

Peter's Denial: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: Jesus calls out to me when I fail.

SuperVerse: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?” Luke 15:4 (NLT)

Bible Story: Matthew 26:31–35,56–74; Mark 14:27–31,53–72; Luke 22:24–34,54–62; John 18:15–18,25–27; 21:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Sheep Card Pattern
- Cardstock or paper
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Sixth grade helper or another assistant

No one likes to fail—but the truth is that we all will. Jesus doesn't reject us when we fail. No, He calls out to us and wants us to know we are still loved and have a purpose to fulfill with Him.

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo back in time to meet Peter, a disciple of Jesus. When Jesus is arrested, Peter denies knowing Him three times. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He forgives Peter and their relationship is restored.
- Watch the Bible Background Video and learn more about Peter.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Quick to Listen Pattern from Lesson 1
- Scissors for children
- Table
- FOR OPTIONAL OBJECT LESSON:
- Hand-held mesh strainer, colander, or coffee filter
- Very small stones or pebbles
- Water, about 1 quart
- Clear pitcher to hold pebbles and water
- Clear container for presentation into which water will be poured
- Baking pan or any container to catch spills
- Towel to cover items on table prior to lesson and to wipe up spills
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Game: Lost Sheep (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game to find what is lost.*

- Jesus cares for all His sheep, and He especially mentioned His young lambs—that's all of you! He doesn't want to lose any of His flock! We are going to be shepherds today and each look for one lost sheep. The sheep you look for and bring back to the flock will be YOU!

Game Instructions:

- The object of the game is for each child to find the card with his/her name and picture on it. This represents being so valuable that when you are lost, the shepherd looks for you and doesn't return until you are found.

Teaching: Three Times (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss how Jesus restored Peter.*

- Jesus turned Peter's failures and negative actions into positives; He forgave and restored Peter, and gave him new purpose in life. Through the power of the cross, Jesus forgives our failures and strengthens our weaknesses!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Let's continue to use our crafts as a reminder to stop, think and pray before we say or do something we shouldn't. God will help us—if we trust Him!

SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Peter had failed Jesus; perhaps he thought Jesus would not want him to be a disciple anymore. Instead, Jesus came to find Peter and the other disciples as they were fishing. Jesus does not leave us when we fail. He wants to restore us and send us out again to do His work!
- Choose nine children to stand side by side facing the class. Scramble the SuperVerse cards and give one to each child. Have the rest of the class tell you which reader should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the nine children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a “wave” with their papers. Do this over again until the children are in the proper order.

Prayer: Assurance Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Even though we love God, we sometimes fail. In those times, we may feel like running away from God because we are ashamed, much like Peter was. Jesus does not want us to run away from Him—He calls out to us to run toward Him!
- Have children pray silently, telling Jesus about times they may have sinned or made bad decisions. Have them ask God for His forgiveness and to receive His love, mercy and assurance.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Game: Play a game of restoration. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Create a craft and discuss Jesus' call to Peter. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Discuss some lessons in the book of 1 Peter. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Bible Study: Discuss ways that Peter boldly followed Jesus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Present how Jesus calls out to us without exception. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- SuperVerse Cards
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App