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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Father, I'm gripped by the realization that You never abandon Your own, even when they desert You. Please give me strength to always remain true to You, my faithful God.

Please guide my child(ren) when they are tempted to betray their friends and to be unkind. Help them realize how much this hurts You. In Jesus' name, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 22:57 " Peter said he did not know Jesus"

BIBLE STORY:

The Rooster (based on Luke 22:54-62)

"Even if everyone else leaves," Peter had told Jesus just a few hours ago, "I will be Your friend forever!"

"No, Peter," Jesus had promised. "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you'll tell people that you don't even know Me- three times."

Now Peter and the disciples were in the garden- hiding. They peeked through the trees and watched the crowd take Jesus away. After the soldiers had arrested Jesus, Peter had run away. All the disciples were afraid that they would be arrested, too.

Peter secretly followed the soldiers. They took Jesus into a big house where the leaders asked Him questions. Peter waited in the courtyard, wondering what was going on inside. He huddled beside a fire to stay warm.

Suddenly, a girl saw Peter. "Look everyone!" she announced. "This man was in the garden with Jesus!"

But Peter told a lie. He shook his head like this. "I don't even know who Jesus is. And I am not His friend!"

Peter backed into the shadows so people couldn't see him. But they knew he was there. A man pointed at Peter: "Hey, mister!" he declared. "I know you're one of Jesus' followers!"

But Peter told a lie. He shook his head like this. “I don’t even know who Jesus is. And I am not His friend!”

Peter still waited in the courtyard, hoping for news about Jesus. Just before the sun began to rise, someone else looked at Peter. “You’re from Jesus’ hometown,” he announced. “I can tell you’re His friend by the way you talk!”

But Peter told a lie. He shook his head like this. “I don’t even know who Jesus is. And I am not His friend!”

Just then, a rooster crowed: Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Peter turned and saw Jesus looking right at him. Oh, no! Peter had done exactly what Jesus had warned him about! Peter had denied that Jesus was his Friend—three times!

All of a sudden, Peter was very sad for denying Jesus, his Friend. He was sorry for lying and not telling the truth. Peter was overcome with sadness, so he ran away, crying.

Several days later, Jesus talked with Peter about what he had done. Peter learned that Jesus is always right—and He is always ready to forgive.

PRAYER:

Thank God for each member of your family. Also, ask God to help each one of you to always love friends, no matter what the friends might say or do.

ACTIVITIES:

My Friends Booklet

Supplies: Pictures of smiling children, glue, construction paper, scissors and markers

Make a heart shaped card by folding the construction paper in half horizontally. Write on the front of the heart “I will always love my friends, no matter what they do.” Give the construction paper heart to your child and let them glue pictures of smiling children inside the heart. Remind them that even though Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus still loved him. Encourage your child to do the same with their friends.

STRING AROUND A WRIST

Supplies: yarn, scissors

Tell your child that everyone forgets, sometimes. Some people even put a string around their wrist to help them remember something. Help your child tie a piece of yarn around their wrist to remember their Bible story from today. Explain to them that Jesus used a rooster to help Peter remember something important. When the rooster crowed, Peter remembered Jesus’ words and he felt bad that he denied Jesus—three times he said he didn’t know Him. Tell your child that Jesus still loved Peter very much and He loves us, no matter what we do.

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