

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 13  
Journey to the Cross:  
Jesus is Arrested/  
Peter Denies Jesus

Luke 22:31-34;47-71

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### Younger Verse

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*Psalm 103:12*

### Older Verse

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### 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.*

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Judas had decided that he would give up his friendship with Jesus for money. So he had an agreement with the religious leaders; he would show them where to find Jesus. Judas would let the soldiers know who Jesus was. He went up to Jesus and kissed him. (This was a common form of greeting someone, just like we shake hands.) Jesus asked Judas how he could betray Him with a kiss.

Meanwhile, the disciples were ready to fight. They got out their swords, and one of them cut off the ear of one of the guards! But Jesus told them not to fight. He reached up and put His hand over the man's ear, and it was healed!

Then Jesus looked at the religious leaders and said, "Am I a dangerous criminal, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? I have been with you every day in the Temple. You didn't arrest me then."

Then they arrested Jesus and led Him to the house of the high priest. Peter was following from far away. Some of the guards started a fire near the house, and Peter came up beside it to get warm. While he was standing there, a servant girl came up. She recognized Peter as one of the disciples. She said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!"

But Peter denied it, saying, "Woman, I don't even know the man!" A little later, someone else told Peter that he had to be one of the disciples. But Peter said, "No, I am not!"

Then about an hour later, someone else came up and said, "This has to be one of Jesus' followers, because he is also from Galilee." But again, Peter denied it, saying he didn't know what the man was talking about.

### Lesson Goals

**Learn that the religious leaders had Jesus arrested**

**Learn that Peter denied knowing Jesus three times**

**Understand that Jesus knew He would die on the cross**

Right after Peter said those words, he heard a rooster crow. At that moment, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Peter remembered what Jesus had told him the previous evening. Jesus had told Peter that he would deny knowing Him three times. But Peter had not believed Jesus. Jesus even told Peter that before the rooster crowed the next morning, he would deny Him three times. When Peter remembered Jesus' words and realized what he had done, he ran away and cried.

At dawn that morning, the religious leaders took Jesus before their high council. They asked Jesus if He was the Son of God. Jesus said, "You are right in saying that I am." The religious leaders asked what other proof they needed to kill Jesus. And they took Him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Jesus knew what was ahead of Him. He knew that He would be crucified. Yet He didn't try to stop the people. It was all part of God's plan to save us from our sins. We cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus can, because He became the perfect sacrifice—the Lamb of God. Through Him we can be forgiven and receive eternal life. Do you believe in Jesus? Why not accept His forgiveness and love today?

### Review Questions

1. Which disciple led the guards and religious leaders to Jesus? (Judas)
2. What did one of the disciples do to a guard, and what did Jesus do? (cut off his ear; Jesus healed the man's ear)
3. What did Peter do three times? (He denied that he knew Jesus.)
4. What did the religious leaders ask Jesus in front of the high council? (if He was the Son of God.)
5. How did Jesus answer them? (He said they were right in saying that He is.)

### Life Application

Peter made a terrible mistake—not once, not twice, but three times! This may have seemed like the end for Peter. But Jesus died for Peter's sins. And He rose again and appeared to Peter and the other disciples. Jesus let Peter know that he was forgiven.

Like Peter, we have all messed up—many times. You may feel like giving up. You may think you are a failure or that God could never love you. But there is hope! God loves you—no matter what you have done. You can be forgiven, just like Peter.

After Jesus went back to heaven, Peter became one of the leaders of the Christian church. He was bold for Christ. God had changed his heart from fearful to fearless. And He can do the same for you. You just have to ask Him to forgive you and commit your life to Him. His Holy Spirit will give you the words to tell people about Him.

Planning for Lesson 14  
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Luke 23

## Preschool Lesson for Jesus is Arrested/Peter Denies Jesus

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Even though Peter had really messed up, Jesus still loved him. Jesus died on the cross for Peter's sins—and ours. After Jesus rose from the dead, He let Peter know that He loved and forgave him. Peter had a second chance!

We have all messed up and done things that are wrong. Jesus wants us to know that He still loves us. He died for our sins. We need to ask Jesus to forgive us, and He will wash away the sins from our heart. Then we can have a second chance like Peter did!

*Sing "Jesus Loves Me." Talk about the second verse that says, "Jesus loves me when I'm bad, but it makes Him very sad." Tell kids that after Jesus forgives us, we can ask Him to help us not to do the same thing again.*



**Hands-on Activities  
for  
Jesus is Arrested/Peter Denies Jesus**

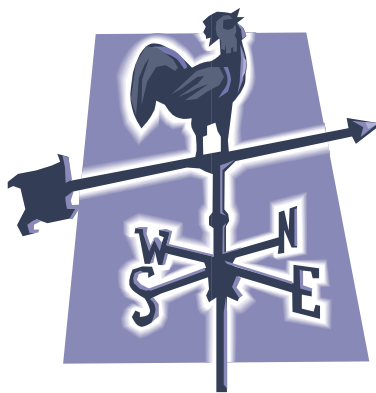
Look for rooster crafts and have the children make roosters. Remind them why Peter was sad when the rooster crowed.

