

People Who Met Jesus

Series 1

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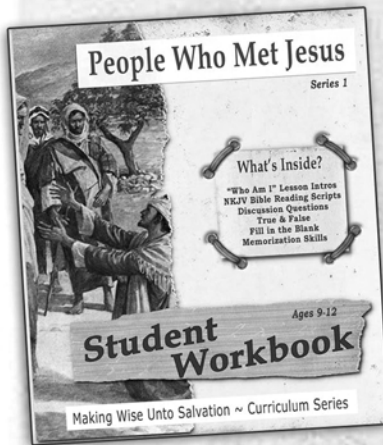
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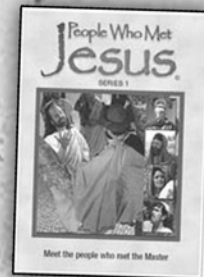
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People Who Met Jesus Series 1
STUDENT WORKBOOK
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People Who Met Jesus
 Series 1 ~ DVD
 \$19.95

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Simon Peter ~ People Who Met Jesus

Lesson 1 Establishing Authority

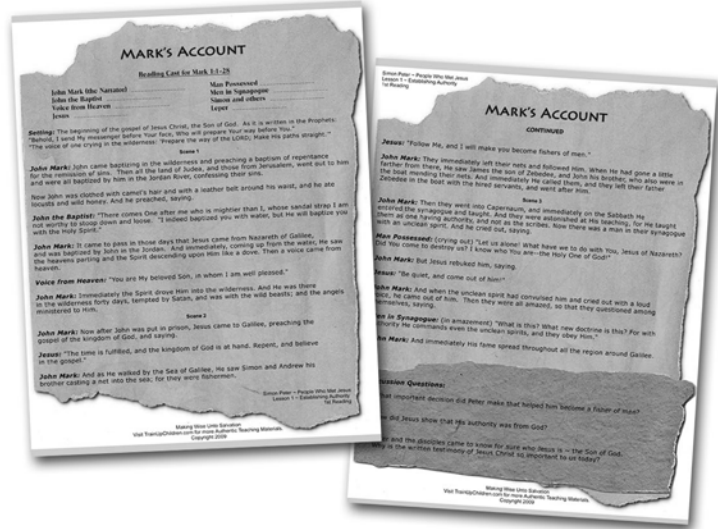
Main Ideas:

- ✎ Jesus the Christ came to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God.
- ✎ Jesus proves His authority and deity to Peter.
- ✎ Peter battles his limitations and failures.
- ✎ Peter learns what it means to take up your cross & follow Jesus.

Materials Needed:

- 📄 New King James Bible (All Scripture is taken from NKJV)
- 📄 People Who Met Jesus ~ Series 1 DVD
- 📄 Student Workbook: Page 3~sw thru Page 12~sw
- 📄 Going Beyond Worksheets: Page 21~tg thru Page 23~tg

READING PARTICIPATION



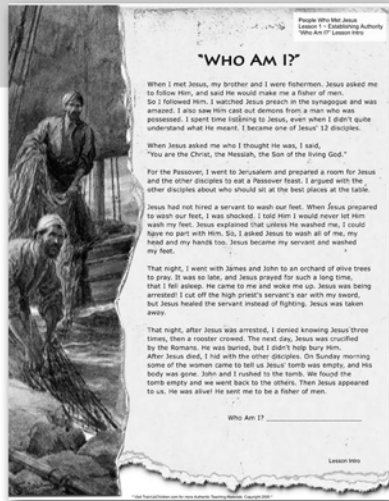
SESSION 1

Introduce the lesson with the "Who Am I" Intro for lesson 1 ~ Student's Workbook page 3.

Prepare children to listen attentively as you read aloud. This can be done in a game style setting.

First, set up a few guidelines for students to follow.

- 1) "Listen attentively."
- 2) "No guessing out loud."
- 3) "After the reading you will have a chance to write your answer on your own workbook page."



Teacher Tip ~ To begin this series and introduce the first lesson, dressing up as the unknown Bible character will draw attention to your introduction. Adding actions to the words being read will stir interest in the mind of each student. If you are a female teacher ask your husband, older son, or a male friend to visit your class dressed in Hebrew "fishermen" apparel, while you read the script. As a male teacher simply dress in a tunic and place a belt made from rope around your waist. For additional props add fishing net and a small basket with a lid. (Check with TrainUpChildren.com, we carry ready-made Bible costumes.)

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Making Wise Unto Salvation ~ Memory Verses

Fill In The Blanks
Read Matthew 16:24-27

24 "If _____ desires to come after _____, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____ Me.

25 For whoever desires to _____ his _____ will lose it, but whoever _____ his life for _____ sake will _____ it.

26 For what _____ is it to _____ if he gains the whole _____ and loses his own _____? Or what will a man _____ in _____ for his _____?

27 For the _____ of _____ will come in the _____ of His _____ with _____ angels, and then He will _____ each according to his _____."

