

Life of Christ

Peter tells a lie

Matthew 26:34; 69-75

Younger Verse

If we tell God our wrongs, He will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs. 1st John 1:9

Older Verse

If we tell God our wrongs, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs. 1st John 1:9

Lesson Goals

Learn about one of Jesus' friends who did not tell the truth
See the importance of being truthful and honest

Welcome Time

Have you ever trusted someone and thought he/she was a friend and then for some reason, that person betrayed you? That happened to Jesus. Listen and see what happened.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

At Easter time, we always remember how Jesus died and came back to life! We celebrate because He is alive! Many sad things happened when Jesus was on trial. Let's see what happened with one of His friends.

Peter, one of Jesus' friends, was outside waiting to see what was going to happen to Jesus. He was getting nervous. A servant girl noticed him.

She said, "Aren't you with Jesus?" Peter was afraid of being killed; so he lied and said that he never knew Jesus.

Later, another girl saw Peter and told others that he was with Jesus. Peter again denied everything.

Finally some people told Peter that they knew he was with Jesus because he had the same accent in his voice. Peter again swore that he did not know Jesus.

Just after he said this, a rooster crowed. Peter went outside and cried painfully because he remembered that Jesus told him that he would deny knowing Jesus 3 times. Jesus was right! Peter had lied about knowing his friend Jesus.

In Luke 22:61, the Bible says that Jesus turned and looked at Peter when the rooster crowed. Jesus was probably sad and disappointed that Peter lied and denied Him. However, there is good news! After Jesus came back to life, He was on a beach cooking fish for breakfast. Peter and his friends were in a boat on the lake. They had not caught anything all night. Jesus said hello but they did not recognize Him.

Suddenly He told them to throw their fishing nets out again. They did, and caught a huge amount of fish. One of the men realized that it was Jesus that was talking to them. Do you know who the first person was to swim to shore to see Jesus? It was PETER! Je-

Jesus forgave him for all the wrong sins that Peter had done. Peter loved Jesus and wanted Him to know how sorry he was and how he wanted to live for Jesus. Three times Peter told Jesus how much he loved Him. Jesus loved Peter right where he was.

Do you know what happened later? Peter stood up and told many people about Jesus. He was no longer scared of what people would do. He gladly and happily told people about Jesus!

In our story, we learned that Peter lied. When we lie, we sin. That means we have done something wrong. That makes God sad and it separates us from God because He is clean and pure. God cared about us so much that He made a plan for us to get back to Him and be together with Him. He knew there was only one way to clean up all the bad things we have done. He sent His Son to die for all the bad things we have done. Jesus died on a cross for us. He died for all the sins we have done. Why? Jesus did this so that we could go to Heaven. How? When we believe in Jesus and trust Him, He does an amazing thing. He erases all the bad things we have done. God does not remember them any more. We are clean and can be with God. All a person has to do is trust Jesus and ask Him to be with you forever. Jesus stays with you and helps you do right. If you sin again, you ask Jesus to forgive you for doing wrong and ask Him to clean up your mistake. He does! That's a real friend.

Learning Activities

Help the kids apply the lesson to their lives. Use object lessons or ideas to help them get the point and remember it!

Memory Verse Activities

Use the happy mouth puppet to help say the verse and memorize it. Draw lips with a red crayon or lipstick. Write the verse around it.

Prayer Time

Thank God that He answers our prayers and forgives our wrongs. Ask Him to help us be honest and truthful.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Enjoy snacks! Be sure to clean up and make the facility look squeaky clean!

Planning for August 25th
Wise and Foolish Builders
Matthew 7:24-29
How can I make a good decision?

Preschool Lesson
For
Peter and the Rooster

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Just after he said this, a rooster crowed. (Crow like a rooster) Peter went outside and cried painfully because he remembered that Jesus told him that he would deny knowing Jesus 3 times. Jesus was right! Peter had lied about knowing his friend Jesus.

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Let's ask God to help us be honest and to always tell the truth.

Hands-on Activities
For
Peter and the Rooster

Make the rooster paper puppet.

Play the honesty game.

Try the object lesson “Sin Smells.”

For understanding forgiveness, use the iodine experiment.

Give each person a piece of masking tape. Let them put the tape on the floor, carpet, counter, etc. Ask them what is on their tape. Obviously there will be lots of dirt and yucky stuff. Share how our wrongs look like dirt to God. Explain that God found a way to get rid of all the yucky things and make us clean. He sent Jesus! Jesus died for all the dirty things we have done. He did this so that if we believe in Him, He will clean out our hearts and take us to Heaven one day! (Another idea is to let the kids sweep the church and find all the dirt [it’s a good illustration and helps clean the church!]).

Serve totally white ice cream sundaes made with vanilla ice cream, marshmallow topping and other “white” things like bananas or white sprinkles. As the children eat, share how Jesus can forgive us and make us clean—as white as snow.