



Lesson
35

1st--4th

PETER IS RESTORED

April 18 & 19

JESUS IS FORGIVING



LESSON GOAL:

Background: After Jesus rose from the dead, He met His friends by the sea and helped them catch lots of fish. Jesus talked with Peter and asked him three times if he loved Him, forgiving Peter for the times he had said he didn't know Jesus. Jesus showed Peter love and gave him a new job to care for and lead others.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that even when we sin or disobey God, He still loves us and forgives us.

John 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KIDS CAMP - CODE NAME: DISCIPLE

June 8-11 at all campuses

woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Reptile Rick



KEY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT (Serving & Loving Teachers)

Through SALT, Woodmen's ACTS ministry is serving and loving over 1200 teachers and school staff in El Paso County through morale boosting. This includes staff appreciation events for all school staff such as luncheons, conference treats, notes with words of encouragement, classroom support, school event support and more.

This weekend, we are coloring flowers that will be used as decor for an upcoming teacher luncheon to spread love and encouragement to these teachers in our community.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is Forgiving!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



SAY:

Let's take turns sharing three words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your three words then invite the next child to share.



SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is Forgiving**. This story comes from the Bible in **John 21:15-17**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus and Peter

2. What is the problem?

Peter said he didn't know Jesus three different times - which wasn't true because Peter was one of Jesus' closest followers and friends

3. What will God do?

Jesus forgave Peter for what he did by asking Peter if he loved Jesus 3 times. Jesus gave Peter a new job to care for and lead God's people.



MAKE: Jesus is-Tree Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Tree outline page, green hearts, markers/crayons



DO:

Pass out one tree page per child to color. Then have them pick 5-6 hearts and help them write things about Jesus on the hearts ("Jesus is...loving, kind, forgiving, the way, caring, honest, etc.") Last, have kids glue the hearts to the tree.



SAY:

Today we are learning how Jesus is forgiving! We all make mistakes but Jesus loves us and He forgives us. He wants a relationship with us. Let's make a special craft that reminds us about who Jesus is.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: My Hope is in the Lord

SONG 2: Glorious Day



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is Forgiving!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: None



SAY:

Peter made a pretty big mistake when he pretended not to know Jesus three times. But, Jesus showed Peter love and forgiveness, even though Peter had done wrong against him. Even when we sin or disobey God, He still loves us and forgives us too!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Jesus forgives us! Have you ever made a bad choice? Maybe you yelled at someone, made a friend sad or hurt someone's feelings? We all make bad choices sometimes.***
 - ***But Jesus loves us SO much. Jesus wants us to say sorry and ask for forgiveness.***
 - ***Let's practice doing that right now.*** Invite kids to spread around the room (if space allows) and find a quiet spot to be alone with God.
 - ***As you sit there, take a moment to reflect on this last week. Is there anything you need to ask Jesus forgiveness for? Then, on your own in your head, talk to God and tell him about it, and ask God to forgive you.***
 - After a few minutes, invite everyone back together while staying quiet.
 - ***Next time you make a bad choice, remember that all you have to do is talk to Jesus, tell him what happened, and ask for forgiveness! Jesus loves you and forgives you!***



PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you find peace knowing that even when you mess up, Jesus still loves you and will forgive you!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus and Peter

2. What was the problem?

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3. What did God do?

Jesus forgave Peter for what he did by asking Peter if he loved Jesus 3 times. Jesus gave Peter a new job to care for and lead God's people.

4. Why does this matter to me?

Just like Peter, I may have times when I sin or disobey God, but God still loves me and forgives me. He loves me so much He sent Jesus to rescue and forgive me from all my sins.

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can go to God anytime to ask for forgiveness when I sin (make a mistake/mess up); I can forgive others because Jesus has forgiven me



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements.