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4. What does this story teach about preaching Christ?
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6. Do you think Simon had genuine faith in Christ? Why or why not?
7. Recall how Peter sharply called Simon to repentance. Why is repentance important?
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