

## TEACH the Story

**SESSION TITLE:** Living Like Jesus

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 2 Peter 1

**STORY POINT:** Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

### Welcome and worship with song

Greet preschoolers with a smile as they arrive.

sing an action song "Don't Stop" to engage them

Begin worship by leading preschoolers in the theme song "The Good News of Christ."

### Watch or tell the Bible story

**SAY** • Our last Bible story was from 1 Peter. 1 Peter is

a letter Peter wrote to encourage believers going through hard times. Today's Bible story is about another letter Peter wrote called 2 Peter. Believers were still going through hard times. Listen to what he had to say. Show the video

### Practice the key passage

Read aloud the key passage. Break up the verse into phrases. Point to yourself and say the first phrase. Then point to preschoolers, prompting them to repeat the phrase back to you. Continue with each phrase, gradually speeding up, until the group can say the verse on their own.

**SAY** • God always gives us everything we need. He gives us strength to live in a way which pleases Him and gives us joy. God is pleased when we show love to Him and others.

Sing the key passage song "His Divine Power" together.

## Learn the big picture question and answer

**SAY** • We cannot live like Jesus on our own. We are sinners. We need help. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us.

*How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?*

*The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.*

## Respond through song and prayer

**SAY** • **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.** Jesus lived a perfect life and died the death we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes our hearts. Jesus helps His followers live like Him.

Sing "The Good News of Christ"

Sing "You Will Be My Witnesses"

Sing "One and Only Son."

## Prayer

**SAY** • God, change our hearts. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from sin and sending the Holy Spirit to help us live like Him. Amen.

## Transition to experience the story

### Decide what is living like Jesus

Tell preschoolers you will name different words. If the word describes someone who is living like Jesus, they should jump in the air. If the word describes someone who is not living like Jesus, they should squat down.

Use the words

- Good
- mean
- Self-controlled
- Greedy
- Patient
- Grouchy
- Kind
- Disrespectful
- Loving

**SAY** • **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.** Peter said anyone who has faith in Jesus should also try to have these things: goodness, knowledge, self-control, patience, brotherly affection, and love. Jesus is honored when we live like Him, and He helps us.

## Play post office

Push four chairs together to serve as a mail truck. Set out envelopes, paper, markers, stickers, junk mail, empty cardboard boxes (for mail boxes), and cloth grocery bags to serve as mail bags. Consider cutting a slit in a shoe box to serve as a mailbox. Invite preschoolers to play out delivering letters.

**SAY** • Post offices were not around in Peter's time. When Peter wrote his second letter, he was in prison for following Jesus. He wrote, "Jesus gives us everything we need. He gives us power to live for Him. **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.**

**SAY** • People often send cards to encourage one another. **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.** In his letter, Peter encouraged people to show goodness and love, like Jesus did.

## Look at Bible storybooks about Jesus

Set out Bible storybooks that include stories from Jesus' life on earth. Read a story to a child as she shows interest.

**SAY** • **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus.** Jesus came to show us how to live, but more than that, He came to save us from sin. Jesus lived a perfect life and died the death we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us.

## Transition to review the story

### Review

Ask the following review questions:

1. Who wrote a letter while in prison? (*Peter*)
2. Why was Peter arrested? (*He was arrested for following Jesus.*)
3. What did Peter encourage people to do in his letter? (*show goodness and love*)
4. Did Jesus live a perfect life and die on a cross? (*Yes!*)
5. Can we live like Jesus by showing goodness and love to others? (*Yes!*)
6. ***How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for His glory.***

**SAY** • Peter wrote a letter while he was in prison for following Jesus. **Peter encouraged believers to live like Jesus**, showing goodness and love to one another. He also reminded people of what Jesus did for them. Jesus lived a perfect life and died the death we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes our hearts. Jesus helps His followers live like Him.

### Pray

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

**SAY** • God, help us live like Jesus by showing love to others.

Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sin and show us how to live.

Amen.