



Benny's Big Hike

Read, Color and Answer the Questions

Benny the Bear loved to hike in nature. One sunny morning, he decided to climb the big mountain near his home. As he walked, he noticed the chirping birds, the rustling leaves, and the warm sun on his fur. Benny felt so happy! But soon, the trail got steep, and Benny felt tired. "I don't think I can do this," he sighed.

Just then, a gentle breeze tickled his nose, and Benny remembered something his mama told him: "Jesus loves you and is always with you." Benny smiled. "Thank you, Jesus, for loving me!" he said. With a brave heart, Benny climbed to the top. He felt Jesus' love in every step and knew he was never alone.

Questions:

- What did Benny love to do?
- Why did Benny soon think that he couldn't climb the mountain?
- What did he remember that his mom had told him?
- When do you feel lonely?
- When you are feeling lonely, who is always with you? Jesus loves YOU!



ONE THING
Jesus Loves Me!

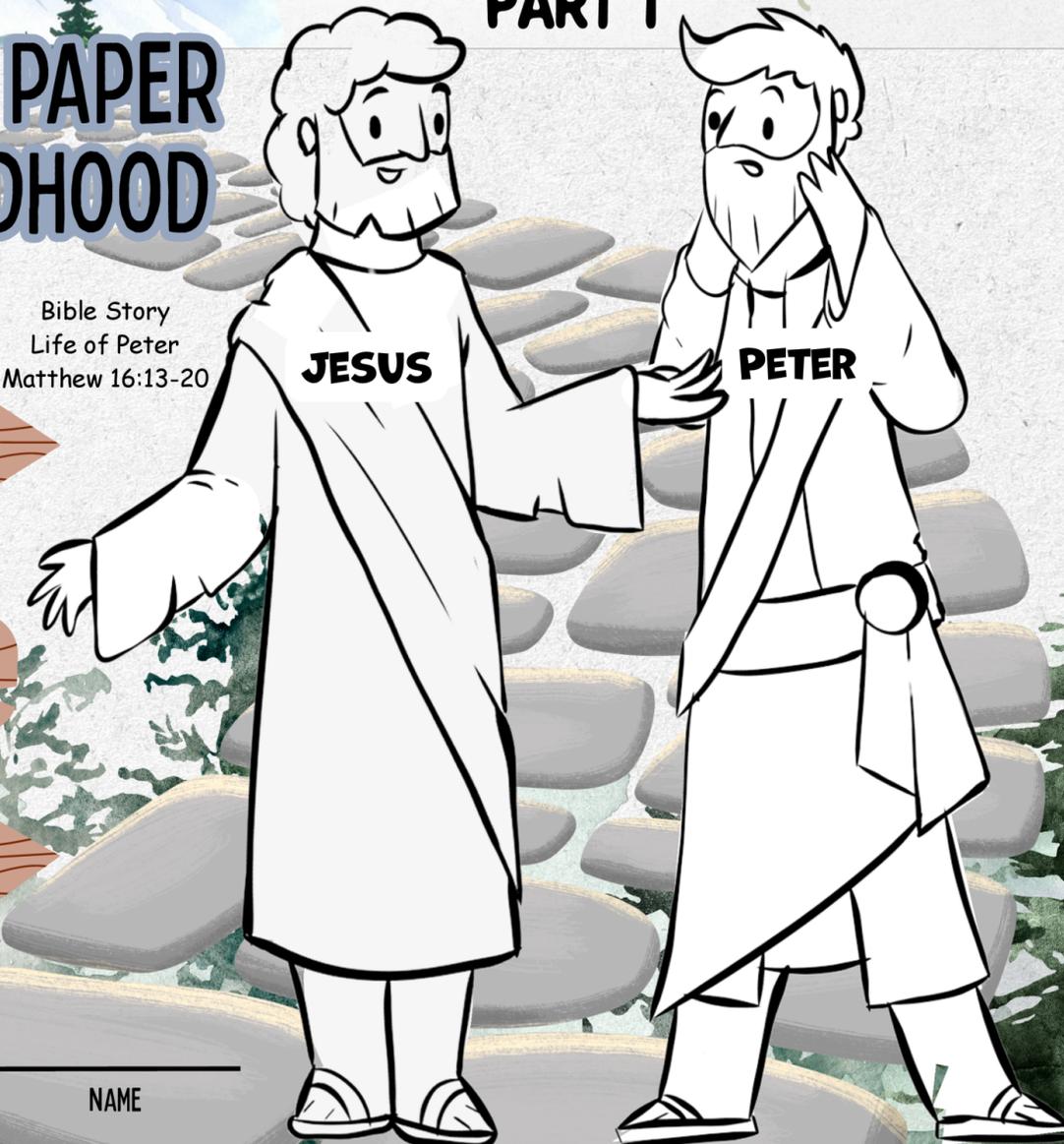
Memory Verse
"... you have been called by God."
Ephesians 4:1

WHAT IF?

PART 1

TAKE-HOME PAPER
EARLY CHILDHOOD

Bible Story
Life of Peter
Matthew 16:13-20



NAME _____

Dear Parents, Today, we began a new series called What If? In this series, we will learn that we are called to live a rich and satisfying life by finding our identity and purpose in Christ. Today, we learned that Jesus loves us through the Life of Peter in Matthew 16:13-20. You can help your child continue to grow in their faith by helping them complete the provided activities at their own pace. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! When your child completes it, sign the front and have them return it to class the following week for a prize.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Read Peter the Rock

Retold From
Matthew 16:13-20



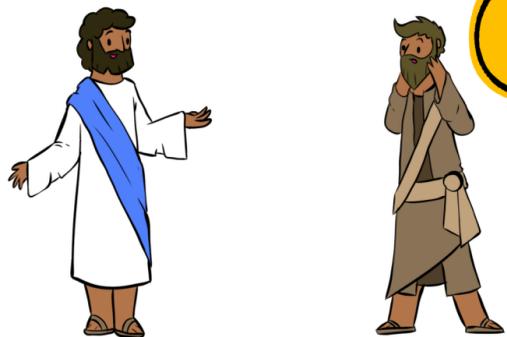
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Peter was one of Jesus' best friends and helpers, called disciples. One day, Jesus and his friends were walking. Jesus stopped and asked his friends a very important question. He asked, "Who do YOU say that I am?"



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Peter didn't even have to think for a long time. He knew the answer! Peter said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"



3

Peter knew that Jesus wasn't just a good teacher. He knew Jesus was God's Son! Jesus was so happy with Peter's answer! He said, "... I will call you Peter, which means 'rock.'"



4

Jesus said that Peter was like a rock because he knew who Jesus was! Then Jesus told Peter that he would "build [His] church" on Peter.

This was how Jesus showed Peter that He had an amazing plan for him. And if Peter followed that plan, amazing things would happen.

Jesus has a plan that is perfect for you, too! And He has that plan because Jesus loves you!



JESUS LOVES ME!

Jesus had special friends called Disciples. He loved them! Jesus loves you, too! Draw yourself in this mirror and say, "JESUS LOVES ME!" Don't forget to draw your hiking hat!

