

Peter's Denial: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: Jesus knows my weaknesses.

SuperVerse: *Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because He was tempted in every way that we are. But He did not sin!*

Hebrews 4:15 (CEV)

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

Our new Superbook adventure is called “Peter’s Denial.” The video begins with Jesus, Peter, and the other disciples at the Last Supper. This was the last meal Jesus ate before He died on the cross.

- Chris is desperately trying to impress some basketball players when Joy excitedly announces she is the new president of the chess club. Afraid of what the group may think, Chris pretends he doesn’t know her.
- 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 three times and their relationship is restored.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Fill the Net (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by tossing fish into a net.

- After the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus caused their nets to be suddenly filled with fish. That really was a supernatural miracle! Today, we are going to play a game about filling our nets with fish, but we will do it with our own hands!

Game Instructions:

- Each team forms a line with players standing in pairs side by side behind the mark near the end of the room. Choose a pair of children from each team to be net holders. Give each pair a net and have them stand behind the other mark. They will hold the net between them to catch the fish as they are thrown. Play until all pairs have thrown their fish. The team with the highest score wins.

Teaching: Visible Weaknesses (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss Peter’s denial of Jesus.

- Peter denied Jesus and turned his back on Him, but that wasn’t the end of Peter’s story. After the resurrection, Jesus came to him and offered restoration, love and forgiveness. Jesus loves us in our weaknesses and is ready to forgive and restore us, just like with Peter!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)

- The challenge is to take time to think and pray before saying or doing something we shouldn’t. Remember to listen carefully, then stop and pray before responding too quickly or out of anger.

SuperVerse: Superbook Fill in the Blanks (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- When we come to Jesus in our times of weakness, He will give us the strength we need to be victorious over any temptation that we face.
- Read the verse aloud and stop at certain parts. Children will shout the next word that follows in the verse. Do the first round facing the board. For the next rounds, you will turn around with your backs to the board, and we will see how much of the verse you can remember without looking.

Prayer: Silent Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Jesus knows what it means to face temptation as a human being. He can help us because He won against every temptation—He never sinned!
- Let’s take a moment to close our eyes and you can silently ask God to help you with any weakness that you may experience or for victory over a temptation you may struggle with.

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

Word Game: Play a game to reveal and erase weaknesses. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Fish Game: Play a game to reinforce the SuperTruth. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Shield Skit: Present a visual illustration of helping others. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into how God allows sifting to strengthen us. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Fish Pattern
- Cardstock
- Scissors for teacher
- Twelve coins, pebbles, or any small objects to add weight to the fish
- Tape, stapler or glue
- Two large towels to serve as nets; or fishnet fabric, tulle, or other material cut into two pieces approximately 30" x 45"
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Scorekeepers, such as sixth grade helpers, one per team

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Quick to Listen Pattern
- Scissors for children
- Piece of paper
- Marker
- Scissors
- Paper bag or small box
- 2 plastic cups: one clear, one opaque
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App