



## First Look

### Curriculum for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners

We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand . . .

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## July 4 & 5, 2020

**Bible Story Focus:** I spy someone Jesus loves, no matter what.

Peter's Denial • *Luke 22:54-62; John 21:15-19; Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Memory Verse:** "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." John 20:31, NLV

**Key Question:** Who can believe in Jesus?

**Bottom Line:** I can believe in Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### Worship

Engage children's hearts through worship.

### Memory Verse

**PARENT:** "All summer, we're learning that **I can believe in Jesus**. When I say, '**Who can believe in Jesus?**', you say, '**I can believe in Jesus.**' **Who can believe in Jesus?**"

**CHILDREN: “I can believe in Jesus!”**

**PARENT:** “Yes! Jesus is the best friend ever!

“It’s so good to know that Jesus loves me and that **I can believe in Jesus**. Our memory verse from the Bible says, ‘These are written (*open your hands like a book*) so that you (*point out*) may believe (*point to head*) that Jesus is the Christ, (*point up*) the Son of God,’ (*rock baby*) John 20:31 (NLV). (*Open your hands like a book.*) Can you say it with me?

*Say the verse and do the motions several times together.*

“Great job!”

### **Bible Story**

**What You Need:** Bible

**PARENT:** “We have been learning that Jesus loves everyone, and I got to wondering. Do you think that really means EVERYONE? Does Jesus really love everyone, no matter what? (*Pause.*)

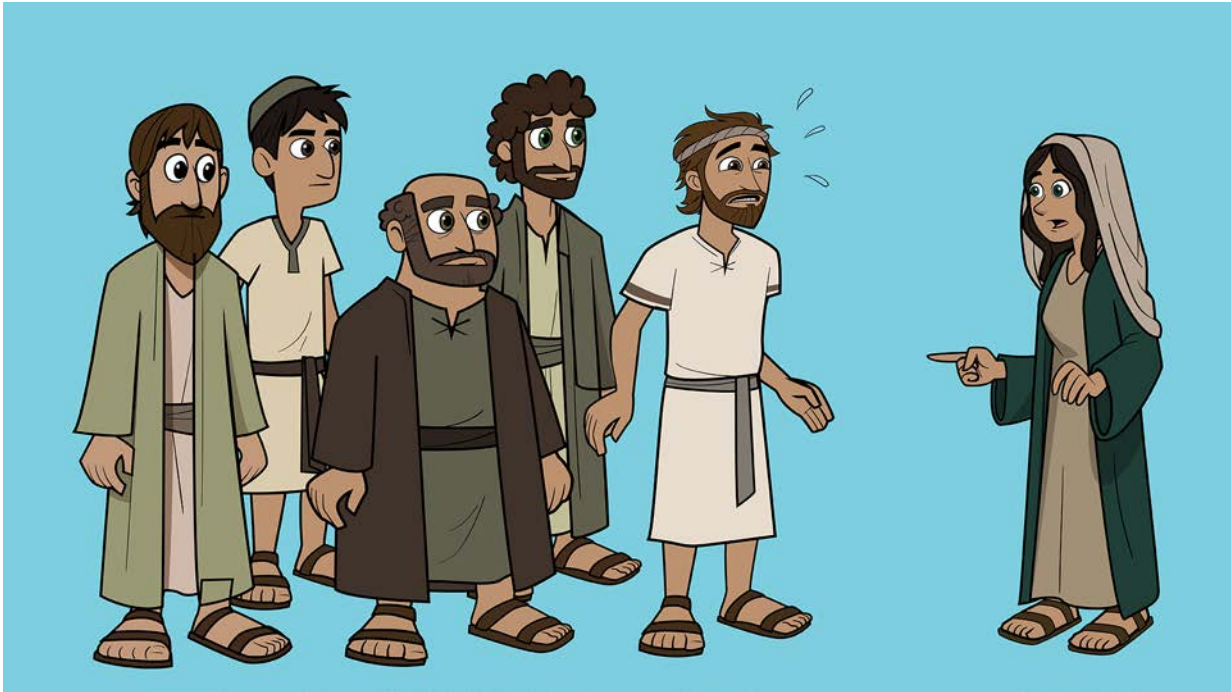
“Well, I have a true story from the Bible, and it will help us answer that question.

*Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it on the table.*

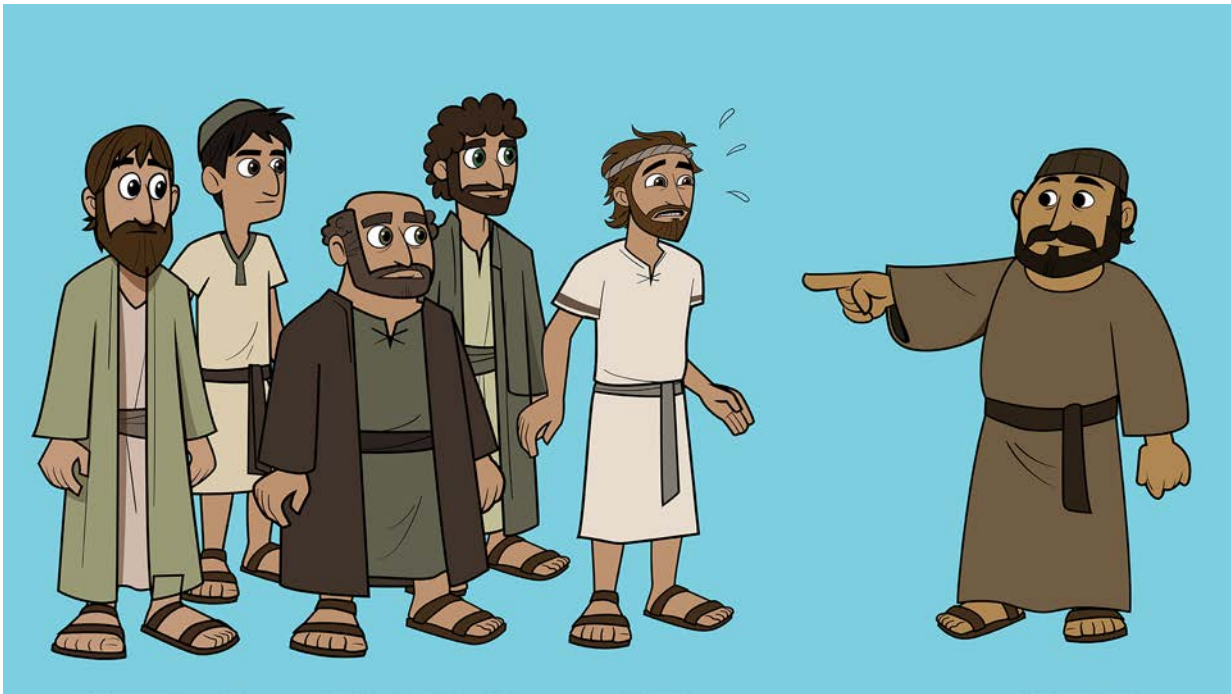
“When Jesus was teaching people how to love each other, He had a good friend named Peter. Jesus and Peter spent a lot of time together, and Jesus taught Peter about God’s love.

“Jesus also let Peter help Him do important jobs, like one time they fed THOUSANDS of people with just one boy’s lunch. Can you imagine how amazing that was to help Jesus feed all of those people with just one lunch? Wow!