Bring dominoes. Give the children free time to play with the pieces. Demonstrate how dominoes fall, creating a chain reaction. Let the children experiment with lining the dominoes up and knocking them down. Tie this activity into a discussion of how lying is wrong and can create bad chain reactions. Challenge the students to tell the truth.

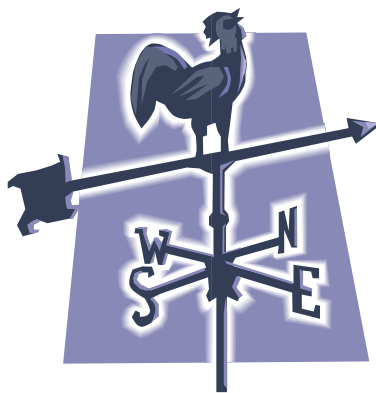
Before and after pictures: Have kids draw pictures of Peter crying. Discuss that Peter felt guilty about lying. Ask kids if they feel bad when they do something wrong. Talk about how we can ask God to forgive us, like Peter did. And God is faithful to forgive us! Then have the kids draw a picture of Peter after Jesus forgave him—he was happy!

Play the Casting Crowns song “East to West.” The chorus says that the distance between the east and the west is “from one scarred hand to the other.” Talk about the great love Jesus had for us to go to the cross so we can be forgiven.

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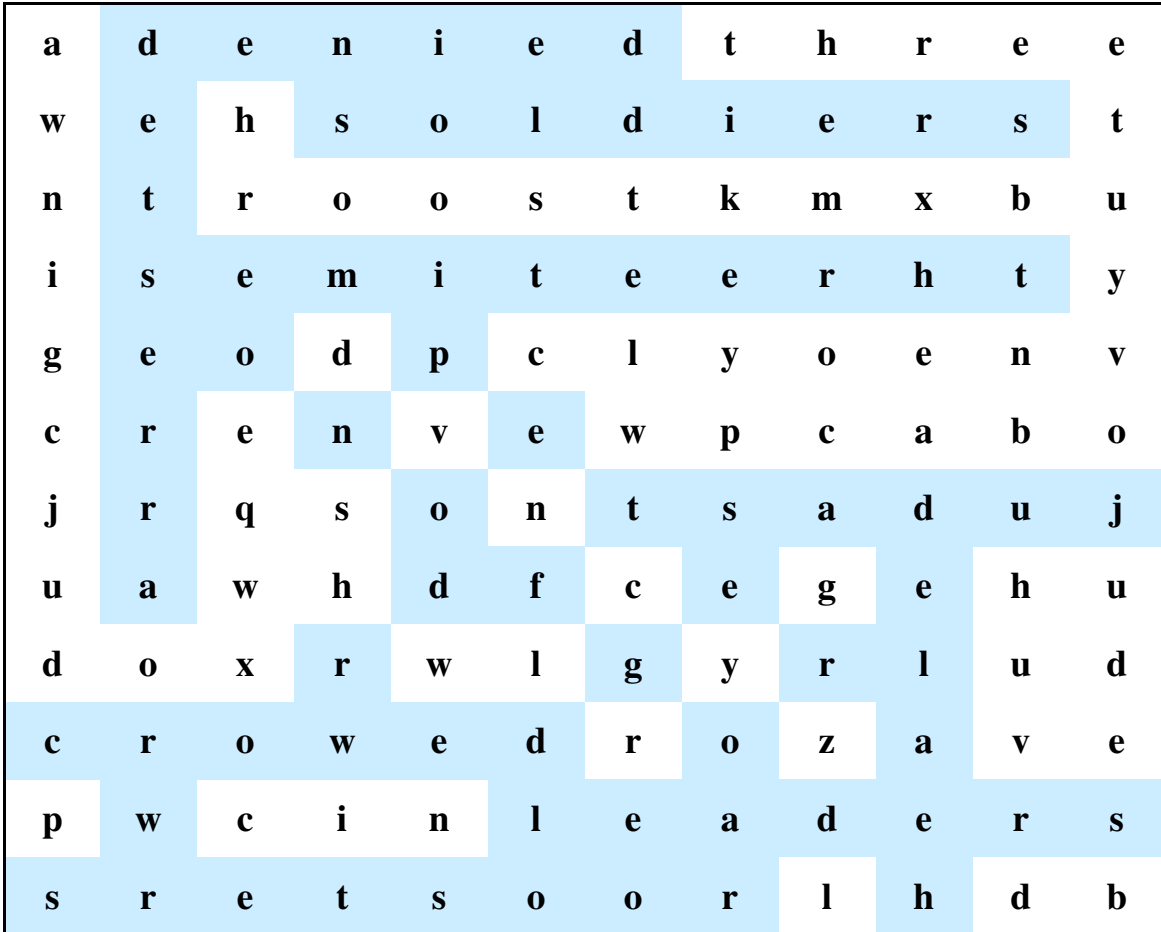
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*What happened after that?*

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