

## Lesson 126: Peter Explains Belief in Jesus

### [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/s445KRv-cD4>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/bkDDMixZsxx>

**Worship Theme:** Jesus gives us new birth.

**Memory Verse:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. It's a Great Day <https://youtu.be/Z91SULEHfho>
2. Good News Club [https://youtu.be/s3l\\_InHYe7o](https://youtu.be/s3l_InHYe7o)
3. Good News [https://youtu.be/rG4H\\_Te6q90](https://youtu.be/rG4H_Te6q90)

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Change Your Shirt"

Materials Needed: Two or three big t-shirts

1. Divide the children into 2 or 3 groups.
2. Have them stand in one line and select a leader for their group.
3. The teacher will give each leader a t-shirt and the leader has to put on the shirt.
4. When the game starts, the leader has to take off the shirt and pass it to the next child. The next child has to put on the shirt and then take it off and then pass it to the next child. Continue until the last child in the group has completed putting on and taking off the shirt.
5. The first group to finish wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that just as we changed our t-shirt, we want to change our hearts to believe in Jesus.



### Introduction:

Have you ever seen a caterpillar? As you know, caterpillars transform into a beautiful butterfly. This is similar to how we transform and receive new hearts when we believe Jesus. Today, we will learn about how Jesus gives us new life.

### Bible Story:

Jesus gives a brand-new life to those who believe in him. He can do that because he's God and because he has power over death. Jesus died and came back to life, and he's alive today!

When we say that Jesus gives us new birth, we mean that he saves us from our sins. He forgives our sins and wipes them away and turns us into brand-new people. The Bible tells us that we don't have to do any work at all to receive new birth from God. God gives us a brand-new life when we believe in Jesus—that kind of belief is called faith. We must believe that when we were sinners, Jesus died for us on the cross and took away all of our sins. Then Jesus beat death and came back to life so that he could give us eternal life in heaven! Even today, Jesus is with us and guides us to make good choices as God's sons and daughters.

The word grace means something God gives us even though we don't deserve it, just because he loves us. This new birth and new life in Jesus is given to us by grace. We don't deserve it, but God gives it to us when we believe in him because he loves us.

When we receive that new birth through our faith in Jesus, we become part of God's family and we receive lots of great gifts and privileges. We know that we have a sure hope for our future in Jesus. We know that we have an inheritance that can never be

destroyed, and we know that we are protected by God's power. We have great joy, too, and we get to go to heaven to live with God forever!

Aren't you glad to be part of God's family through your faith in him? Praise Jesus for giving us new life!

### Questions to discuss:

1. How can Jesus give us new life? (Because he is God and has power over death)
2. What must you believe to have faith in God? (Jesus died for our sins and he overcame death to give us eternal life and he is still with us today)
3. What does the word grace mean? (God gives us something we don't deserve)
4. What grace has God given to us? (new birth in Jesus when we believe in him)
5. Are you glad to be part of God's family? (Let the children answer)

### Game: "Dance with a Balloon"

Materials Needed: Balloon

1. Ask each child to find a partner.
2. Each group will take one balloon.
3. From the starting point, they have to get to the end and come back while dancing and carrying the balloon only using their head. (Teacher will have music for the game.)
4. If they drop the balloon, they lose the game.
5. The team who returns to the starting point with the balloon while dancing wins the game and will get a prize.
6. After the game, explain to the children that the balloon could not return to the starting point without the children. In the same way, we cannot be saved and receive new life without Jesus.



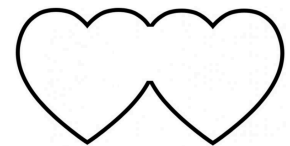
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### Craft: "Jesus Gives Us New Birth"

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, crayones, pencils, scissors, glue

1. Give each child the printed craft sheet and ask them to decorate the inside and outside of the heart.
2. Have the children cut out the heart and the memory verse and ask them to glue the memory verse on the inside of the heart.
3. Have the children read the memory verse together and remind them that they are made new by Jesus through their faith in him!



