

Lesson 74: Peter Speaks About Jesus Courageously

[Acts 4:5-14](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/WW48tDY5gpA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/PysKufW0NMc>

Worship Theme: God's Spirit strengthens us.

Memory Verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."
(Romans 1:16)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Follow Me <https://youtu.be/ASM21vLgdf4>
2. God Will Make a Way <https://youtu.be/pKmid-FNhhw>
3. Good News Mission <https://youtu.be/T1WMFhM4Sxk>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Reach out to People"



1. Select 1 child to be "it," and this person will stand at the end of a classroom.
2. All the other children will stand at the other end of the classroom.
3. When the teacher starts the game, "it" will run around the classroom to catch other children.
4. When "it" catches anyone, they will now partner with "it" and help "it" to catch other children.
5. Play until everyone is caught by "it" and their team.
6. After the game, explain to the children that we can work together to share the Good News to save our friends.

Introduction:

After Jesus rose from the dead, he promised that he would send a helper to be with the people who believed in Jesus. Jesus kept his promise and sent the Holy Spirit. When we put our faith in God, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us, giving us power, strength, courage, and guidance. The Spirit of God dwells within each Christian. With the Holy Spirit inside us, there's nothing we can't accomplish for our God. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to tell others about Jesus. That's exactly what happened to two people in the Bible story we'll be looking at today!

Bible Story:

One day Peter and John were going to the Temple. A man who was crippled from birth was being carried to a Temple gate. Peter healed the man in the name of Jesus and told him to walk. When the priests and Sadducees heard that Peter and John were preaching that Jesus had risen from the dead and were healing people, they were very upset. They didn't know what to do, so they put Peter and John in prison.

The next day, Peter and John were brought before the chief priests and rulers. They began questioning Peter and John by asking, "By what power or what name did you do this miracle?" Peter wasn't afraid to answer. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit strengthened Peter and gave him the courage to talk to these people who had put him in prison.

Peter told them, "It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed." The rulers were amazed. Peter and John were ordinary men. They were fishermen. They did not

have a lot of education or power. How could they say and do these great things? The rulers realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus and had great courage and strength in the things they said. The rulers did not know what to do. However, Peter and John knew that they had God's Spirit to strengthen them no matter what happened.

When we believe in Jesus and put our faith in God, we become Christians. When we have faith in God, he forgives us and saves us from our sins. Then we walk in God's ways—the way of kindness, the way of light, and the way of love. And the Holy Spirit helps us to do that. He gives us the strength to be kind and loving and to live in the light.

We all need God in our lives. There are so many things that are hard about living in this world. Tough times are easier to face with the Holy Spirit's strength. But there are many people who don't believe in God. They have to face tough situations all by themselves. This is one reason it's so important to tell others about Jesus; we want everyone to believe in God and to have the Holy Spirit in their lives. Let's be like Peter and speak to others about Jesus courageously!

Questions to discuss:

1. What are the names of the disciple who are put in jail? (Peter and John)
2. Why were they put in jail? (They healed a man to walk in the name of Jesus)
3. Why was Peter not afraid to talk about Jesus? (Because he was filled with the Holy Spirit)
4. Who can have the Holy Spirit? (All Christians who believe in Jesus)
5. What can the Holy Spirit do for you? (Strengthen you to be kind, loving, and courageous)

Game: "Pop the Balloon"

Materials Needed: Balloons, 3 chairs



1. Divide the children into 3 groups and give a balloon to each child.
2. Place 3 chairs at the other end of the classroom.
3. When the teacher starts the game, the first child in each group will blow up the balloon (tie it) and run toward the chair. Once they reach the chair, they have to run around the chair, place the balloon on the chair and pop it. Then they can run back to the group.
4. The first group to finish everyone wins the game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that sometimes blowing up the balloon is hard or popping the balloon is hard. These are some obstacles that will prevent us from achieving our goal, but we all finished the race. In the same way, with the strength we receive from the Holy Spirit, we can finish the race of sharing the gospel.