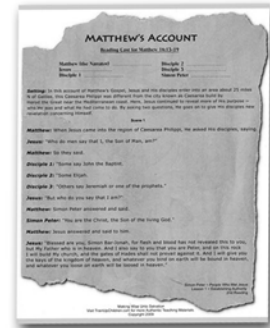
In Your Own Words:
What did Jesus mean in Matthew 16:24-27?

Fill in the Blanks ~ Scripture Search

Instruct your students to locate **Matthew 16:24-27** in their Bible. Give them time to find the missing words and fill in the blanks, ~ Student's Workbook page 4. Read aloud the few passages from the Bible to check answers.

"In Your Own Words"
Discuss with your students what Jesus meant within this text. *Spiritual gain is more important than the things we can gather here on earth. Jesus calls us to follow Him. If we desire to follow, we must be willing to obey the law of Christ.*

READING PARTICIPATION

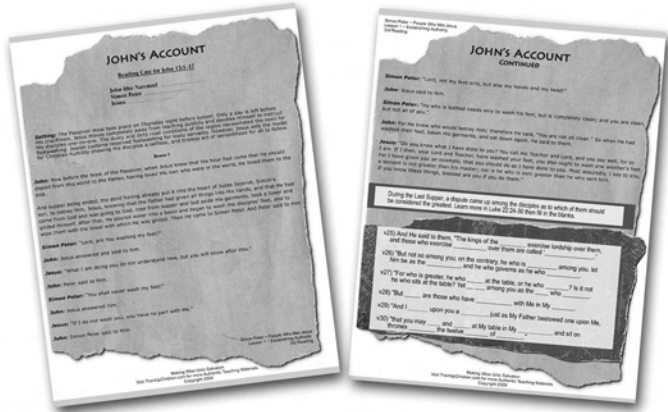


2nd Reading Script ~ Using the 2nd Reading Script, ~ Student's Workbook page 7, assign parts to your class.

There are 6 biblical characters to assign. Like before, give your students time to review their part and to ask questions.

Before the reading locate North Galilee, the region of Caesarea Philippi, on a New Testament map.

READING PARTICIPATION



3rd Reading Script ~ Student's Workbook, Pages 9 & 10

Assign reading parts to your students. There are 3 biblical characters to assign. In this scene children will learn, in part, the events of the Lord's Supper. Give your students time to review their script, if needed. For prop suggestions have a towel, basin & water available during class. Encourage students to act out the action-drama using the props provided. After the reading, discuss how Jesus and Peter must have felt during this interaction with each other. What did Jesus see in Peter? What did Peter see in Jesus? What do you see in Jesus? What does Jesus see in you?

SCRIPTURE REVIEW



Generate interest in the Scriptures, have students follow as you read.

Begin by explaining that three of the four gospel accounts records Jesus foretelling His own death and resurrection to His disciples. (They are found in Matthew 16:21-23; 20:17-19; Mark 8:31-33; 9:31-35; 10:32-45; Luke 9:22-27; 18:31-34; 24:6-7.) However, the disciples struggled to understand what Jesus meant ~ for it was hidden from them, Luke 18:34. In the above accounts we see that "being the greatest in the kingdom of God" was a strife stirring within their heart. (Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46). During the Last Supper we read once again there came up a dispute between the disciples. Yet Jesus patiently loves them to the end, teaching what He has taught already in times past. Guide the reading of Luke 22:24-30. Have students "Fill in the Blanks" on Student's Workbook page 10.

TALKING IT OVER



1) Why were the disciples arguing over who should sit at the best place at the table? The contention was more than just the seating, it was for the highest office and rank, next to Jesus. The disciples were more concerned about their position instead of the kingdom of heaven. This shows how easily the love of power can entangle the heart of mankind. Here they proved their hearts were self-seeking by their strife with one another. (But after the resurrection, this changes.)

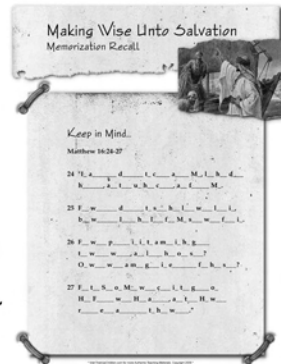
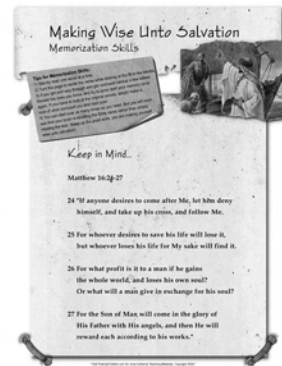
2) What did Jesus say about putting yourself first? In the kingdom of God, it is better to serve others than to put yourself first. By His example, Jesus shows the disciples "His way" is different than what they are use to experiencing in the world. The true test of discipleship is to love one another. John 13:35

PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS ~ DVD Drama



View segment 1, "Simon Peter," located on the "People Who Met Jesus" Series 1 DVD. After the DVD is over, hold a short discussion. Ask your students what they thought about Peter. Answers may vary.

MEMORIZATION SKILLS



Teach this week's Bible memory text ~ Matthew 16:24-27.

