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**Series:** Jesus Gave Himself for Me  
Winter Year 1, Lesson 46

# Peter Denies Jesus

**Take Home Point:** \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES  
.....*Jesus forgives my mistakes.*

\*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

**Bible Event:** Mark 14:66-72

**We will help children know:**

- The Bible event of Peter denying that he knew Jesus.
- We all sin.
- Jesus forgave Peter, and Jesus forgives them.




**We will help the children feel:**

- Sorry for their sins.
- Comforted by Jesus' forgiveness.

**We will help the children do:**

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Make a rooster picture.
- Snack: Eat chicken flavored crackers.
- Game: Peter, Tell the Truth.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES...  
Jesus forgives my mistakes.
- Sing and Pray.

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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## Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

**Purpose:** *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

## Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



**Purpose:** *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

## Puppet Presentation

*Supplies: Bubba puppet wearing a baseball cap; Presenter holds a Bible*

**Presenter:** Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: (Says sadly) Hi everyone.

**Presenter:** Bubba, you sound sad.

Bubba: I am.

**Presenter:** What happened?

Bubba: I was supposed to have a baseball game this morning. I can't go because it is Sunday and I go to church on Sunday.

**Presenter:** That makes you sad?

Bubba: No.

**Presenter:** Explain.

Bubba: I told the guys on my team that I couldn't go to our game because I had church this morning.

**Presenter:** Then what happened?

Bubba: They started teasing me. They said "Do you believe in all that silly Jesus stuff?"

**Presenter:** What did you say?

Bubba: (Bubba mumbles.)

**Presenter:** What?

Bubba: I told them that no, I did not believe in all that Jesus stuff.

**Presenter:** Oh, Bubba.

Bubba: But I lied. I really do love Jesus and believe in him.

**Presenter:** It makes you feel bad that you lied, doesn't it?

Bubba: Yes. Now I am afraid that Jesus is mad at me because I lied and said I didn't believe in him.

**Presenter:** Now this all makes sense. Bubba, your story is like today's Bible event.

Bubba: How?

**Presenter:** Jesus had been arrested and his disciple Peter was scared. Someone asked him if he knew Jesus and he said "no".

Bubba: Why?

**Presenter:** He was afraid they would arrest him if he said he knew Jesus.

Bubba: I can understand that.

**Presenter:** Peter did not just say once that he didn't know Jesus. He said it three times.

Bubba: Did he feel bad like me?

**Presenter:** He felt so bad that he cried. But later he learned that Jesus forgave him and still loved him.

Bubba: Will Jesus forgive me for what I said?

**Presenter:** Yes. Jesus knows we all make mistakes. He loves us and forgives us. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Bubba: Yes.

**Presenter:** First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: OK

**Presenter:** \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES...now you say, "Jesus forgives my mistakes."

Bubba: Jesus forgives my mistakes.

**Presenter:** Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

**Presenter:** OK everybody, \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES...

Bubba: (and everyone): Jesus forgives my mistakes.

**Presenter:** One more time. \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES...

Bubba: (and everyone): Jesus forgives my mistakes.

**Presenter:** Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

## **Bible Event:** Visit from a Dramatized Character

*Supplies: Bible; costumed adult to play Peter; someone off stage to crow like a rooster*

For this Bible event, have someone backstage to make the noise of a rooster crowing.

The presenter holds his Bible and says:

**In today’s Bible event we are going to learn about a time when Peter lied and said he did not know Jesus. Earlier, Jesus had told Peter that he would deny him, or say he didn’t know Jesus, three times before a rooster crowed. Peter told Jesus that he would never deny him, but that is exactly what happened.**

**Let’s put on our imagination hats and pretend we are meeting Peter.**

Peter enters and looks sad. He begins his story:

**Peter: Boys and girls, I want to tell you what I did. It is something I feel very bad about. I feel so bad, I wish I could change my words.**

**Some men had arrested Jesus. They took him to the place of the high priest who would judge Jesus. I saw Jesus being arrested and I followed them to the high priest. (Act scared.) I was really scared. What if they arrested me, too?**

**They took Jesus inside. I sat in the courtyard with the guards and warmed myself by the fire. (Shiver and then rub hands together.)**

**One of the servant girls came by. When she saw me she said, “You were with that man Jesus.”**

**That scared me. What if they arrested me, too? “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” I said. Then I walked away. Walk a few paces and then pace nervously.**

**Soon the servant girl came to where I had moved and saw me again. (Use loud voice.) “This man is one of Jesus’ followers,” she said to the people standing nearby.**

**I wanted her to stop saying that. What if they arrested me, too? “I am not!” I answered. “I tell you, I don’t know him.”**