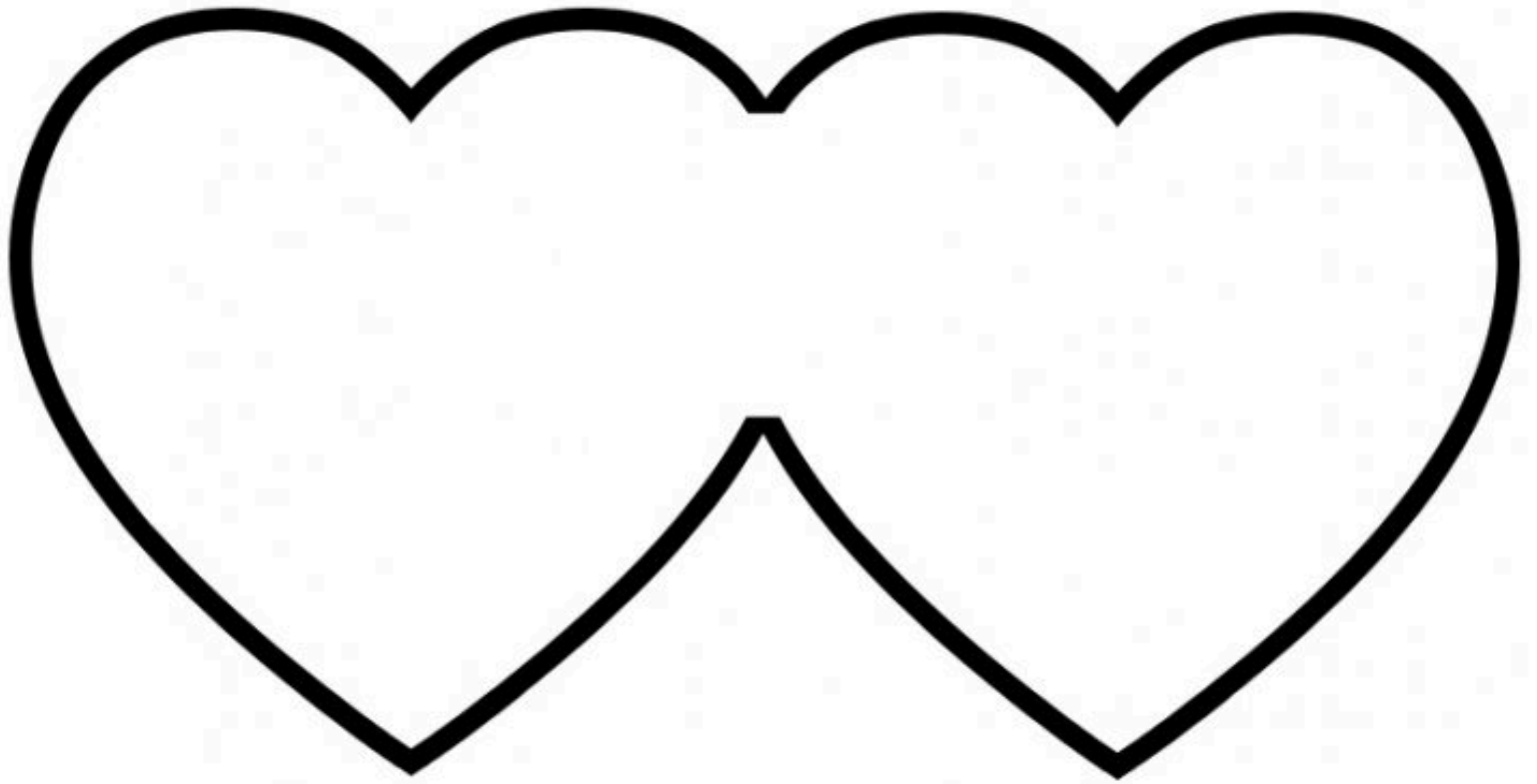
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#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

