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Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13, 18

The Garden of Gethsemane and Peter's Denial

Children's Illustrated Bible – p. 266-269

*****note this is actually two separate passages, but in order to understand Peter's denial the passage about the Garden of Gethsemane needs to be read also.

Jesus is always faithful to us despite our mistakes.

Workshop Name

Shrinky Dinks

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to be good friends to Jesus and to remember that Jesus will forgive us when we let him down. Amen

Objectives

- 1. Jesus' prophecies always come true.
- 2. We may deny our faith in Jesus, but Jesus is always faithful to us.
- 3. Like Peter, we can recognize our mistakes.
- 4. It is better to be a follower who fails than one who fails to follow.
- 5. Even though we all make mistakes, we can still do great things to honor God.
- 6. Know that Peter failed by denying Jesus, but Jesus always loved him anyway.
- 7. Learn that we, too, do wrong things sometimes – but God can forgive us.

Supplies Your supply bag will have multiple sheets of Shrinky Dink film. You will need permanent markers at home to draw on the Shrinky Dink film. You will also need scissors to cut out the shape that you have drawn. Below you will find a rooster that you can use to trace or you can certainly find your own rooster. Please feel free to use the other sheet to create any other Shrinky Dinks that you would like. Perhaps church related shapes like a cross. My experience was that it cooked much faster than the directions indicated so you need to watch it carefully.

Note – The Shrinky Dink will shrink to about half of its original size and will become harder and thicker. The colors will become more intense. Do not use in a microwave.

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325
2. Trace or draw onto the Shrinky Dink paper using permanent markers
3. Cut out the shape. You may need to use small scissors to get small corners
4. Use tin foil or parchment paper to line the baking pan
5. Place the Shrinky Dink colored side up on the lined baking pan

- 6. Watch as the Shrinky Dink bakes from 1-3 minutes until the pieces lie flat and the shrinking has stopped.**
- 7. If curling or sticking occurs, remove from oven, flatten with a spatula or pull apart with utensils when slightly cooled and then reheat to complete the shrinking process.**
- 8. Remove from oven**
- 9. Remove the paper or foil from the baking pan. If the pieces did not flatten out completely you can lightly press the pieces flat with a folded paper for about 15 seconds until they have completely cooled.**

Activity

Let's say that a friend of yours promises to help you with a school project, but then they break their promise and don't help. Will you ever trust your friend again?

What if a friend borrowed one of your toys and didn't give it back. Would you ever trust that friend again?

What if a family member agreed to take you somewhere special, but then they didn't. Would you ever trust them again?

Continue the discussion with a focus on Peter's denial.

Ask the children if they remember the Last Supper.

Would the Last Supper be in the New Testament or the Old Testament? - new

Tell them that the first part of our story took place after the Last Supper. The Last Supper is when Jesus was teaching his disciples.

Earlier when Jesus and his disciples were at the Last Supper what does Jesus predict? -Jesus will be betrayed

Does this happen?

What happened after the Last Supper? -disciples and Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane. After a time of prayer in the Garden, Jesus was arrested and taken to the house of the High Priest.

What happened then?

While Jesus was being questioned by the High Priest Peter got asked if he was one of Jesus' disciples, and he said he was not!

What did Jesus say would happen if Peter said three times that he did not know Jesus? - a rooster would crow

Peter got asked three times and each time he said he didn't know who Jesus was. When Peter heard the rooster crow he realized that he had denied Jesus; that he had let Jesus down. Peter felt terrible. Peter had failed Jesus but we will see that Jesus loved him anyway.

What happened to Jesus? he was killed on the cross

What happened three days later? Jesus had risen, Jesus was alive

The risen Jesus showed himself to his disciples. They were overjoyed to see him alive again.

During the 40 days after his resurrection or his raising, Jesus appeared several times to his disciples.

Continue the discussion with the following:

Why did Peter deny knowing Jesus? he was afraid

Is it ever scary for us to follow Jesus? it takes courage to be different from others

What are some ways in which we deny Jesus? going along with a group that is doing something wrong, worrying about what others think instead of what Jesus would want us to do, being too embarrassed to invite a friend to church, not helping someone who needs help, doing things that hurt someone else

By denying him, Peter failed Jesus. But did Jesus love Peter anyway? yes

What about us, when we deny Jesus does he still love us? Yes

Reflection/Evaluation

Why was the cock so important to this story? How do you remember things that Jesus would like you to do?

Lord's Prayer