**After a little while, the people standing nearby said, “You must be one of Jesus’ followers.”**

**Now I was really, really scared. I was sure that I would be arrested like Jesus. “No!” I said. “No! No! No! I don’t know him and I am not with him!” I yelled.**

**Then the rooster crowed. (*Rooster crows from off stage.*) I remembered what Jesus had said, that before the rooster crowed, I would say three times I didn’t know him.**

**How could I do such a thing? How could I say I didn’t even know Jesus, my Savior and Lord? I love him. How could I say I didn’t know him? I felt bad. I felt really, really bad. I didn’t care anymore if I was arrested or not. All I cared about was that I had denied I knew Jesus. I began to cry.**

**Jesus, I’m sorry. If I could change my words, I would. Oh, Jesus, I am so sorry.**

Peter walks offstage and presenter comes back onstage. Presenter speaks:

**My, Peter really feels bad. He made a big mistake. What he did was a sin. He chose to do something wrong. He chose to lie and say he did not know Jesus.**

**But this story doesn’t end with bad news. What Peter didn’t know was that Jesus would die on the cross, but he would not stay dead. On Easter morning, Jesus came back alive. Jesus knew the mistake Peter had made. He knew Peter’s sin, but he did not stop loving Peter. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for Peter’s sin, so he forgave Peter.**

**We all make mistakes and sin. We hit our brother or sister, refuse to share our toys, don’t pick up our rooms when our moms tell us to, we whine, we have temper tantrums, or we slam our bedroom doors. Jesus knows every time we do something wrong. But Jesus still loves us. And when we love Jesus and are sorry for our sins, he forgives us.**

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. **\*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....***Jesus forgives my mistakes.*

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,  
We love you.  
Jesus knows my mistakes.  
He forgives me.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Song:**

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *London Bridge*)  
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

**JE-sus KNO-ws MY mis-TAKES.**  
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**HE for-GIVES me.**

## **Small Group Application (30 minutes)**



**Purpose:** Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

### **Activity 1: Craft: Rooster**

**Supplies:** Copies of Appendix A on card stock, one per child; markers or crayons; feathers, glue

Boys and girls, today we are going to decorate a picture of a rooster. What did the rooster do in today's Bible event? (Crowed when Peter denies three times that he knew Jesus.)

After you color the rooster, you can glue feathers on him.

As the children work, review the Bible event.



Review the Bible Event.

**What do you know about Jesus?** (*Answers will vary but may include that he was born in a stable, he died on the cross, he did miracles, he loves me, etc.*)

The best thing we know about Jesus is that he died on the cross so that when we sin like Peter did, we can be forgiven. Peter said he didn't know Jesus. Let's tell everyone that we know Jesus and tell them the Good News that their sins, the bad choices they make, are forgiven!

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### **Activity 2: Snack:** Chicken-flavored Crackers

*Supplies: Chicken flavored crackers (such as "Chicken in a Biscuit"); napkins, cups, water or juice.*

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Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, did you know that roosters are boy chickens? Today we are going to eat chicken flavored crackers. They will remind us of the rooster that crowed when Peter denied knowing Jesus.

Review the Bible event.

**What did Peter do wrong?** *(Three times he said he did not know Jesus, even though he was Jesus' disciple.)*

**How did Peter feel after the rooster crowed?** *(He felt bad, sad, sorry and he cried.)*

Let's practice the take home point. **\*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....Jesus forgives my mistakes.**

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## **Activity 3: Game: Peter, Tell the Truth**

*Supplies: small container with lid filled with raisins or small candies, enough for one per child*

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Today we are going to play a game called "Peter, Tell the Truth". Let's sit in a big circle and put your hand behind your backs. One child will be "It" and sit in the middle of the circle. "It" will close their eyes while I go around the circle and put this container of treats in someones hands. Make sure you keep it hidden behind you.

Now "It" opens their eyes and tries to tell by looking at your eyes, which one of you has the treats. "It" will point to a child and say, "Peter, tell the truth. Do you have the treats?"

If Peter has the egg, he says yes, opens the treats and gives one to "It". If Peter does not have the egg, he says "no", opens the treats and gets to eat one. Now "It" and "Peter" trade places. We will keep going for as long as we have time. (At the end of the game, give a treat to any child who did not get one during the game.)

Review the Bible event.

**What did Jesus do after Peter lied about knowing him?** (He forgave Peter.)

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### **Prayer Time:**

What are some sins that children do? (*Lying, not sharing, fighting, not obeying, etc.*)  
Why does Jesus forgive us? (*He loves us and died on the cross for us.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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# Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



**Purpose:** The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

**Singing:** (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

**Supplies:** Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

## Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

**Presenter:** We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

**Presenter:** Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a rooster like the one that crowed after Peter denied knowing Jesus. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

**Presenter:** (says to kids): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Kids say: ....Jesus forgives my mistakes.  
**Presenter:** (says to Albie): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Albie says: I am really afraid of snakes!