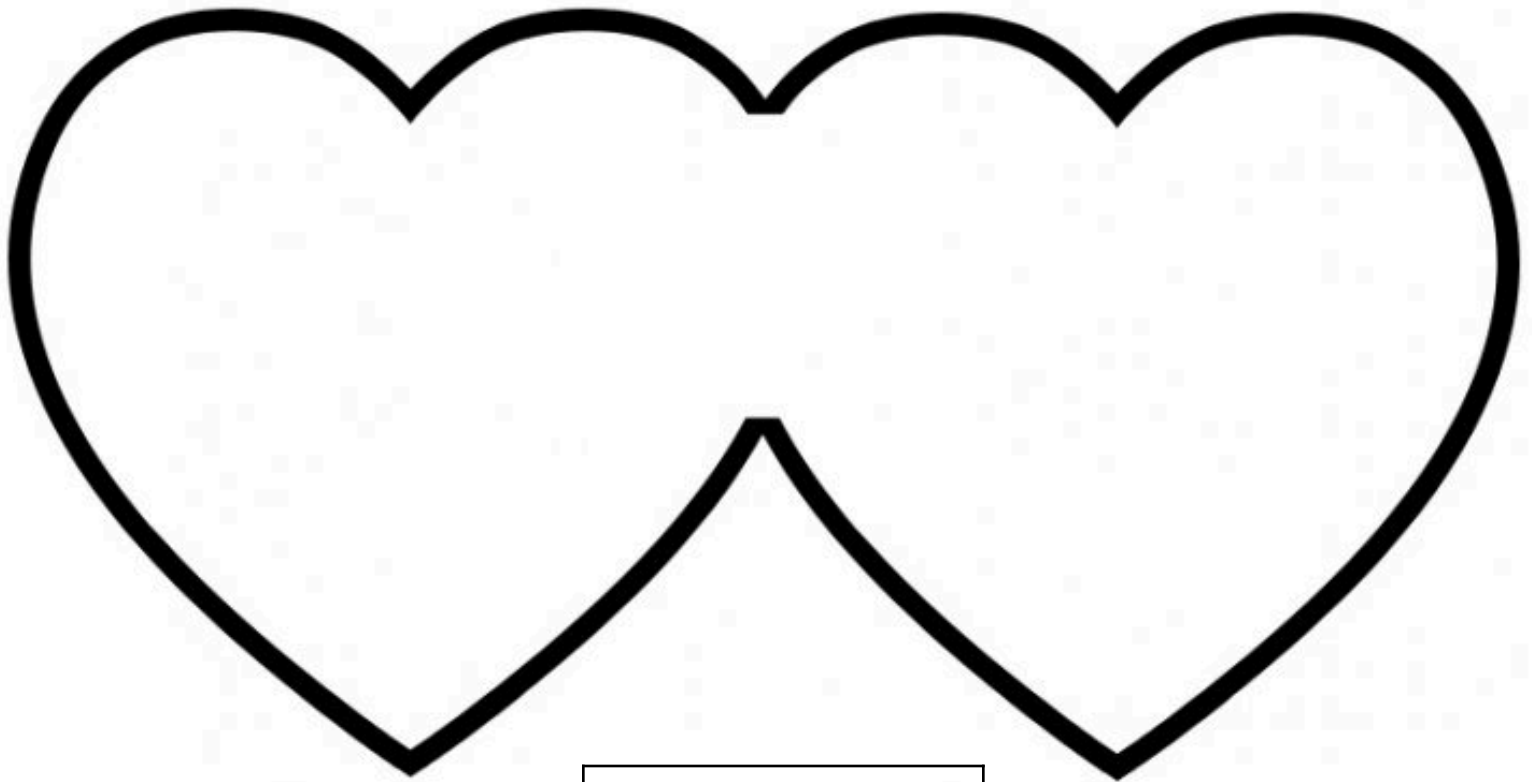
Jesus' victory over death brings us unchanging and unfailing hope. How does hope in Jesus influence your happiness or unhappiness? Is it possible to have hope and still feel unhappy? Having hope doesn't mean we walk around in completely happiness all the time, but it definitely alters how we view life. Ask God to show you how your life should reflect your hope in Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, for restoring our souls, giving us real joy, and providing hope to carry on!

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