

GOD: THE ONE TO FOLLOW series overview

Unit Summary

This six-lesson series from the life of Peter encourages children to follow God each day. Text includes a master planning chart, schedule, lesson overview and outline, detailed story line, review questions, memory verse teaching and more!



Unit Memory Verses

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

⁷ Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 (ESV)

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Lesson 1

Peter Meets Jesus

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18



When the disciples were scared in the storm, Jesus walked on the water to show them that nothing is too hard for Him. Peter learned that when he kept his eyes on Jesus, the all-powerful God, Jesus helped him do something that seemed impossible. This story reminds us that we can trust Jesus to help us too, because His power is amazing and He is always with us. (Mt 14:22-33)

Jesus called His first disciples by showing His power—filling their empty nets with fish—and by inviting them to come with Him and learn from Him. Later, John the Baptist pointed his own followers to Jesus, and when they met Him, they knew He was the Savior they needed. These stories remind us that Jesus came to forgive our sin, and anyone—even a child—can choose to follow Him. (Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42)

Lesson 2

Peter Walks on Water With Jesus

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18



Jesus has awesome power!

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Lesson 3

Peter's Denial and Restoration

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17



Jesus forgives sin!



Peter sinned by denying Jesus, but when he realized what he had done, he was deeply sorry and wanted to be right with God again. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, He lovingly came to Peter, forgave him, and gave him another chance to follow and serve Him. These stories show that Jesus gladly forgives our sin when we confess it, and He helps us follow Him with a clean heart. (Luke 22:31-34; 54-62; 24:1-10; John 21:1-19; and Luke 23-24)

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Lesson 4 **Peter Learns the Gospel is for Everyone** Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17



God sent Peter to tell Cornelius and his family the good news that Jesus came to save people from their sin. When they heard God's message, they believed in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit showed that God's salvation is for everyone who trusts in Him. This story reminds us that anyone—even a child—can believe in Jesus and be forgiven, because the gospel is for the whole world. (Acts 10:1-48)



Lesson 5 **Peter and Rhoda** Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

King Herod put Peter in prison, but the believers prayed earnestly because they knew God cared and could help. In the night, God sent an angel who led Peter safely out of the prison, showing that nothing can stop God from answering prayer. This story reminds us that we can pray about anything, and we can trust that God hears us and answers in His perfect way. (Acts 12:1-19)



Lesson 6 **Under the Sea (Review Party)**



What could be more fun than a trip "under the sea" to discover God's amazing Creation?! In this party lesson, children will not only review what they have learned about Peter's life, but they will also learn fascinating facts about life under the sea. In the Gospel Spotlight they will learn about Matthew Maury, the "Pathfinder of the Seas." Matthew took God at His word, believing that if God said there are paths in the seas, then there are! His discoveries paved the way for modern maritime knowledge and practices.



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