

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:18*

Standing On The Rock

There are many great men in the Bible. Their faith in God, obedience to His Word, and their determination to live right in spite of wicked people, is what made them great!

Peter is one of the great men mentioned in the Bible. He was a close friend of Jesus and the other disciples. He was also a missionary, just like Paul. He traveled around preaching the Gospel. Because of his faith, he also saw miracles. Lame (crippled) men walked, sick people were healed, and even a girl who had died came back to life! Can you imagine seeing someone healed or brought back to life?

Peter is also the one to whom Jesus gave the “Keys to the Kingdom.” It was Peter who preached on the day of Pentecost and told people how to be saved! People in the city of Jerusalem that day saw and heard everyone in the upper room speaking in tongues, and they began to ask questions. They asked, “What must we do?”

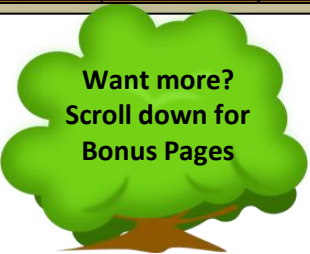
Peter was happy to answer their question! He told them to repent and be baptized in Jesus Name, and that they should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38). Can you imagine being the one chosen by God to tell the whole world how to be saved? It was because of Peter’s faith and obedience that God used him to spread the Gospel and to see people healed.

If we want God to use us today, we must keep our faith strong in Him, be willing to do whatever God’s Word commands us to do, live a life that God honors, and tell others so that they can know how to be saved.

Family Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I have learned about great men in the Bible, and I want to live a life like theirs, so that You can use me! Please come into my life and help me to believe and obey Your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

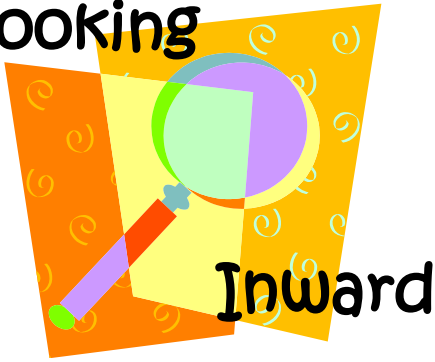


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Looking



Inward

Make patterns for various shapes of keys from cardstock or construction paper. Use a hole punch and make a hole in the end of each. Have children cut the keys out and write the words Repent, Be Baptized, Receive the Holy Ghost on them. Loop them together with pipe cleaners.

Let's talk

Can you imagine what questions were going through Peter's mind when Jesus said "I will give you the keys to the kingdom?" (Matthew 16:19). Have you ever felt that God was leading you to do something that you did not understand? Is it important to get all the details from God or do you have to go on faith sometimes?

Jesus gave Peter the keys and Peter turned around and preached the message on the Day of Pentecost. He did not keep it to himself and neither should we. Make a special effort to reach those around you this week. This can be through a community outreach effort, door-to-door ministry or friends and family. Remember the first two letters of the word Gospel are G-O!

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

Today's focus verse is from a very enlightening passage in the Bible. Jesus is deep in discussion with His disciples.

What question did Jesus ask the disciples in Matthew 16:13?

The response of the disciples was to share what others were thinking. Who did some of the people think that Jesus was?

Jesus was not satisfied with this answer. He wanted a more personal response from these men who were His hand-picked followers. What question did He ask in verse 15?

Who gave an immediate answer? _____

What was that answer?

Jesus said that _____ and _____ did not reveal this to Peter.

The next passage is very important...

18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this _____ I will build my _____; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the _____ of the _____ of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Peter took this charge from Jesus and preached the message of salvation to those in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. That message is still relevant to us today!

Puzzle Page

The letters in the message will be hidden between the words you input below. When the person solving the puzzle finds all the words, the hidden message will be revealed.

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T H E K I N G P V E C D O I M
N Y E W Y R J A E K K N K D C
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C O M M A N D S Y T D N N T G
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COMMANDS

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DETERMINATION

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