

HomeWord
For Parents

After the soldiers arrested Jesus, Peter followed them into the high priest's courtyard and warmed himself near the fire the servants had prepared (Mark 14:54). One of the servant girls accused him of being with Jesus. But he quickly denied it. A rooster crowed. Again, the servant girl saw him and said Peter had been with Jesus. Again, Peter quickly denied it. Later, the girl said his Galilean speech gave Peter away—he WAS a disciple of Jesus. Peter denied His Lord a third time. This denial was accompanied by swearing and a curse that he did not know the one who had been arrested. That is when Peter heard the rooster crow the second time, and he was reminded of Jesus's warning that Peter would very soon deny Him three times (Mark 14:66–72).

In the midst of Peter's final denial, the Lord turned and looked at him (Luke 22:61). Many believe this look was not a look of anger but of tenderness, sorrow, and pity. This look from Jesus brought Peter to conviction, humility, and repentance. He immediately went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62).

In the next few days Jesus would be falsely accused, crucified, and then resurrected from the grave. Shortly after His Resurrection, the Bible tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on three different occasions (John 20:19, 20:26, 21:4). During the third visit with His disciples, Jesus directly addressed Peter. It is during this conversation that Jesus asked Peter to confirm his love for His Savior. Jesus did not ask once, but three times, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" (John 21:15–17). Many believe that by repeating His question three times, Jesus was reminding Peter of the three times that, just days before, he had denied even knowing Jesus. This time, Peter answered earnestly. "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You" (John 21:15).

Peter had denied Christ three times. Jesus then gave Peter the opportunity to proclaim his love for Him three times. After that, Jesus commissioned Peter to go and "Feed the lambs" three times. This charge, and the responsibility that went with it, left no doubt that Peter had been forgiven and restored as an ambassador for Jesus Christ.

Go to the [Online Resource Page](#) for more information.

OutWord For Family Discussion

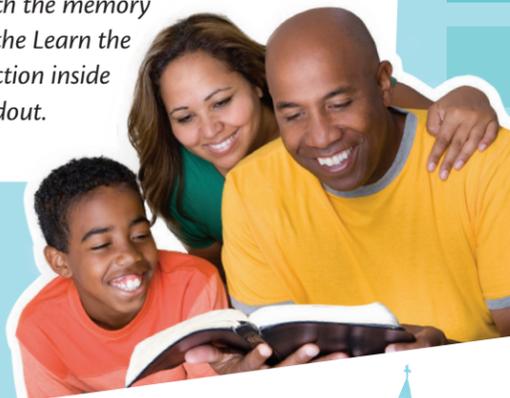
Suppose your friend was telling you he wants to be a Christian because he wants to go to heaven. But he doesn't want to change his life. **What could you say?**

Being a Christian is more than worrying about going to heaven or hell. God made a way to get to heaven, and heaven is going to be wonderful! But choosing that way WILL include some changes in your life. You see, we are all sinners. We like our sin, and we don't really want to stop it. But God hates sin. And if we are not forgiven of our sins, we can't get to heaven at all! That is where Jesus comes in. Jesus died on the Cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sins. We can only be forgiven of our sins through Jesus! And we won't get His forgiveness un-less we repent and are baptized. Repentance is turning AWAY from our sins and turning TO Jesus. True repentance brings with it the desire to follow Jesus and obey His Word—the Bible! Being a Christian is wonderful! Hoping for heaven is wonderful! But I can guarantee your life WILL change—and you will WANT it to change when you are a follower of Jesus.

inWord For Family Study

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). You want your children to walk in God's way, on His path. Only His Word can direct them. Help them to know His Word. Study and memorize it together as a family.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



Peter's Denial

Key Theme

- Peter said he didn't know Jesus. He was afraid.

