

INTRODUCTION

Summer 2019's Family Discipleship Kit guides families through a quick survey of the life of the apostle Peter. Peter was one of Jesus's most famous disciples and was witness to many of the key events in Jesus's ministry. In studying Peter, we see a lot of weaknesses we can identify with: speaking out of turn, misunderstanding Jesus's teaching, failing to trust, and giving in to fear and doubts.

And yet towards the end of Peter's life, we see him as a powerful preacher and bold witness of the gospel. How does this transformation happen? What brings forth this dramatic change in Peter's life? Can it happen to us?

These are the questions we challenge you, as a family, to tackle through this discipleship kit.

BIBLE STORIES

Each week's lesson directs you to read a Bible passage that recounts a moment from Peter's life. Depending on your family's needs, you might read the passage each night for the week, or you could break it into sections to read over the course of a week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Accompanying each Bible passage, there are 5-8 discussion questions that are intended to guide your family through understanding the story. In addition to other questions, every week you will be challenged to think about:

1. What do we learn about Peter in this story?
2. What is Peter's relationship with Jesus at this point in the story?

We encourage you to trace these two aspects of Peter's life throughout the study, and compare and contrast the answers from week to week.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROJECT

In addition to the scripture reading and discussion questions, this Discipleship Kit challenges your family to a scripture memory project this summer. As we reflect on Peter's transformation from uneducated fisherman, to a denying and deserting disciple, to the rock upon which Jesus builds his church, we should develop a desire to know, "how can I be changed, as Peter was changed?"

To that end, we invite your family to memorize Peter's very own words on how to "participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desires" in 2 Peter 1:3-11.

The lessons in this Discipleship Kit will guide your family through memorizing all 8 verses by adding a phrase each week. We recommend that as you learn each phrase, you go back and review the previous phrases. By August, you will have hidden this big chunk of scripture in your heart.

PROGRESS CHART

To track your progress on your Discipleship Kit, encourage the children to use crayons to color in the associated fish after you complete each lesson.

Week 1: June 2-8

Peter Meets Jesus

"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

READ

Luke 5:1-11

DISCUSS

- What was Peter's job?
- Why did Peter tell Jesus to go away?
- What did Jesus mean when he told Peter that he would "catch men"?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROJECT

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Week 2: June 9-15

Jesus and Peter Walk on Water

"Lord, save me!"

READ

Matthew 14:22-33

MEMORY VERSE

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DISCUSS

- Why were the disciples afraid?
- Why was Peter able to walk on the water?
- Why did Peter begin to sink?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 3: June 16-22

Peter is a Rock and a Stumbling Block

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

READ

Matthew 16:13-28

MEMORY VERSE

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DISCUSS

- Why did Jesus call Peter a "rock"?
- What did Jesus tell his disciples that was going to happen in Jerusalem?
- What was Peter's response to this? Why did he respond this way?
- Why did Jesus call Peter a "stumbling block"?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 4: June 23-29

Jesus and Peter at the Last Supper

"Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."

READ

John 13:1-11; Luke 22:31-34

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For this reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; (2 Peter 1:3-6)

DISCUSS

- Why didn't Peter want Jesus to wash his feet?
- What was Jesus showing Peter when he washed his feet?
- What did Jesus tell Peter he was praying for him about?
- What did Jesus predict would happen before the rooster crowed?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 5: June 30 – July 6

Jesus is Arrested & Peter Disowns Him

"I don't know the man!"

READ

John 18:1-11; Luke 22:54-62

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DISCUSS

- What happened after Jesus answered the mob, "I am he"?
- What did Peter do?
- Why do you think Peter pretended to not know Jesus?
- How do you think Peter felt when he heard the rooster crow?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 6: July 7 – July 13

Peter Witnesses Jesus's Resurrection

"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

READ

John 20:1-9

MEMORY VERSE

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DISCUSS

- What do you think Peter thought when he saw the strips of linen lying in the empty tomb?
- When Peter understood that Jesus was alive, how do you think he felt?
- When was the last time Peter had talked to Jesus?
- What did they talk about?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 7: July 14 – July 20

Jesus Restores Peter

"Yes, Lord, You know that I love you."

READ

John 21:1-19

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DISCUSS

- Why do you think Peter went fishing?
- When do you think Peter realized that it was Jesus on the shore?
- What did Jesus mean when he told Peter to "feed my lambs" and "take care of my sheep"?
- How does Jesus want Peter to "follow" him?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 8: July 21 – July 27

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

"God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

READ

Acts 2:1-5; 12-15; 22-24; 36-41

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DISCUSS

- Why were the people in Jerusalem amazed?
- What was Peter's message to them?
- What was the people's response?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 9: July 28 – August 3

Peter Heals a Lame Man

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

READ

Acts 3:1-16

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DISCUSS

- Why was Peter able to heal this man?
- Why do you think God enabled Peter and the other apostles to do miracles?
- What was the response of the people who saw this miracle?
- What is Peter's message to them?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 10: August 4 – August 10

Peter Before the Sanhedrin

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

READ

Acts 4:1-22

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. (2 Peter 1:3-10)

DISCUSS

- Why were the priests, temple guard, and Sadducees disturbed by what Peter was preaching?
- What is Peter's message to them?
- What is their response to Peter's message?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 11: August 11 – August 17

Peter is Persecuted for Jesus

"We must obey God rather than men!"

READ

Acts 5:17-42

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. **For if you do these things, you will never stumble,** (2 Peter 1:3-10)

DISCUSS

- Why were the apostles thrown into jail?
- Did this stop them from preaching?
- Why do you think Peter is able to be brave and continue preaching, even though the authorities are threatening him? What has changed about Peter since he denied Jesus on the night Jesus was arrested?
- What is the apostles' reaction to being flogged?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?

Week 12: August 18 – August 24

Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison

"Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued him from Herod's clutches"

READ

Acts 12:1-19

MEMORY VERSE

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:3-11)

DISCUSS

- Does Peter seem worried that he is in jail? Why or why not?
- What is the church praying for Peter about?
- How did God answer that prayer?
- What does Peter think about Jesus in this story?
- What do we learn about Peter in this story?