

Peter's Denial: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: Jesus loves me no matter what I've done.

SuperVerse: *No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:39 (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

Jesus came to Peter and loved him even after he let Him down. Jesus will always love us and forgive us, even when we let Him down! He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and to forgive us.

- 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.
- Let's watch our Signposts Video to learn more about our Bible story.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Signature Shot Review (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a review game.*

- Chris called his special basketball shot the Quantum Corkscrew. In our game today, you will have a chance to create your own special shot during our Bible story review game.

Game Instructions:

- Both teams will send one player to the mark at the same time. Read a review question to both players; the first player to answer correctly gets three points and a chance to throw the ball for an extra point. Players may simply throw the ball or create and name a special shot.

Teaching: Peter Points to Christ. (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss how the Bible story is a Signpost to Jesus.*

- Discuss the events in the Signpost Video that point to Christ.
- Have a different child select a Signpost Card in order, from 1 to 3, and read it aloud.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Continue to use our crafts as a reminder to stop, pray and think so we know what God wants us to do.

SuperVerse: Superbook Motions (10 minutes)

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

- We did not earn God's love; He chooses to love us regardless of our sins. This is how God reveals His love for us. Through Jesus, we have God's mercy, forgiveness and love. Nothing can separate us from that love! That is God's promise to us in this verse!
- Slowly say the words of the SuperVerse aloud as you lead the children in doing each of the motions. Do this a few times so children become familiar with the motions and words.

Prayer: Jesus' Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail. Today, Jesus sits in power at the right hand of God and prays for us. Even though Satan may test us, Jesus is still in a position of power, and we cannot be tested beyond what we are able to endure!
- Let's pray together and thank Jesus for His prayers, and ask for the power of His Holy Spirit to give us strength in times of testing so we do not give in to temptation.

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

Object Lesson: Demonstrate God's unending love in Christ. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Race Game: Play a game about God's ceaseless love. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture of Jesus' restoration of Peter. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Compare two miracles Jesus performed on the seashore. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Review Questions
- Children's indoor basketball hoop, a large box, or clean trash can, and a chair
- Optional: masking tape
- Children's basketball, tennis ball, or other small to medium-size ball that can fit easily into the hoop, box, or trash can
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk to keep score
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Signpost to Jesus Cards
- Quick to Listen Pattern from Lesson 1
- Model of the Discipleship Challenge craft from Lesson 1
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App