Key Passage

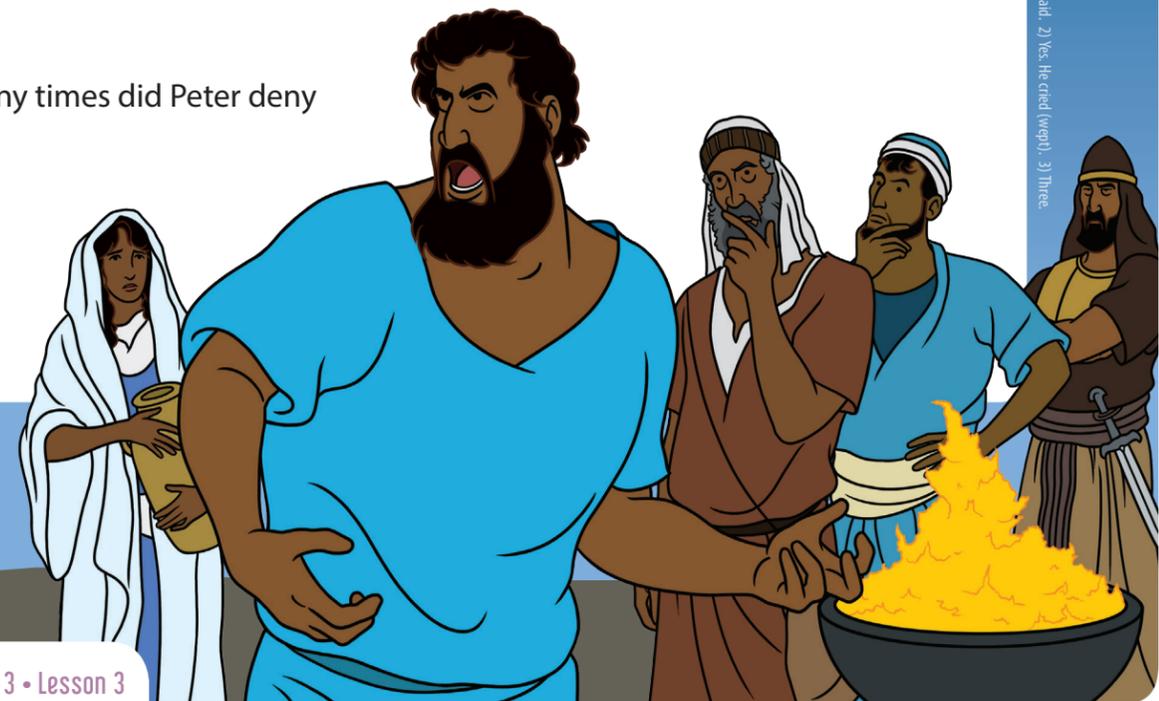
- Mark 14:67–71

What You HEARD in the Word

- Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus. He was scared he might get arrested, too! Later, he was sorry for what he had done.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Why did Peter say he didn't know Jesus?
- 2 Was Peter sorry for saying he didn't know Jesus? What did he do?
- 3 How many times did Peter deny Jesus?



1) He was afraid. 2) Yes. He cried (wept). 3) Three.

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

- Monday** (Mark 14:43-44)
Who came to betray Jesus, and what was his signal?
- Tuesday** (Matthew 26:14-16)
How much money did they pay Judas for betraying Jesus?
- Wednesday** (Mark 14:30)
What did Jesus say Peter would do that night?
- Thursday** (Luke 22:34)
How many times did Peter deny Jesus?
- Friday** (Luke 22:61-62)
What happened after Peter denied Jesus and the rooster crowed?
- Saturday** (Matthew 28:19)
Where should believers go to tell about Jesus? (Your Memory Verse!)

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad

	How could Peter say he didn't know Jesus?		Peter was afraid. He tried to be strong and brave by himself.
	So, Peter was trusting himself instead of God?		Yes. We need to always trust in God, not in ourselves.

Learn the Word!

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

Song Time!

Can you teach this new song to your family?

Matthew 28:19

(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

Shout: Matthew 28:19!

Go therefore and make disciples
(Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?)

Of all the nations, baptizing them

(Brother John? Brother John?)

In the na-ame of the Father

(Morning bells are ringing,)

A-and of the So-on

(Morning bells are ringing.)

And of the

(Ding, ding, dong!)

Holy Spirit.

(Ding, ding, dong!)

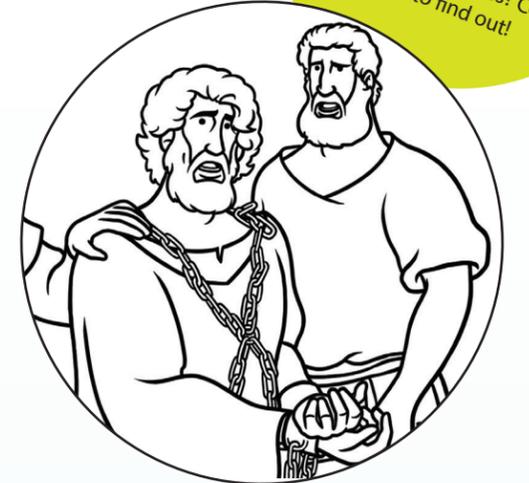
Shout: Matthew 28:19!

What Happened?

Draw a line between the matching pictures. Tell your family what happened. Then color the pictures.



Peter was sorry he denied Jesus, and he cried.



Jesus was arrested.



Peter said he did not know Jesus.



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SNEAK PEEK
What was the last thing Jesus said when He was on the Cross? Come next week to find out!