

Story Time - Read the story to the children

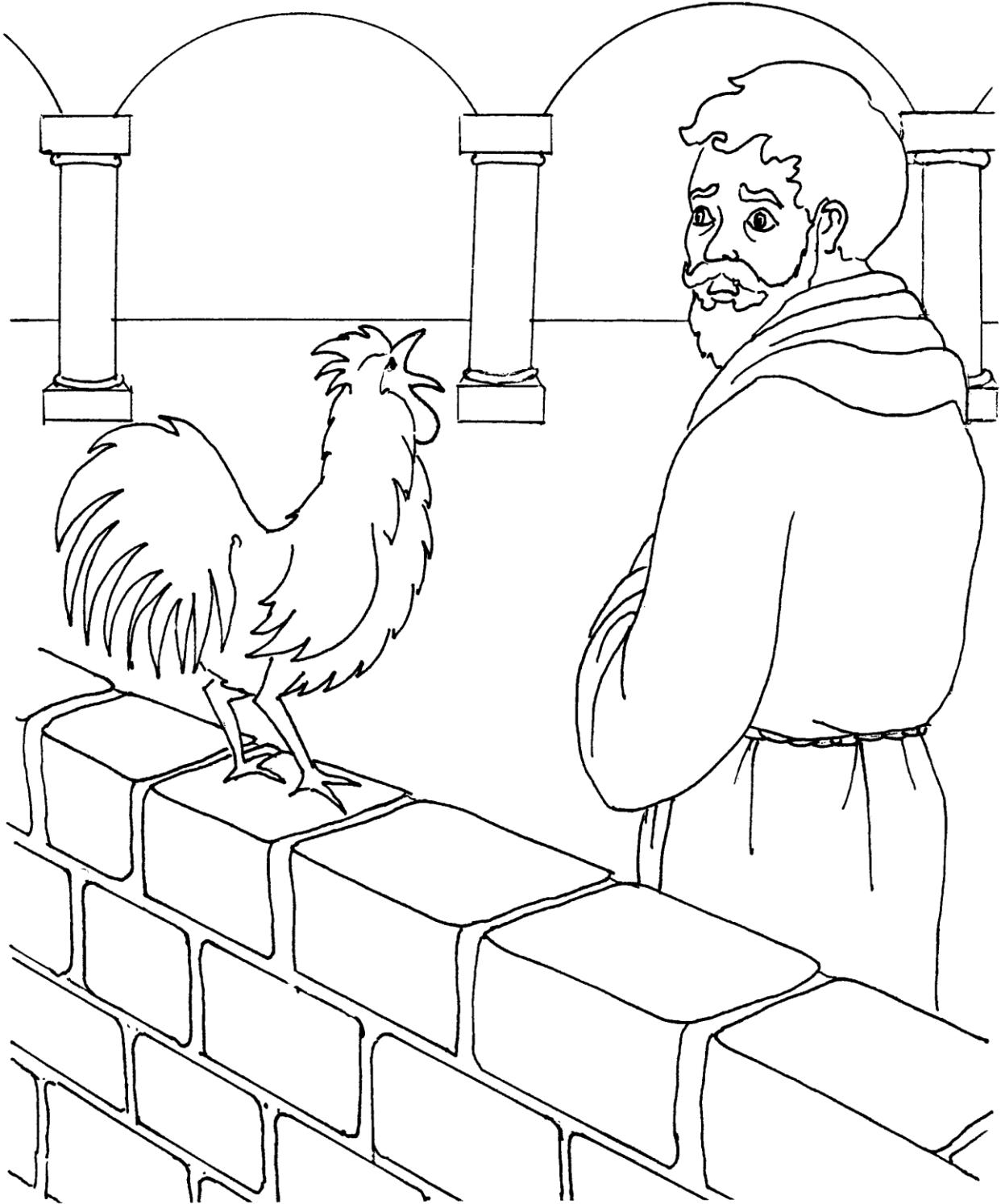
Lesson 235: PETER'S DENIAL

JOHN 18:15-18, 25-27

Simon Peter and another one of Jesus' disciples followed Jesus. This other disciple knew the high priest. So he went with Jesus into the yard of the high priest's house. But Peter waited outside near the door. The disciple who knew the high priest came back outside and spoke to the girl who was the gatekeeper. Then he brought Peter inside. The servant girl at the gate said to Peter, "Are you also one of that man's disciples?" Peter answered, "No, I am not!" It was cold, so the servants and guards had built a fire. They were standing around it, warming themselves, and Peter was standing with them. Simon Peter was standing at the fire, keeping himself warm. The other people said to Peter, "Aren't you one of the disciples of that man?" Peter denied it. He said, "No, I am not." One of the servants of the high priest was there. He was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off. The servant said, "I think I saw you with him in the garden!" But again Peter said, "No, I was not with him!" As soon as he said this, a rooster crowed. (Before Jesus was captured He told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed!).

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"After denying knowing Jesus for a third time, Peter heard the rooster crow." *John 18:15 – 18, 25 – 27*

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." **MATTHEW 10:32**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple...
2. The other disciple knew the high priest.
3. The disciple went into the high priest's house, and Peter went inside too.
4. The other disciple went outside and told Peter to go home.
5. The other disciple went out and talked to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

Questions

1. What did the girl who kept the gate ask Peter?
2. When the servant girl who kept the gate asked Peter if he was one of Jesus' disciples, what did Peter say?
3. When the servants and officers made a fire and stood around it to get warm, what was Peter doing?
4. When the servants and officers were standing around the fire getting warm, what did the other people ask Peter?
5. What did Peter answer them when they asked if he was one of Jesus' disciples?
6. What did one of the servants of the high priest, the one that was a relative of the man whose ear Peter cut off, ask Peter?
7. When Peter told him, "No, I was not with Him!" what happened?

Lesson 235 Activity

Before the Whistle Blows

Prepare a box or bowl and three blocks or other similar objects (just make them similar to each other – it can be three balls, three beanie toys, or stuffed animals, etc.). Hide the objects in the room BEFORE class and explain to a volunteer that the object of the game is to place the object in the container before you blow the whistle twice. Be prepared to blow the whistle (or you can just make a ‘whooh!’ sound with your mouth if you don’t have a whistle) approximately every five seconds. (Younger children you can give 10 seconds to).

You can make the game more difficult by reducing the seconds between whistle blowing for older kids. Ask the volunteers how it felt to hear the whistle blow for the second time before they had a chance to finish their tasks. Ask how Peter must have felt to have denied Jesus three times when he heard the crow of the rooster.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer asking Jesus to help us to do what we intend to do; live for Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.