

Acts-Revelation

Peter and John get in trouble Acts 4:1-20

Younger Verse

I am with you always. Matthew 28:19-20

Older Verse

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome Time

Have you ever gotten in trouble? Sometimes we get punished for doing wrong and other times we are not. Peter and John got in trouble too. Let’s see what happened.

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

Last week we learned that Peter and John helped a crippled man walk! Everyone was so excited to see what had happened. Peter talked to the crowd and many of them believed in Jesus because of what had happened.

Well, some other people in the town were disturbed by what Peter and John were doing. They didn’t believe in Jesus and wanted Peter and John to stop.

They had the guards grab Peter and John. Because it was night, they threw them in jail until morning.

The next day many important city people met. They had Peter and John brought to them and they questioned them. They asked them, “How did you heal the man?”

God spoke through Peter and told the men that it was Jesus who healed the man. Peter reminded them that they had killed Jesus on the cross. He also made sure they knew that Jesus came back to life!

Peter also told the men that the only way to Heaven was by believing in Jesus.

When the men saw Peter’s courage and realized that he and John were not educated, they knew that Jesus must have changed their lives.

The men talked together and tried to decide what to do with Peter and John. They knew that the man was well and that everyone had heard about the miracle, so they warned them NEVER to talk about Jesus again.

Do you know what Peter did? Peter told them they could only do what GOD wanted, and He wanted them to tell others about Jesus.

Peter and John ran back to their friends and shared the good news of their

Lesson Goals

Share how Peter and John got into trouble
Name someone that we can share Jesus with
Understand what it means to have courage to tell others about Jesus

release. Everyone thanked God. They asked God to give them courage to tell more and more people about Jesus.

Guess what God did? He answered their request. Many people told others about Jesus and many, many people believed in Him!

Peter and John stood up for what they believed. They were not afraid of what the men might do. They knew that their God would take care of them. That's exactly what happened. God did a great thing!

He wants us to share Jesus with others too. If we are afraid or scared, we must do what Peter and John did: pray and ask God for courage! God will help us and take care of us!

If you want to know more about what it means to believe in Jesus, like Peter and John, talk to us during activity time or snack time.

Learning Activities

Think of fun ways that the kids can learn and apply the lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

The end of this verse shares how Jesus is with us always. Talk about how important that is to know that Jesus will be with us every step of the way. He promises that He will never leave us.

Prayer Time

Peter and John prayed and saw amazing things happen. Many people believed in Jesus because of their courage. Pray and ask God to help us have courage to tell others about Jesus.

Clean Up/Snack time

When Peter and John came back, the people shared food together. Take time to share snacks together and build friendships.

Preschool Lesson
For
Peter and John get into trouble

Last week we learned that Peter and John helped a man walk! Everyone was so excited to see what had happened. Peter talked to the crowd and many of them believed in Jesus because of what had happened.

Well, some other people in the town were upset by what Peter and John were doing. They didn't believe in Jesus and wanted Peter and John to stop talking to people.

They had the guards grab Peter and John. Because it was night, they threw them in jail until morning.

The next day there was an important meeting. They asked Peter and John, "How did you heal the man?"

God spoke through Peter and told the men that it was Jesus who healed the man. Peter reminded them that they had killed Jesus on the cross. He also made sure they knew that Jesus came back to life!

Peter also told the men that the only way to Heaven was by believing in Jesus.

When the men saw how brave Peter was, they knew that Jesus must have changed their lives.

The men talked together and tried to decide what to do with Peter and John. They knew that the man was well and that everyone had heard about the miracle, so they warned them NEVER to talk about Jesus again.

Do you know what Peter did? Peter told them they could only do what GOD wanted, and He wanted them to tell others about Jesus!

Peter and John ran back to their friends and shared the good news of their release. Everyone thanked God. They asked God to give them courage to tell more and more people about Jesus.

Guess what God did? He answered their prayers. Many people told others about Jesus and many, many people believed in Him!

Hands-On Activities For Peter and John get in Trouble

For older children, there are books that talk about Christians who have been put in jail (etc.) for their faith. Share some of these experiences. Please do NOT scare the kids. Share how each person had boldness/courage and how God took care of them. Encourage them to share Jesus with someone this week.

Talk with your kids about how to share what Jesus means to others. In “church” lingo it is sometimes called a “testimony.” An illustration to help them understand may be the example of seeing a concert. A person shares with others what they have seen and heard. In the same way, a person shares with others what Jesus means to them. They also share how Jesus can be in their lives.

Have someone pretend to be “Judge Judy” (possibly using a black or dark sheet, old coat or graduation gown). Act out the story. Ask the kids if someone could tell that they are Christians by the way they act. This could be a time when kids want to know more about trusting Christ. Be sensitive. Also make sure that they understand that we do not get to Heaven by being good. We must trust in Jesus.