OBJECT LESSON

Items needed:
A raw egg
A table

Begin by showing the egg to the kids.

I brought an egg with me this morning. This isn’t a plastic egg, and it’s not a rotten egg. It’s a fresh, raw egg, straight from the fridge. What sort of things could we do with this egg? What things can we make?

Take a number of answers from the kids.

There’s a lot we can do with this fresh egg, isn’t there? From pasta to cake to breakfast, to - oops!

Drop the egg on the table - hard enough to break it.

Uh oh. We have a problem. The egg is broken. The shell is cracked, and the white and yolk are mixing with the shell. How many of you want to use this egg in your cake or pancakes now? Once an egg’s broken, there’s little you can do except wipe it up and get a new one. There’s no way to fix a broken egg. Once it’s cracked, it’s never going to be whole again.

Isn’t it good to know that’s not true with us? We can be broken by sin and by circumstances. We can be shattered and spilled out worse than this egg. But we can never be too broken for Jesus to heal us. Jesus healed Peter. He forgave him, and he made him new. No matter how bad you mess up, no matter how broken you may become, God can heal and make you new as well.

Thank God for his love. Thank God for his awesome healing power. Thank God that he continually makes us new!
DISCUSSION

Break the ice. Classroom Discussion

1. How many of you made a little mistake this week?

2. Would anyone like to share how you messed up? What did you do, and what were the consequences?

3. Have any of you ever messed up big and done something you shouldn’t have that got you in big trouble?

SAY: We all make mistakes. Some are big. Some are small. Big or small, all mistakes stay with us, and they can break us. But God has good news for broken hearts - he can heal us!

Study the story. Start home discussion

Read Luke 22:54-62

4. What did the people in the courtyard accuse Peter of?

5. What did Peter say in response?

6. What happened after the third denial?

7. How do you think Peter felt at that moment?

SAY: Earlier that night over dinner, Peter had promised Jesus he would never leave his side. But look what happens the second Jesus is arrested. Peter does exactly what Jesus said he would - he denied Jesus. Peter was completely broken, and like the other disciples, he ran into hiding.
8. What are some things we do to hurt God and others that make us want to run and hide?

9. Can you think of other ways that we as humans can be broken?

**SAY:** When you break an egg, there’s no way to fix it. But when a person gets broken, there is someone who can fix us - the God who made us and sent his son to die for us.

10. How do you think Peter felt after he heard Jesus rose from the dead?

Read John 21:15-17

11. What does Jesus ask Peter?

12. What is Jesus really saying when he says, “Feed my sheep”?

**SAY:** Jesus was giving Peter the forgiveness he needed. His death on the cross allowed him to forgive Peter’s denial and every other sin he had committed. It means he can forgive our sins as well.

**Live it out.**

13. Are there broken parts of your life right now? You don’t have to say them aloud; just think about them.

14. How can we be made new like Peter?

15. What are some steps you are going to take this week to invite Jesus to fix your broken pieces?
Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing love. Please take the broken pieces in our lives and make them whole. We know that only you can make us new. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for our sins.

In Jesus’s name,
Amen