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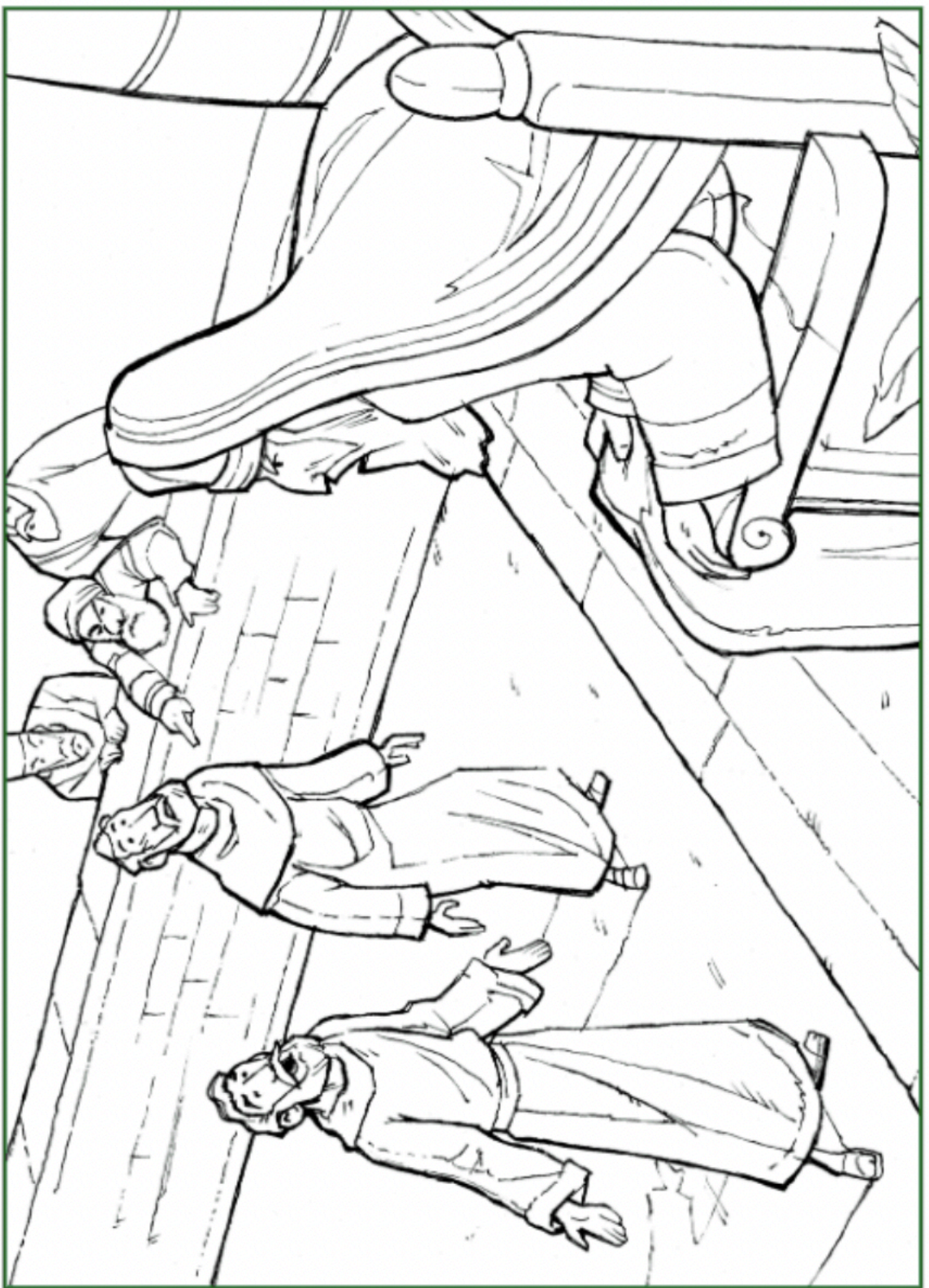
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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

When troubles come, where do you turn for courage and strength? The world teaches us that we should trust ourselves. Don't fall for this lie. Without God, there is nothing we can do to save ourselves from the problems of this world. Remind yourself daily, "I know God can; I know God can; I know God can!" Trust in the God who gave courage to Abraham, Ruth, Moses, Rahab, David, Esther, Daniel, Mary, and Peter...and God will give you the courage to overcome the world!

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