

Peter's Denial and Restoration Video

Scripture: Various

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:18: "*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*"

Lesson Focus: We welcomed the kids into their new classes last weekend with a look at how Jesus treats Kids. In all four gospels, we saw how Jesus has something encouraging and important to say about the value of ministering to Kids. His teaching goes hand-in-hand with the wider biblical exhortation towards humility and meekness. In one of the passages that we covered last week, Jesus even refers to a little child to warn His adult disciples against pride and self-centeredness (see **Luke 9:46-48** and lesson from last week). In our video today we will see the consequences of letting our pride and self-centeredness get the best of us as we see Peter deny Jesus. But we will also see the power of forgiveness as Jesus graciously restores him!

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that we will be watching a cartoon video (Superbook) that covers the story of Peter's denial and Jesus's restoration of him. While the video is very well done, there are some intense moments that might make little kids uneasy. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it [here](#) on YouTube.

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, we will introduce the video with some info.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up classroom activities (see below).

Room Time Afterwards: We will provide some follow-up activities per grade. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- **1st-2nd grade:** Consider doing the craft we provide, leading a small group discussion of the video, and/or praying with the kids.
- **3rd-5th grade:** Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. Use the discussion Qs below and/or bring your own Qs! Then finish in prayer!

Discussion Qs

- 1) At the beginning of the video, what were the disciples arguing about? (Read **Luke 22:24**)
- 2) Read **Luke 9:23**. Who does Jesus actually teach His followers to deny? What do you think that looks like?
- 3) For what reason do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus? For what reason did Chris deny knowing Joy? How did they all feel afterwards? (Read **Proverbs 16:18**)
- 4) Have you ever pretended not to know someone for similar reasons (or maybe someone did that to you)? How did you feel?
- 5) After Jesus was crucified and rose again, He met with Peter and forgave Him. Read **John 21:15-17**. What did Jesus ask Peter and why do you think He asked Him this three times?
- 6) Read **1 Peter 5:5-7** which are words from a letter that Peter wrote to Christians many years later. What lesson do you think Peter learned that he wants us to learn as well?
- 7) If Jesus asked you, "*Do you love Me?*", how would you answer?
- 8) All throughout the video there was tension between Joy and Chris's friendship. What needed to happen for their friendship to be restored? Read **Luke 17:3**.
- 9) Are you in tension with one of your friends? Read **Romans 12:18**. Pray about whether it is time for you to be the first one to deny yourself, follow Jesus, and humbly initiate forgiveness!