

DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Lesson 16

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



LESSON 16: New Life

<p>Bible Story</p> <p>Peter Is Given A Second Chance</p> <p><i>Luke 22:31-34, 54-61, John 21</i></p>	<p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Bible
<p>Bible Verse</p> <p>“And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” <i>Romans 6:4b, NLT</i></p>	
<p> Identity Who God Says I Am</p> <p>My life can be made new!</p>	

Large Group Lesson 15 Minutes

To get everyone's attention, ask loudly, **"Who Is Jesus?"**

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**
 - Point one finger to the sky.
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth.**
 - Point two fingers to the sky, and then slowly bring them down to your sides to make a giant circle.
- **He lived a perfect life.**
 - Give two thumbs up.
- **He died on the cross to pay for our sin.**
 - Hold both arms out horizontally, forming a cross.
- **His body was buried in the ground.**
 - Hold up both arms high above your head, and then bending low, bring your arms down to hold your knees.
- **Three days later, he rose from the dead victorious!**
 - Hold up the number three. Use both hands and slowly lift them up, and then wave both hands above your head in celebration.
- **He is in heaven now preparing a place for you and me! Preparing a place for you and me!**
 - Point one finger toward heaven. Then, with two fists, tap one fist on top of the other fist twice, and then switch the fist that is on top and do it again. You will do this repetition twice.
- **Right now he sits on a throne in heavenly places.**
 - Tap your wrist like a watch. Then pretend to sit down while standing.
- **There he prays to the Father for each and every one,**
 - Make praying hands. Then, with those praying hands, gesture toward others around you.
- **...and sends the Holy Spirit to all God's children.**
 - Slide one hand across the palm of the other away from your body.
- **One day he will come again as the eternal king**
 - Hold up the number one. Then make a crown with your hands atop your head.
- **...and he will turn every wrong thing, right!**
 - Turn around in a circle once with two thumbs down, and when you finish, give two thumbs up.

Coordinate student and/or adult volunteers to perform the three short scenes of the skit. You will need these six roles: Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Servant girl and two others who question Peter

Optional: Characters can be dressed in biblical costume. [Click here for a suggestion](#) on how to create your own simple Bible costumes.

Instruct the audience to perform various actions as they watch the skits:

- When Jesus is talking: stand facing front
- When Peter is talking: turn to face back
- Rooster: Rooster crow
- Sheep/Lamb: Sheep “baa”
- Deny/No: Hold arms in an x and shout “no way!”

Scene 1: Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

Narrator: It was close to the time that Jesus would be arrested and killed, but his followers didn't know it. Jesus knew that soon their faith would be tested. One day, Jesus was talking to Simon Peter, one of his closest friends.

Jesus: I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail.

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.

Jesus: Peter, before the ROOSTER crows tomorrow morning, you will DENY three times that you even know me.

Narrator: Peter thought there was NO way that would come true. He loved Jesus with all his heart.

Scene 2: Peter Denies Jesus

Narrator: Not long after, Jesus was arrested. All his friends were scared. Peter was in the town near the place they were keeping Jesus, sitting around the fire with some people. One of them, a servant girl, recognized him and pointed at Peter, who was scared.

Servant Girl: This man was one of Jesus' followers!

Peter: NO, woman, I don't even know him!

Another person: You must be one of them!

Peter: NO, man, I'm not!

Narrator: About an hour later . . .

Third person: This guy must be one of them! I'm pretty sure I've seen him with Jesus.

Peter: **Man, I don't know what you are talking about.**

Narrator: **And immediately, while he was still speaking, the ROOSTER crowed. Peter remembered Jesus' words, and he left the courtyard, weeping bitterly at his unfaithfulness.**

What happened to Jesus next?

Take student responses. (He would die on the cross, and he would be buried in the grave.)

How do you think Peter felt knowing that his denial of Jesus was his last moment with Jesus before Jesus died?

Take student responses.

Scene 3: Peter Receives Grace

Narrator: **One day after Jesus had risen from the dead, he was gathered with his disciples eating breakfast. Simon Peter was there.**

Jesus: **Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?**

Peter: **Yes, Lord, you know I love you.**

Jesus: **Then feed my LAMBS. Simon son of John, do you love me?"**

Peter: **Yes, Lord, you know I love you.**

Jesus: **Then take care of my SHEEP. Simon son of John, do you love me?**

Narrator: **Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time.**

Peter: **Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.**

Jesus: **Then feed my SHEEP. Follow me.**

Narrator: **Jesus knew that Peter had denied knowing him three times. Peter didn't turn away from Jesus or from being a follower of Jesus. Jesus invited Peter back into the relationship and Peter went on to continue loving and serving Jesus even after he messed up big time. Peter even died a painful death because of his loyalty to and love for Jesus!**

How can we receive a new life from Jesus's resurrection from the dead?

- **Because Jesus rose from the dead, our sins that he died for are not what define us anymore. If we believe in Jesus's death on the cross, God will remember our sins no more. Instead, he will see Jesus's resurrection life in us!**
- **We are made new and we get a second chance. Jesus doesn't treat us as our old sinful selves deserve, he treats us as if we are already the new person that God's life-giving power is creating us to be.**

Review the Bible verse:

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Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.