My Sunday School Lesson Plan - Older Grades

Books of 1 & 2 PETER

DATE: March 8, 2020

Preparation: (What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)	 Bibles to use in class White board or Poster paper Markers
Lesson Title:	The New Testament Books of 1 & 2 Peter Continue your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the "1 & 2 Peter" wall cards.
Scripture Reference(s):	1 Peter 4:16 "Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name."
Emphasis or Theme:	Have Hope – Especially When you are Suffering
Introducing the Story: (What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)	BEFORE CLASS: Hang your "1 & 2 Peter" wall cards on your New Testament wall. SAY: Suffering is never fun. Some people suffer with their health. Others suffer financially. Some people suffer from being bullied. There are all kinds of suffering. Peter teaches us that whenever we may be suffering, we must always have HOPE that God will be with us. God will never leave us in times of trouble.
LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: (Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic storytelling or any number of other methods.)	 ASK: What do you suffer from? (Brainstorm responses on your board.) ASK: What do you do to help with the pain of this suffering? (Brainstorm responses.) SAY: Suffering is never enjoyable, but Peter actually calls suffering a blessing! Here is why he sees suffering this way: When we suffer as Christians, we identify with Jesus. (Jesus suffered on the cross for our sins) Suffering is an opportunity to prove our faith. (It will test our hope and faith that God will never leave us.) Suffering gives us an opportunity to do what is right. And when we do what is right, no matter the circumstances, God is pleased. (Suffering tends to make a person want to hurt or blame someone – if we can rise above this and do what is right, we are pleasing God.) The best way to overcome any suffering is to always turn to your faith and God. In the book of 1 Peter, Peter writes that Christians are different - they are the holy nation of God. Therefore, to set the best example for Christianity, Christians ought to keep their behavior excellent and demonstrate kindness always, even when they are suffering. In the book of 2 Peter, Peter urges his readers to make every effort to grow in their faith, remember God's promises, and beware of false teachers who teach otherwise. Christians will need to remember that if they really believe what they say they believe, they will display moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness, and love. SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON SAY: Today is the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Prodigal Son. This is one of the most important lessons we could learn and it is a story that is loved by many and told again and again
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Learning Activities: (Games, crafts artwork, songs,	the Bible. OR READ ALOUD: PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON SUMMARIZED ASK: Have you ever done something that you were sorry for? (Pause for responses.) What did you do? Did you ask for forgiveness? SAY: The story of the Prodigal Son teaches us that God forgives all His children. No matter what we might do, when we ask God for forgiveness, He will never stop loving us, even when we make bad choices. God's patience will never run out. GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 1. Which son in the story do you relate to the most and why? 2. How do you think the father felt in the story? 3. How did you expect the father to react when the prodigal son returned? 4. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you no matter what you do? 1. Family Matters (Family Life) Talking Sheet 2. PG (Parental Guidance) Talking Sheet
memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)	3. Paper Bag Pig Puppet
Review: (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)	 Who wrote the books of 1 & 2 Peter? Peter Who was Peter? One of Jesus' disciples In which book of the Bible can we find the story of the Prodigal Son? Luke How many times can we do something bad and ask God to forgive us? As many times as we need to, as long as we are truly sorry and repent.
Closing: (Prayer, last song,)	Repeat and recite together Recite: Hayr Mer