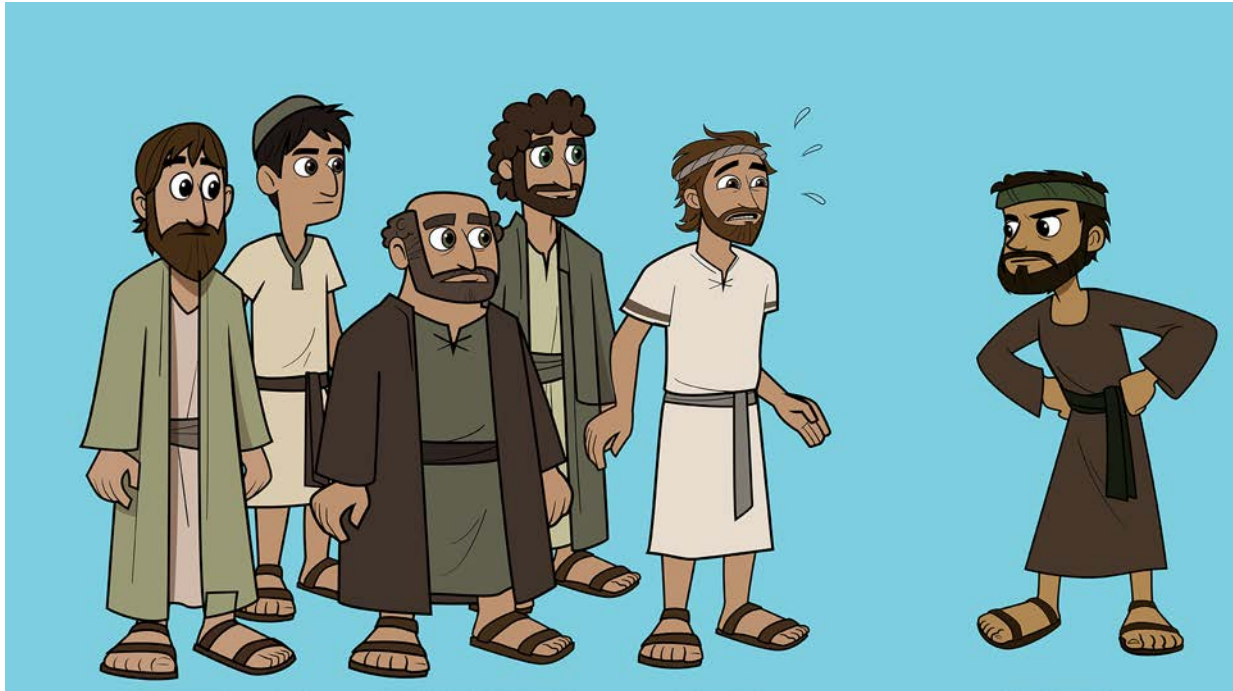
“Jesus and Peter would even go fishing together. Jesus and Peter were great friends. “Then, one night some angry soldiers took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus and said mean things to Him. This scared Jesus’ friends, so they ran away! But Peter wanted to see what would happen, so he followed Jesus and the angry soldiers.



“While Peter waited to see what would happen, a girl asked him if he was Jesus’ friend. Peter was so scared that he said, ‘No’! Peter said he was not Jesus’ friend. That’s very sad. Can you make a sad face like this? *(Make a sad face.)*”



“A little while later, another person asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend. And guess what Peter said this time? He said, ‘No!’ That’s two times Peter said that he was not Jesus’s friend. That’s very, very sad. Can you make another sad face like this? (*Make a sad face.*)



“Then, another person asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend, and guess what he said this time? He said, ‘No,’ again! That’s three times Peter said that he was not Jesus’ friend. That’s very, very, VERY sad. Can you make another sad face? (*Make a sad face.*)

“After the third time, Peter looked over and saw Jesus looking at him. Peter knew saying that he was not Jesus’ friend was wrong. He felt so bad that he went away and cried.

“But wait! That’s not the end of the story. Later, after Jesus died and came back, Jesus went to Peter and talked to him. Jesus still loved Peter, no matter what, even though Peter said he was not Jesus’ friend. Jesus wanted Peter to know that He would be his friend forever, no matter what.



