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LIFE OF JESUS

## Peter Denies Jesus

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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about Peter and a big mistake he made. Peter was one of Jesus' first disciples. He spent a lot of time traveling with Jesus. He watched him perform miracles and heard him teach amazing lessons to huge crowds of people. Jesus was one of Peter's best friends. But, Peter made a mistake and turned against Jesus. When Jesus was arrested by some mean Jewish leaders, Peter followed to where they took Jesus to find out what was happening. Some people saw Peter hanging around and asked him if he was one of Jesus' disciples. You would think Peter was proud to say, "Yes, he's my best friend!" But instead, Peter said he didn't even know Jesus! You might be wondering why Peter would deny knowing his best friend, well the reason is, he was scared. The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. They hated him and Peter was afraid that they would kill him, too. But, the story doesn't end here. When Jesus rose from the dead, he visited Peter and told him he forgave him for his mistake and gave him a second chance. Peter went on to be one of the key leaders in the early church.

**Big Idea**

*Even when we really mess up,  
Jesus gives us a second chance.*

**Key Question**

*How does Jesus give us second chances?*

**Memory Verse**

*1 Peter 1:3 "It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead."*

### Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What's the biggest mistake a doctor can make? How about a pilot? How about a zoo keeper?** (Tip: We all make mistakes, some are big and some are small. Hopefully, you can learn some good lessons through those mistakes. Peter made a big mistake and he learned about God's forgiveness.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He forgives, forgets and helps us to do it right the next time.** (The Bible says that when we tell Jesus we're sorry for our sins, he forgives us and he forgets. He doesn't hold it over our heads or remind us of all we've done wrong. He let's us off the hook. And, he'll give us other opportunities to do the right thing the next time.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** How does Jesus give us second chances? What have you learned from some of your mistakes? **4-5th:** Share a recent mistake you made. How will you do it differently next time?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [Isaiah 1:18](#). What does Jesus do with our sins? What do you think it means that we can be made white as wool?** (Answer: Jesus forgives our sins and makes us new and clean in his eyes. It's like when we get a new pair of shoes or a new toy. They are perfectly clean and nothing is broken. That's what Jesus does for us. He takes our broken hearts and heals them and makes them like new. )
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW JEOPARDY

### Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Ask a question from below. The first to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point. Team with the most points, wins.

### Questions:

1. Who was our lesson about today? (Peter)
2. What had happened to Jesus in the story? (arrested)
3. T or F: Peter didn't know Jesus well. (F)
4. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
5. From what book is our memory verse found? (see board)
6. T or F: Peter lied about knowing Jesus. (T)
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? (3)
8. Why did Jesus die for us? (pay for sins)
9. T or F: Jesus gave Peter a second chance. (T)
10. What does Peter go on to do in his life? (leader in the church, wrote books in the Bible)

**Supplies needed:** Bells or ringers

## OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW HANGMAN

### Instructions:

- Before class, draw a Hangman puzzle on the whiteboard. Using the phrases below, play a few games of hangman. See if the kids can guess the phrase before you draw a full man.
- If you have time, read the story of Peter's denial from [Luke 22: 54-62](#). Remind the kids that when we mess up, Jesus gives us second chances.

### Words or phrases:

Jesus was arrested.

Peter denies knowing Jesus

Jesus gives us second chances

**Supplies needed:** None

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**Key Points:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ was betrayed and arrested.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was being questioned right outside.
- Peter denied Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times!
- Even when we really \_\_\_\_\_ up, Jesus gives us a second \_\_\_\_\_.

**Memory Verse:**

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**Talk About It**

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What's the biggest mistake a doctor can make? How about a pilot? How about a zoo keeper?*
3. *What was Peter's big mistake?*
4. *Why do you think he lied about knowing Jesus?*
5. *Read Isaiah 1:18. What does Jesus do with our sins? What do you think it means that we can be made white as wool?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzles.

### Twelve Disciples Maze



### Big Idea

### Key Question

### Memory Verse

1 Peter 1: \_\_\_\_\_ "It is by \_\_\_\_\_  
 great \_\_\_\_\_ that we have  
 been born \_\_\_\_\_, because  
 God raised \_\_\_\_\_ Christ from  
 the dead."

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| FISH    | CLOAK     | WATER | FIRE      |

