

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson #80

DATE:

SUBJECT: Betrayed, Arrested and Denied

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:30-58, 69-75

AIM: To show the children some of the things the Lord Jesus suffered and to encourage them a desire to be true to the Lord.

MEMORY VERSES:

Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

REVIEW: remember how the Lord Jesus ate together with his friends after the parade into Jerusalem? What do we call that meal? (The Last Supper) What else did the Lord do when they ate together (He washed His disciples' feet)

CONTENT: While Jesus and His friends were eating their last meal, Jesus told them that He had come to earth to be the Savior, and that He was going to die.

After supper, Jesus and His disciples went out of the house and walked to a garden. On the way, He said, "Tonight you will all leave Me. But after I have been raised, I will go before you into Galilee."

Peter quickly said, "Lord, even if everyone else leaves you, I will not leave you." But Jesus knew Peter very well. He knew Peter was going to do something that night. So He said, "Peter, before a rooster crows in the morning, you will say three times that you don't even know me." Peter said seriously, "I would rather die than does that."

After Jesus and His disciples reached the garden, Jesus went away from His disciples to pray. When he had finished praying for the third time, He came back to them. He found that they were asleep and He wakened them. Just then a crowd of people, soldiers and temple guards, talking loudly and armed with swords and clubs, came walking into the garden. Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was leading this mob. He had been paid money to lead these soldiers to Jesus.

"Hello, Master," Judas said as he came to Jesus. He kissed Jesus as he said this. Immediately, the soldiers who were with Judas grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. All of Jesus' followers turned and ran away to hide just as He had said. Not one of them stayed with Jesus – He was all alone, and a prisoner.

As the soldiers forced Jesus to walk with them back to the city, Peter came out from his hiding place, and followed the crowd. He stayed far behind them, hoping no one would see him or arrest him.

Jesus was taken into the palace of an important Jewish leader, Caiaphas. Now Caiaphas was the high priest and the leader of the important men in the Sanhedrin (an important religious council). Jesus was put on trial before this group of men.

Meanwhile Peter stayed outside the palace, waiting in the courtyard to see what would happen to Jesus. He stood with some other people, warming his hands at the open fire. After a little while, a

woman came to Peter and said, “You were with Jesus of Nazareth,” Peter said, “No. I don’t know what you’re talking about.” Peter was afraid to tell the truth, afraid that he might be arrested. He didn’t realize that he had told the **first** lie about knowing Jesus.

He moved away from the fire and moved toward the porch. But as he was standing there, another woman pointed at him and said to the people standing around them, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Peter said roughly, “I don’t even know the man.” Peter didn’t realize that he had told the **second** lie about knowing Jesus.

Then a little later, some men came to Peter, and said, “You must be one of that Man’s followers – we can tell by the way you talk.” Now Peter became frantic. “I don’t even know the Man!” He shouted. Right then the rooster crowed. Peter heard it and he suddenly remembered what Jesus had said. And at that same moment, Jesus turned to look at Peter (Luke 22:61).

Peter was so ashamed! He thought that he’d never deny Jesus, but now he had done it three times! Peter found his way out of the courtyard and stood there, weeping bitterly (crying very hard). He was so miserable because he hadn’t loved Jesus enough to even say that he knew Him!

APPLICATION:

Peter was very quick to make a promise to the Lord. He didn’t realize that he would not be able to keep it. He wanted to, but when he was in trouble he forgot about the promise. He needed the Lord to help him keep the promise. Sometimes you might make a promise to your Mommy and say you will never do a certain thing again but you need the Lord Jesus to help you keep the promise. We probably all feel we would never do what Judas did or what Peter did. Maybe we won’t ever be arrested for loving the Lord Jesus or telling somebody about Him. Our friends mean a lot to us. What if they were to laugh at us because we love Jesus and like to go to children’s meeting? Would we be able to say – “yes, I love Jesus.” Or would we pretend we don’t, just so our friends will like us? We really need the Lord Jesus to help us so that we will love Him more than anybody else and that He will help us to be brave and strong to say so.

CRAFT IDEA:

Cut out a rooster and have the children paste it and color it also a big sad face or a person with a sad face representing Peter.

SONGS: #37(v.1 only), #111 –v. 1; #191; #195

37 I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

1. I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
I won’t turn back. (2x)

111 JESUS CAN NEVER FAIL

1. Jesus can never fail,
Never fail, never fail;
Jesus can never fail,
No, No, No.

191 THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

1. This little light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine.

(Repeat)
Let it shine! (3x)

2. Don’t let Satan blow it out,
I’m going to let it shine.
(Repeat)
Let it shine! (3x)

3. All around the neighborhood,
I’m going to let it shine.
(Repeat)
Let it shine! (3x)

4. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine.

(Repeat)
Let it shine! (3x)

5. Let it shine till Jesus comes,
I’m going to let it shine.
(Repeat)
Let it shine! (3x)

195 OH, HE’S DONE SO MUCH FOR ME

- Oh –He’s done so much for me, (3x)
I never can forget all He’s done for me.