“Knowing that Jesus still loved Peter and that they were still good friends made Peter so happy! Show me your happy faces like this! (*Make a very happy face.*)

“From that day on, Peter told everyone, everywhere that Jesus is God’s Son. Peter told everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive, that He loves them, and that He wants to be their friend forever. So many people believed in Jesus because of Peter! And guess what? You can believe in Jesus, too. It’s true! Because Jesus loves EVERYONE! So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**”

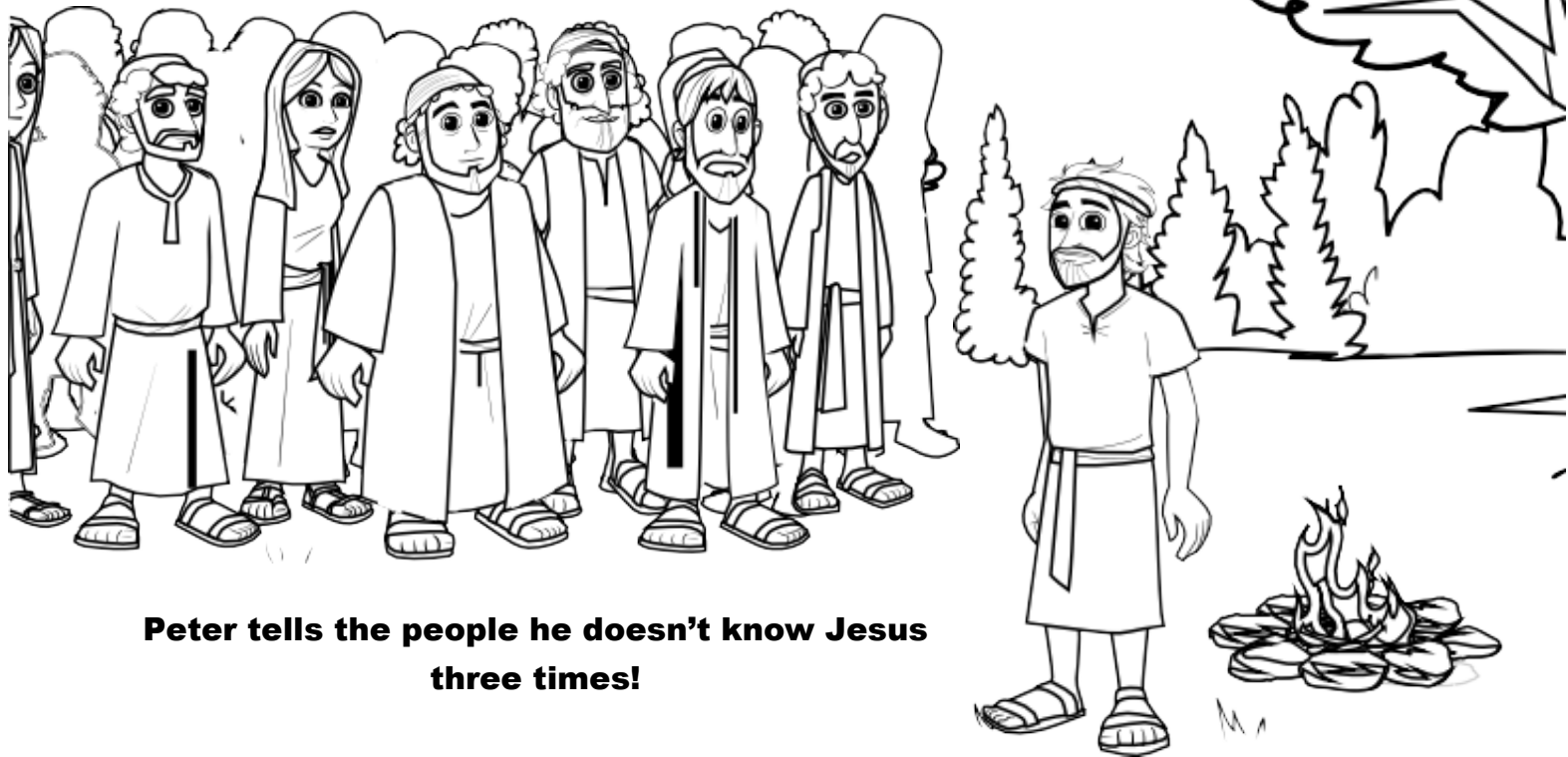
**CHILDREN and PARENT:** “I can believe in Jesus!”

