

THE LORD AND HIS DISCIPLE, PETER

Teacher Narration:

The Lord came on earth, born as a baby, Jesus Christ. Mary and Joseph took Him to Egypt to keep Him safe from Herod the King. When He was twelve years old, He talked with the scholars in the temple, and they were amazed at His wisdom. Later Jesus came to the Jordan River to meet John the Baptist. And when John baptized Jesus, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Jesus returned to Galilee where He healed the sick and taught people the way to heaven.

Scene 1: The Lord Calls Peter and Andrew (Matthew 5: 18-20)

Narrator 1: Now Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Teacher Narration: And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Narrator 2: And Jesus became known as a healer and a teacher. Sick people were brought to Him, and He healed them. Crowds of people followed Him. And He taught them the way to heaven.

Optional Readings of the Lord’s Teachings

Students choose and take turns reading aloud a section from the New Testament quoting the Lord as He taught people. Begin each quote with: “And Jesus said”.

Scene 2: The Lord and Peter on the Water (Matthew 14)

Narrator 1: One time the Lord went off by Himself, but the people followed Him and He healed all their illnesses. And that evening He fed five thousand people with two fish and five loaves of bread.

Narrator 2: When the people were sent home, Jesus told the disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee in a boat. And later in the night, the Lord came to them, walking on the sea. And the disciples were frightened, thinking He was a ghost.

The Lord (Teacher): But Jesus said, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter: Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.

The Lord (Teacher): So Jesus said, “Come.”

Narrator 1: And Peter walked on the water toward the Lord. But the wind made him afraid, and he began to sink into the water.

Peter: Lord, save me!

The Lord (Teacher): And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, saying, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Optional Readings about Miracles

Students choose and take turns reading aloud a section from the New Testament describing one of the miracles the Lord did while on earth.

Teacher Narration:

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages of Israel, teaching them and healing every sickness. “Then he called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, ‘Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.’ So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.” (Mark 6:7-9,12-13)

Scene 3: You Will Deny Me Three Times (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75)

Teacher Narration: The Word tells us that Jesus blessed Peter for knowing that the Lord was God. He said, “...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:16-18) But just before the Lord was arrested, He told Peter, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

Peter: Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!

Narrator 1: And the other disciples also said they would not deny the Lord. That night the Lord went to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. He took Peter, James, and John with Him, but they fell asleep.

Narrator 2: Then Judas came with the soldiers and priests, and they arrested Jesus and led Him to the high priest. And Peter followed them, and waited in the courtyard of the high priest to see what would happen.

Servant Girl to Peter: You also were with Jesus of Galilee.

Peter: I do not know what you are saying.

Another Girl: This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Peter: I do not know the Man!

Others: Surely you also are one of them.

Peter [very upset]: I do not know the Man!

Narrator 1: And immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the Lord's words. Then Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Teacher Narration: The Lord is crucified, but He is risen the third day. Peter runs to look in the tomb when the women tell the disciples the Lord is risen. Later the Lord appears to the disciples and commissions them to minister unto people, teaching and healing them.

Scene 4: The Lord Joins Disciples by the Sea (John 21)

Narrator 1: Some of the Lord's disciples were by the Sea of Tiberias. There was Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, James, John, and two others.

Peter: I am going fishing.

Other Disciples: We are going with you also.

Narrator 2: They went out in a boat, but during the night they caught nothing. But when morning came, the Lord stood on the shore.

The Lord (Teacher): Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

Disciples: No.

The Lord (Teacher): Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.

Narrator 1: So they cast, and their net was so full of fish, they could not draw it up into the boat.

John to Peter: It is the Lord!

Narrator 2: When Peter heard it was the Lord, he plunged into the sea and swam to shore. But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net with fish. And when they came to shore, they saw a fire with fish and bread.

The Lord (Teacher): Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.

Narrator 1: Peter dragged the net to land, filled with one hundred and fifty-three large fish.

Teacher Narration: Jesus said, “Come and eat breakfast.” And He gave them bread and fish. And after breakfast, the Lord talked with Simon Peter. Three times He asked, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? Twice Peter answered Him this way.

Peter: Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.

Teacher Narration: But the third time, Peter said:

Peter: Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”

The Lord (Teacher): Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”

Scene 5: Peter and John Heal the Lame Man (from Acts 3: 1-10)

Narrator 1: Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of prayer. And a lame man lay at the gate of the temple, and he saw Peter and John coming.

Lame Man: Could you give me some money?

Peter: Look at us. Silver and gold I do not have, but I will help you. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

Narrator 2: And Peter took the man’s right hand and lifted him up, and right away the lame man’s feet and ankle bones grew strong.

Narrator 1: The three men went into the temple together. The healed man was walking, leaping, and praising God!

Narrator 2: The people were amazed, and they gathered around Peter, John, and the man who was walking and praising God.

Peter: Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Do you think we made this man walk by our own power? Our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord has made this man strong. You put the Lord to death in ignorance. Repent and be converted.

Narrator 1: As Peter and John talked with the people, they were arrested for talking about Jesus Christ having risen from the dead. And the next day the scribes and priests questioned them.

High Priest: By what power or by what name have you done this?

Narrator 2: Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he knew just how to answer.

Peter: Rulers of the people and elders of Israel. You wonder how the helpless man was made well. Let it be known to all the people of Israel, that this man is healed in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified. He is risen from the dead.

Elder of Israel: What shall we do to these men? They have done a miracle, but we don't want the news to spread among the people.

Narrator 1: Then they commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

Peter and John: Is it right to listen to you more than to God? We must tell what we have seen and heard.

Narrator 2: And they let Peter and John go, because the people were glorifying God because of the miracle.

Scene 6: The Escape from Prison (from Acts 5: 16-42)

Narrator 1: Now many people believed in the Lord when the apostles did miracles in Jerusalem. People came from all around Jerusalem, bringing sick people to the apostles. And they were all healed.

Narrator 2: Then the high priest and the Sadducees put the apostles in prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and let them out.

Angel: Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

Narrator 1: So the apostles went to the temple early in the morning and taught the people. Then the high priest sent to the prison for the apostles, but the officers came back without them.

Officers: We found the prison shut and the guards standing outside the doors, but there was no one inside!

Another Man: Look, the men you put in prison are in the temple teaching the people!

Narrator 2: The high priest quickly sent for the apostles.

High Priest: Didn't we command you not to teach in His name? You have filled Jerusalem with your teachings.

Peter and the Other Apostles: We should obey God not men.

Narrator 1: Now the high priest and others were furious, and they wanted to kill the apostles. But Gamaliel advised them differently.

Gamaliel: Keep away from those men and let them alone. For if this is the work of men, it will come to nothing. And if this is the work of God, you cannot stop it.

Narrator 2: They agreed with the Gamaliel's advice, but they beat the apostles before letting them go. And they warned them not to speak in the name of Jesus.

Narrator 1: But every day in the temple and in homes, the apostles still taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.