**Presenter:** Albie, look at the snack we ate. It tasted like chicken. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Kids say: ....Jesus forgives my mistakes.  
**Presenter:** (says to Albie): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Albie says: I love chocolate cupcakes!

**Presenter:** Albie, today we played a game called "Peter, Tell the Truth". Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Kids say: ....Jesus forgives my mistakes.  
**Presenter:** (says to Albie): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Albie says: When I bend like this (bend puppet backwards), my back aches!

**Presenter says:** "Albie, listen one last time."  
\*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....  
Kids response: ....Jesus forgives my mistakes.  
**Presenter:** (says to Albie): \*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....

*Albie's response:*

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

**\*JESUS KNOWS MY MISTAKES....Jesus forgives my mistakes.**

**Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!**

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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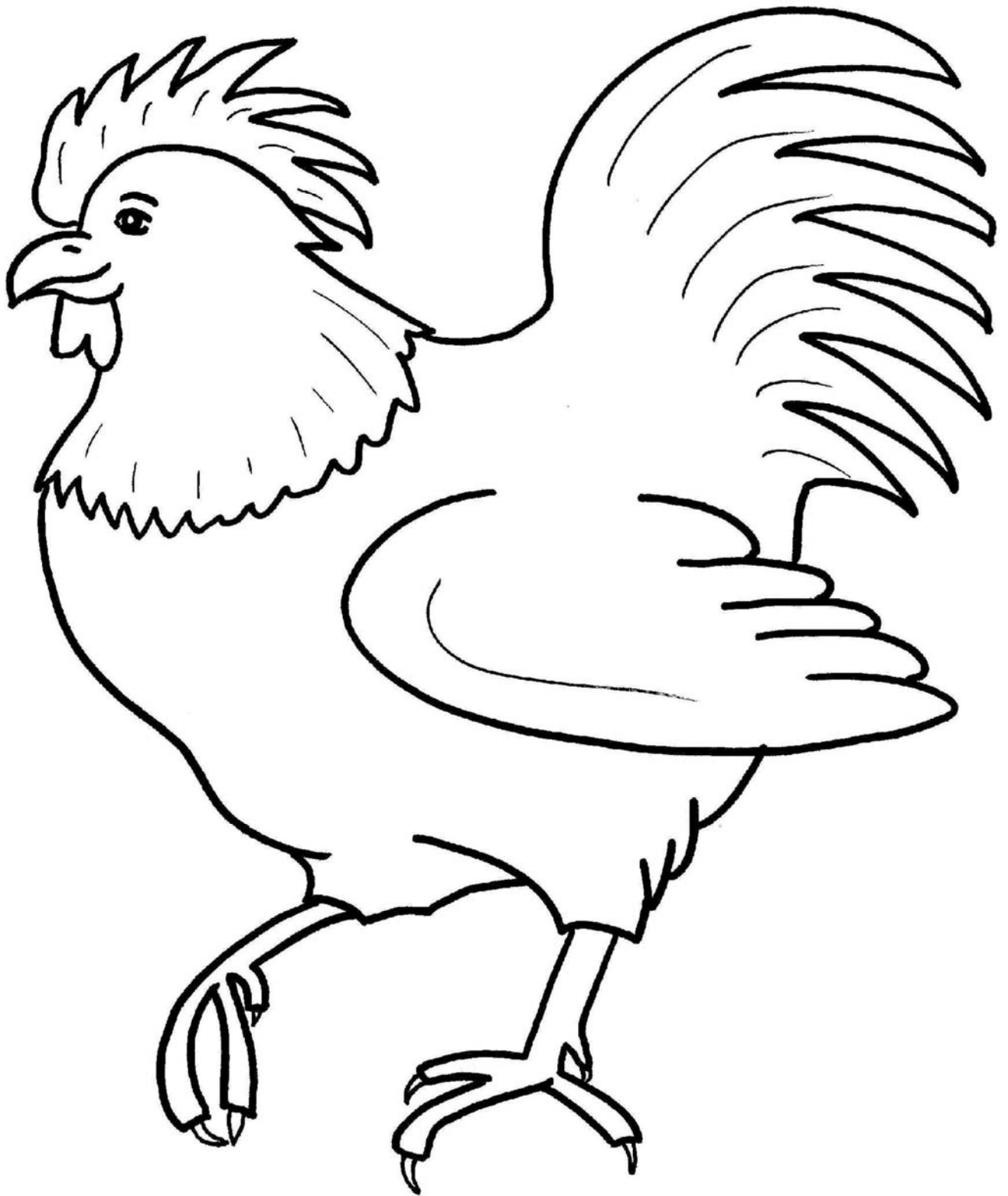
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**Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to know that Jesus forgives your mistakes.**



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