



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 17

The Cross: Peter Denies Jesus

Lesson Aim: To understand Peter's dilemma and to be ready to tell others we know Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best choice you have ever made?

GAME: Cross Puzzle

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 12:2-3.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD PETER DENIES KNOWING JESUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus prayed in the garden.

Today, we will hear how Peter reacted after Jesus was arrested and taken into Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story
Scripture Reference: Luke 22:54-62. Pray. Read.

THE WAY TELLING OTHERS WE KNOW JESUS

Why do you think Peter said he did not know Jesus? Peter may have been afraid he would be arrested or hurt if he admitted he was a follower of Jesus. How many times did Peter say he did not know Jesus? (Three.) What did Peter hear after the third time he said he did not know Jesus? (A rooster crowing.)

What did Peter remember when Jesus looked straight at him after the rooster crowed? (Jesus had said Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed.) Why do you think Peter cried? How would you feel if Jesus looked straight at you after you said you didn't know Him? Jesus knew Peter would deny knowing Him. Yet, Jesus still loved Peter and chose Peter to be a leader in

the church. If time allows, play the YES! I KNOW JESUS game located in GOT TIME segment of this lesson.

What other choice could Peter have made? (He could have admitted he was a follower of Jesus.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Throughout history, people have been given the choice to either be afraid or to trust God's plan. Let's see what King David said about this choice 1000 years before Peter denied knowing Jesus. Reveal Psalm 56:11. Read.

When God is with us, we do not need to be afraid. Have you ever been afraid or uncomfortable speaking up about knowing Jesus? If you ever feel worried or afraid to talk about Jesus, remember you can trust God to be with you and help you.

Some children who believe in Jesus may live in nations where they are not allowed to be followers of Jesus. We can pray God will protect them and help them grow in their faith. We can pray God will give those children wisdom to know when the timing is right to tell others about Jesus. Lead prayer for children in cultures that are hostile towards Christians.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "What Happened Next?" activity sheet
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Cross or crown of thorns
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Choices Snack

GAME: Yes! I Know Jesus

CRAFT: Reflection Poster

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW