

Books of 1 & 2 PETER

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<p>Preparation: <i>(What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles to use in class • White board or Poster paper • Markers
<p>Lesson Title:</p>	<p>The New Testament Books of 1 & 2 Peter Continue your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the “1 & 2 Peter” wall cards.</p>
<p>Scripture Reference(s):</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:16 <i>“Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.”</i></p>
<p>Emphasis or Theme:</p>	<p>Have Hope – Especially When you are Suffering</p>
<p>Introducing the Story: <i>(What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</i></p>	<p>BEFORE CLASS: Hang your “1 & 2 Peter” wall cards on your New Testament wall.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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.)</p>	<p>ASK: Have you ever been outside when it was very, very cold, maybe even raining, and forgotten to wear a jacket? BRRRR! Or how about when you have been sick in bed and couldn’t go outside to play? <i>(Allow students to share responses.)</i> What can we do when we are suffering?</p> <p>SAY: I suppose we could put on a jacket if we are cold or go see the doctor if we are sick. Suffering from being cold or sick is never enjoyable,</p> <p>ASK: What should we do if we are really suffering from something terrible, like if someone we love is hurt, or a good friend has hurt our feelings? <i>(Pause.)</i></p> <p>SAY: The Bible teaches us that when we are truly suffering, we should turn to God! Believe it or not, in the book of Peter, disciple Peter teaches us that suffering is actually a good thing! In fact, Peter calls suffering a blessing! Here is why Peter sees suffering this way:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When we suffer, we identify with Jesus when he suffered for our sins. <i>(Jesus suffered on the cross for our sins)</i> 2. Suffering is an opportunity to prove our faith. <i>(It will test our hope and faith that God will never leave us.)</i> 3. Suffering gives us an opportunity to do what is right. And when we do what is right, no matter the circumstances, God is pleased. <i>(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.)</i> <p>The best way to overcome any suffering is to always turn to your faith and pray to God. Peter writes that even when we are suffering and miserable, Christians should keep their behavior excellent and demonstrate kindness. This is how a Christian is different from others who do not have Jesus in their lives.</p> <p>In the book of 2 Peter, Peter urges Christians to always remember that if they really believe in Jesus, they will display moral excellence, knowledge, self-control,</p>

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.

READ ALOUD: The Parable of the Prodigal Son Summarized

OPTIONAL: SHOW this 4 minute children’s video about the Prodigal Son (*if wasn’t shown during Assembly*). <https://ministry-to-children.com/prodigal-son-for-kids/>

ASK: Have you ever done something that you were sorry that you did? (*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. Who is your favorite person in the story? The older son? Prodigal Son? Father? Why?
2. How do you think the father felt in the story when the Prodigal Son left?
3. How did you think the father would feel when the prodigal son returned?
4. How would you feel if you were the older brother when the Prodigal Son returned?
4. Do you think that God loved one son more than the other?
5. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you no matter what you do?

Learning Activities:

(Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)

1. **Pig Scripture Memory Game**
2. **The Prodigal’s Pig – A Stick Puppet craft**
3. **Help the Prodigal Son activity**
4. **Prodigal Son’s Paper Bag Pig Puppet craft**
5. **Paper Pig craft**

Review:

(Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)

1. Who wrote the books of 1 & 2 Peter? **Peter**
2. Who was Peter? **One of Jesus’ disciples**
3. How many sons does the father have in the story of the Prodigal Son? **2**
4. What job does the Prodigal Son have to do when he runs out of money? **Feed pigs**
5. 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: *Hayr Mer*