



God: The One to Follow

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LESSON 1—Peter Meets Jesus (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42, Mark 1:16-20; John 1:44

Memory Verse:

KJV “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

ESV “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe that Jesus came to be his Savior from sin and accept His forgiveness. The saved child will choose to follow Jesus with his whole life, starting today.

Main Teaching: Follow Jesus with your whole life.

Emphasis for Unsaved: The first step in following Jesus is to believe on Him as Savior.

Word Up! Follow Jesus!

LESSON 2—Peter Walks on Water with Jesus (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Memory Verse:

KJV “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

ESV “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Teaching Objective: The saved child will have faith in Jesus, the all-powerful God, to help him in situations that seem impossible.

Main Teaching: Jesus is the all-powerful God. You can trust Him.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Trust Jesus for forgiveness of your sins.

Word Up! Jesus has awesome power!

LESSON 3—Peter’s Denial and Restoration (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; 24:1-10; John 21:1-19; Luke 23—24

Memory Verse:

KJV “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

ESV “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Teaching Objective: The saved child will follow God by confessing his sin in response to the Holy Spirit's work in his life.

Main Teaching: Jesus forgives sin.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Trust Jesus for eternal life.

Word Up! Jesus forgives sin!

LESSON 4—Peter Learns the Gospel Is for Everyone (Evangelistic Narrative)

Scripture: Acts 10:1- 48

Memory Verse:

KJV "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

ESV "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe God's message of salvation, trusting Jesus as his Savior from sin.

Main Teaching: God wants all people to hear the Gospel and be saved.

Emphasis for Saved: Share the Gospel with others.

Word Up! The Gospel is for everyone!

LESSON 5—Peter and Rhoda (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Memory Verse:

KJV "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

ESV "Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Teaching Objective: The saved child will pray about everything that concerns him, believing God will hear and answer.

Main Teaching: God will hear and answer when you pray in faith to Him.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Believe on Jesus to be saved.

Word Up! God hears! God answers!

LESSON 6— Under the Sea Review Party

What could be more fun than a trip "under the sea" to discover God's amazing Creation?! In this party lesson, children will not only review what they have learned about Peter's life, but they will also learn fascinating facts about life under the sea. In the Gospel Spotlight they will learn about Matthew Maury, the "Pathfinder of the Seas." Matthew took God at His word, believing that if God said there are paths in the seas, then there are! His discoveries paved the way for modern maritime knowledge and practices.

There are a number of fun game ideas, behavior incentives, and decoration suggestions included. As you prepare for this lesson, keep in mind the dynamics of your group. Have fun with the children as you review and teach about Peter's big God!