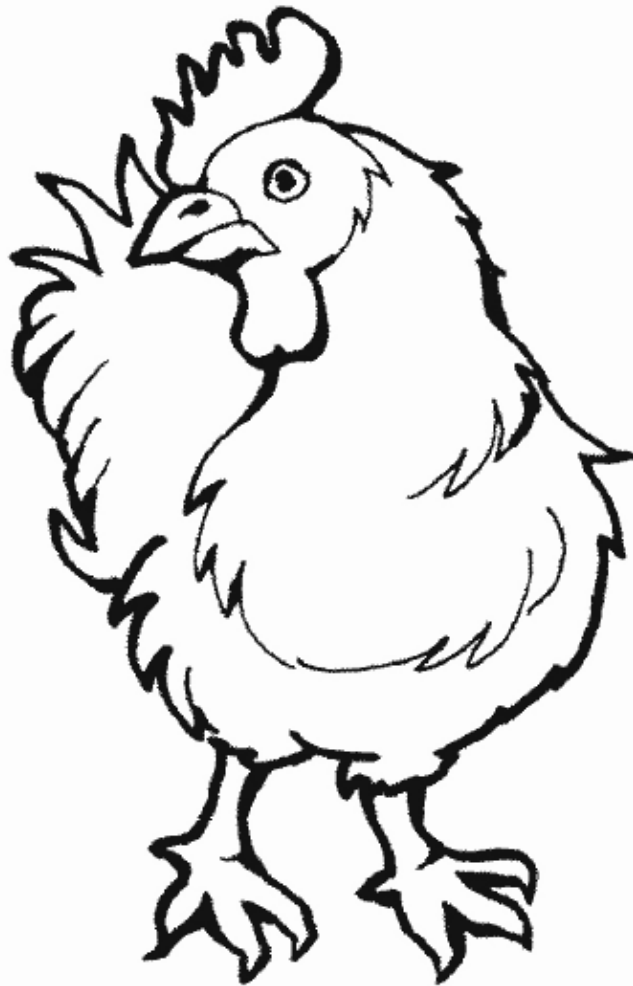


Judas and Peter

Who does not know about Judas and Peter, the two disciples that denied Jesus? Judas is the disciple who betrayed Jesus and sold him for thirty pieces of silver. Peter is the disciple who swore that he did not know the Teacher, even though he had promised that he would give his life for Jesus. Jesus loved both of them very much. Even so, they denied him. But their deaths were different: Judas chose to die without asking for forgiveness. Peter decided to live, repenting for his deeds.



"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32-33

Lesson 25

Judas and Peter

Bible Text: John 6:70-71, Luke 22:1-6, Luke 22:47-48, Matthew 27:3-5 (Judas) and John 13:36-38, Luke 22:54-62 (Peter)

Key Verse: Matthew 10:32-33

Purpose: The children will be encouraged to acknowledge Jesus and to not be ashamed to talk about him.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. Lesson

Before working on the coloring page, tell the children about Judas and Peter denied Jesus.

Judas is the disciple to whom Jesus put in charge of the money. But Judas was a greedy person. The Bible says that he is the one who betrayed Jesus with a kiss for thirty pieces of silver. (Luke 22:1-6; 47-48). Jesus knew that Judas would betray him. (John 6:70-71). Judas felt sorry after betraying Jesus, and he gave the pieces of silver back to the priests. But it was too late. Jesus was already "in their hands". When Judas realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was very sorry, and said, "I have sinned, for I have betrayed an innocent man." "So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself." (Matthew 27:3-5) This was Judas' end.

Peter is the disciple who said that he would die for Jesus (John 13:37). He also said that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. But Jesus knew that Peter was going to deny him and warned him (John 13:38). Peter did not understand this. When Jesus was taken to the high priest, Peter was following him far behind. But three times people recognized him as a follower of Jesus and three times Peter denied Jesus. Then the rooster crowed. When Jesus turned and looked at Peter, he was reminded of what Jesus told him and left the courtyard crying bitterly (Luke 22:54-62). Peter repented, and Jesus forgave him. Peter became a great apostle.

Judas and Peter: Both Judas and Peter denied Jesus but reacted in different ways. Judas did not understand that Jesus died for his sins, so he went out and hanged himself. Peter, who knew Jesus, believed in his forgiveness and obtained it. Peter became a brave apostle. He died as martyr after fulfilling his mission on earth.

II. Activities

1. Key Verse

a. Read the verse out loud:

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."
Matthew 10:32-33

b. Explain the verse:

To acknowledge - to declare, to tell

To deny –to refuse to that you know someone

The one who tells people about Lord Jesus will be happy in heaven, because Jesus will acknowledge him before his father. But Jesus will deny before his Father the person who denies him

c. Help the children memorize the verse:

2. Review questions for the children:

- Who were Judas and Peter?
- What did Judas and Peter do?
- How did Judas act after he betrayed Jesus?
- How did Peter act after he denied Jesus?
- Who died as a martyr?

III. Conclusion

Are you ashamed to talk about Jesus or are you glad to tell others about him? If you are ashamed then you are denying him. Jesus said that he will deny before his Father those who deny him. If you feel sorry about denying him, as Peter felt, Jesus will forgive you. Acknowledge him before others as your Savior, and he will acknowledge you one day before his Father.