

Jesus Before the High Priest

Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-71; John 18:12-27

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Jesus' enemies took Him to the house of the high priest. They wanted to find a reason to put Jesus to death. The high priest asked Jesus, "Are you Christ, the Son of God?" Jesus answered, "I am."

The high priest pretended to be very angry. He tore his robe and shouted, "This is a lie!" He turned to Jesus' enemies and said, "What do you think of this man?" They answered, "He is guilty and must die!" The Roman soldiers who were holding Jesus hit Him, spit on Him, and made fun of Him.

When Jesus had been taken prisoner back in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter had run away. After a time Peter began to wonder what was happening to Jesus. He turned back and followed the crowd to the high priest's house.

While Jesus was being questioned by the high priest, Peter waited in the yard to see what would happen. There were others waiting with Peter. Three times he was asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" Peter was afraid. Three times he answered, "I am not. I do not even know the man!"

A rooster crowed. Peter looked up and saw Jesus being led past. Jesus looked sadly at him. He knew Peter would betray him and had even warned him. Then Peter remembered how Jesus had warned him, "Peter, before the rooster crows twice, you will say three times that you do not even know me!" Peter felt so sorry for his sin that he went out and cried. But he also believed that Jesus would forgive him.

Judas, the disciple who had betrayed Jesus, was also very sad about his sin. He hanged himself because he felt his sin was too

bad for Jesus to forgive. But we know that the Bible tells us that Jesus died on the cross for all sins, for all people.

This is the good news that we want to tell everybody.

Jesus suffered for us because He loves all people.

Passage

"The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."
Isaiah 53:6

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me ... The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died.
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me ... The Bible tells me so.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for suffering so much to pay for my sins. Amen



Classroom Activity Cut out the strips of paper below and pass one out to each child. Read each child's paper and see if they can say the answer to the riddle. Play this more than once if time allows for more review.

Jesus was taken to my house by His enemies. Hint: I am also one of Jesus' enemies.
High Priest

I am Jesus' disciple who waited outside to see what would happen to Jesus.
Peter

I made a noise when Peter said he did not know Jesus.
Hint: I go cock-a-doodle-doo
Rooster

I took money and betrayed Jesus to His enemies.
Judas

We Roman soldiers did this to Jesus because He was our enemy.
Hit and spit on Jesus and made fun of Him.

I love the whole world and died on the cross to save them from their sins.
Jesus

Classroom Art Activity - Help the children color and cut out the cross. You may wish to back it with construction paper and decorate with glitter glue or sequins.



