Look up the references to find the answers or to check your ones.

1. Who walked ahead of the others (Mark 10:32)?
2. What were Jesus' disciples arguing about (Mark 9:34)?
3. What did Jesus say would happen three days after he died (Mark 9:31)?
4. In Jericho a man called Bartimaeus shouted to Jesus for help. What was wrong with him (Mark 10:46 - 47)?
5. What animal did Jesus ride to enter Jerusalem (Mark 11: 7)?

## A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, when other kids put pressure on me to do something wrong, please help me to stand up for you and only do what is right. Amen.

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