

c|Life Preschool Online

Unit 8 Lesson 1: Jesus Forgives Me
Heartprint: I Am Made New With Jesus
Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20
April 5, 2020

Parents, here is the link to our video Large Group: <https://youtu.be/FmZ9Ziq-4T8>

Song: Hosanna Rock: <https://youtu.be/SxJZxJBekW4>

Activity: Bean Bag Toss

Items Needed:

- 3 Bean Bags
- Tub/bucket
- Painters tape (or a piece of paper/sticky note)

Instructions: Before beginning the game, put a tub/bucket in place for the bean bag toss. 10-15 feet in front of the bucket, use your painters tape (or whatever you have to use) to mark the line he/she can't cross while trying to toss the bean bags into the bucket. Stand your child behind the designated line. Give him/her three chances to get the bean bags in the bucket.

Connection Point: Jesus told Peter he would deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. We each get three turns to throw the bean bag into this bucket. Even though Jesus knew Peter would fail, and he did, Jesus still forgave Peter. Jesus forgave Peter three times. Whether we make it into the bucket or not, Jesus loves us and will forgive us...even when we miss the mark.

Craft: Paper Plate Rooster

Items Needed:

- Paper Plate (1 per child)
- Pencil to trace hands
- Crayons/Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Red construction paper (optional)

Instructions:

Trace your child's hand onto the top of a paper plate. If you have red construction paper available, use that to trace his/her hand. Draw two eyes, a beak and a wattle. Allow the children to color all the parts.



Connection Point: In our story, Jesus told Peter he would say he didn't know Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. (Crow like a rooster for fun and effect.) After that happened, Peter was very sad. Later, after Jesus came back to life, He forgave Peter. Peter failed three times, and Jesus forgave Peter three times. Jesus will also forgive us. This rooster will help us remember that even if we mess up, Jesus still loves us and will forgive us.

Bible Lesson: Jesus forgives me

Memory Verse: I live by faith in the Son of God. He loved me and saved me. Galatians 2:20 ICB

<https://youtu.be/ntpX4umwoYM>

This week's story taken is from 1 Peter 1:13-21(John 18:25-27; 21:15-19):

Have you ever heard a rooster crow? Let's all do it together! Cock-a-doodle-do!! One more time: Cock-a-doodle-do! In our story today, Peter is going to hear a rooster crow and it is going to remind him of Jesus' words to him.

What book is this? (The Bible) The Bible is God's word. The Bible is true. The Bible is right. Let's open our Bibles first to the book of John, then we will look in the book of 1 Peter.

Peter was a follower of Jesus. Peter loved Jesus. He said he would do anything for Jesus, even if it meant he would get hurt. Peter said he was not scared, but Jesus knew what was really going to happen. Jesus told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. Can you hold up 3 fingers? Good job!

One night the guards came and took Jesus away, just like Jesus said they would. There were lots of powerful people and guards with swords. They were going to take Jesus to the cross just like Jesus said they would. Peter was scared. Can I see your scared face? Peter watched the guards and powerful people be mean to Jesus while Peter was warming himself by a fire. Peter felt all alone because the people around him were not followers of Jesus, then someone noticed Peter. They said, "Aren't you one of Jesus' followers?" Peter did not want to be taken where Jesus was, he was scared he would get hurt too. Peter said, "No, I am not." Two more times someone looked at him and recognized Peter as someone who loved and followed Jesus. They asked him if he knew Jesus. All three times Peter said, "I do not know him." Just then the rooster crowed! Cock-a-doodle-do! Jesus knew Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed, and that is exactly what happened. Peter was sad. Let me see your sad face! Peter failed. Jesus went to the cross and died. Peter was sad that Jesus died, and he was sad that he said he didn't know Jesus.

Then one day while Peter and some others were fishing he saw someone on the shore. Peter knew it was Jesus! Jesus was alive! Peter jumped out of the boat and swam to Jesus. Jesus had a campfire going with fish. After they ate, Jesus asked Peter a question. He said, "Peter, do you love me more than these?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." Two more times Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. Two more times Peter told Jesus that he loved him. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Peter was happy even though he had failed Jesus. Jesus forgave Peter and gave Peter work to do.

After Jesus went back to heaven, Peter was not scared to tell people that he was the one who loved and followed Jesus. In fact, Peter spent the rest of his life telling everyone all about Jesus. Peter taught people that we must live like we are children of God. We must try to be holy like God. Peter taught new believers that before they were children of God they did not understand what we were supposed to do. But now that they are children of God they are to obey. God is our heavenly Father who saved us from a useless life. We were

bought with the blood of Jesus Christ, the pure and perfect lamb. He is so much greater than silver or gold. Remember how Jesus told Peter “love my sheep” and “feed my sheep”? Peter was doing that by telling others about Jesus.

Jesus wants us to know that He forgives us. Peter was sad when he failed. Remember when the rooster crowed? Cock a doodle doo! Peter had a sad face.

But Jesus loved Peter; Jesus forgave Peter and then Jesus gave Peter work to do. Then Peter loved telling people about Jesus! We can tell others about Jesus too because we are children of God.

Let's Pray:

God you are Holy. We want to live like we are your children. Thank you for sending your Son to forgive us when we fail. Thank you for calling us to live holy full of hope in you.

Questions:

1. What animal crowed after Peter said he did not know Jesus? (Rooster)
2. Did Jesus know that Peter was going to say he did not know him? (Yes!)
3. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved him? (Three times)
4. Did Jesus forgive Peter? (Yes) Does Jesus forgive us? (Yes!)
5. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? (Feed and take care of my sheep)