**PARENT:** “Yay! Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

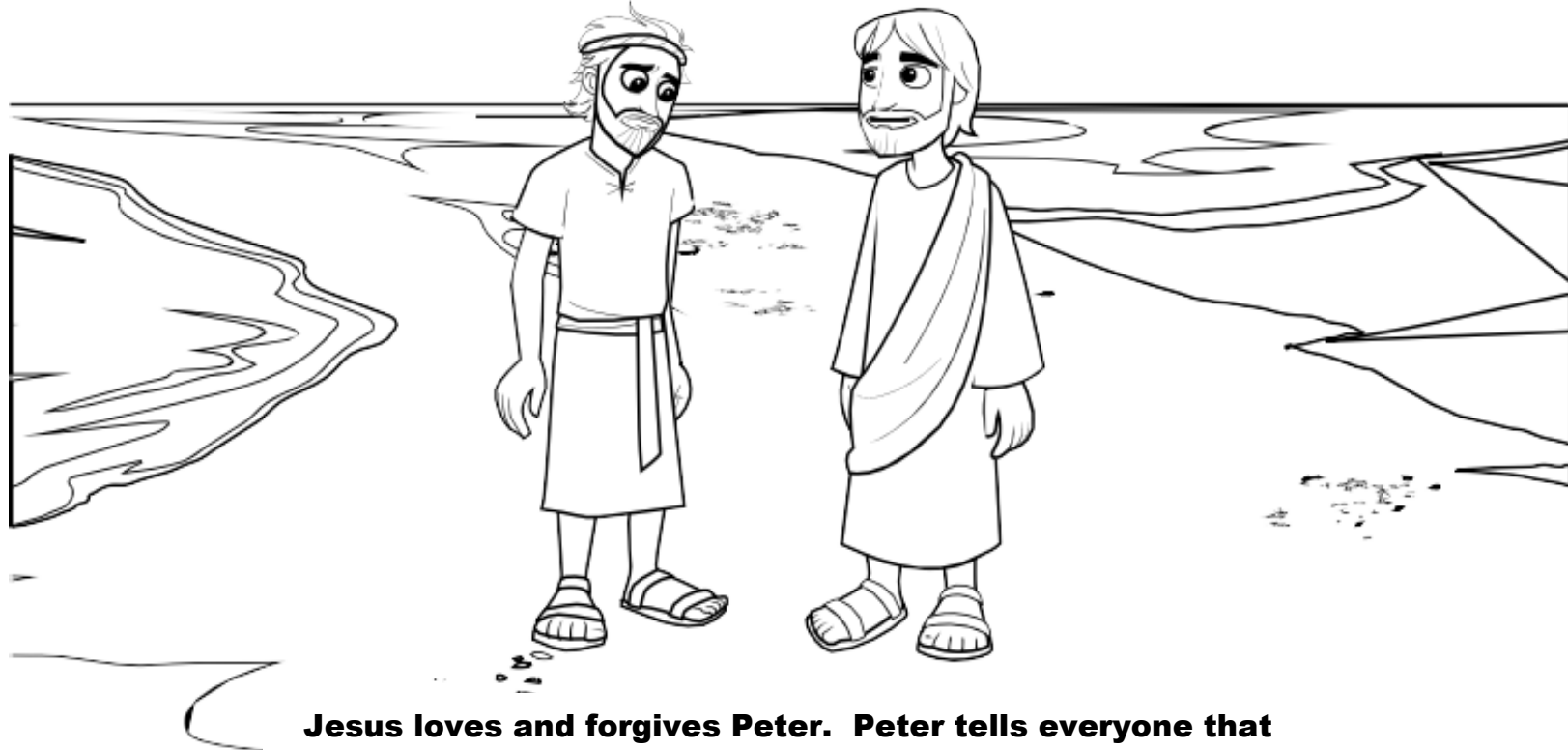
### PRAYER

**PARENT:** “Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He loves us, no matter what. I pray we will have courage, like Peter, to tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” John 20:31**



**Peter tells the people he doesn't know Jesus three times!**



**Jesus loves and forgives Peter. Peter tells everyone that Jesus can be their friend forever too!**