You can make Scripture memorization easier for your students by teaching them a simple activity that will enhance their memory skills.

The brain is made up of neurons that are connected at synapses to form "neural pathways." Ever time a child learns something new, new synapses grow and develop in their mind, thus creating new pathways.

Reading a particular Bible account over and over again can create a new pathway for some children, but for most it's difficult work. Just reading a verse is not as effective as letting the brain practice recalling the verse. For example, by giving our brain just enough visual information to recall the original text the brain creates a new pathway to the stored information and makes recalling the information much easier.

You'll find located in the Student's Workbook on pages 11 & 12, a section titled Making Wise Unto Salvation "Memorization Skills" and "Memorization Recall." Here is a technique that your students will find handy to use. What we've done is taken the first letter of each word of the text and created a fill in the blank line. This method gives the brain, just enough information to recall the original text. Try it and see!

MEMORIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Silently read one verse at a time.
2) Try to recite the verse while looking at the fill in the blanks.
3) If you get part way through and get confused backup a few letters. Reread the ones you know, and try to jump start your memory once again. If you have to look at the original verses, simply make a note of what confused you and start over.
4) You can start over as many times as you need. But you will soon see that your brain is recalling the Bible verse rather than simply reading the text. Keep up the good work, you are getting wise unto salvation!

Encourage students to be prepared to recite memory verses during your next class session.

Going Beyond... Session 2

READING PARTICIPATION



REVIEW & DISCUSSION ~ Going Beyond



Guide a review activity to recite memory verses for Lesson 1.

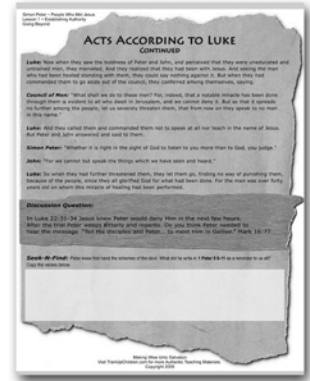
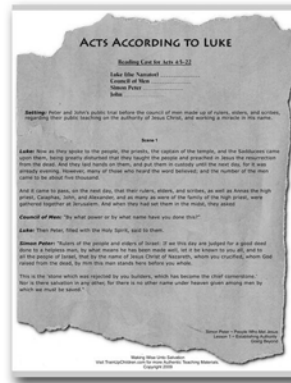
Ask your students to recall Matthew 16:24-27 from memory. If they are unable, then encourage them to follow along as you say it aloud.

Start a class discussion concerning Peter's relationship with Jesus after recalling Matthew 16:24-27. Ask students the following:

1) Why do you think Peter decided to "continue to believe" in Jesus for the rest of his life? Peter was an eyewitness of many things. He heard Jesus teach with authority, he saw Jesus do miracles such as: calm the seas, heal the sick, and feed 1000's of people. Along with the other disciples, Peter was given the power to cast out demons by using the authority of Jesus.

2) What other things did Peter witness? (Allow discussion.)

3) What do you suppose, was the most important event that could have convinced Peter to continue in his belief that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you suppose it was Jesus' resurrection? Peter saw Jesus alive face to face after His death. With the promise of the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly proclaims that Jesus was the Christ, the living, omnipresent Saviour, who is able to conquer death and give eternal life to all those who believe.



4th Reading Script ~ (Reproducibles found on pages 21 & 22~tg.)
Provide your students with a copy of the reading script taken from Acts 4:5-22. There are 4 biblical characters to assign. Give students time to review their part and to ask questions in regards to word pronunciation and meaning.

In this scene we see Peter and John boldly facing the council of men. Before His crucifixion, Jesus forewarns them in Mark 13:9-11 that they will be brought before councils for His name sake.

Review discussion question at the bottom of the worksheet.

FILL IN THE BLANKS ~ Scripture Search

Acts 2 gives us a full account of the Day of Pentecost. Peter is restored to Christ and leads an announcement regarding the question "What Must I Do to be Saved?" Instruct your students to locate Acts 2 in their Bibles. Provide each a copy of the "Going Beyond" ~ "Fill in the Blanks" reproducible worksheet found on page 23~tg.



Give students time to find the missing words and fill in the blanks on their worksheet. Read aloud the full chapter. Instruct students to listen and follow along attentively. As you pass through **Acts 2:37-42** have them check answers.

ANSWER KEY:

- v37. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"
- v38. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- v39. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."
- v40. And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."
- v41. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.
- v42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

TRUE OR FALSE: 1) True 2) True

SUM IT UP



Sum up the lesson with a review of what was taught.

Many times, Peter didn't understand what Jesus meant, but still he listened and tried to obey. That was why Jesus was able to change him, for when he sinned he went back to Jesus to be restored. Our entire life is about following Jesus. And like Peter, there will be times when we sin, we'll need God's grace to be restored.

Read Matthew 5:10-12 Aloud.

- 1) What reward awaits those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake? "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven...for great is your reward in heaven..."**
- 2) Is this promise for us today? Yes, most certainly!**

Lesson 1

~ Going Beyond ~

Reproducible Teaching Materials

ACTS ACCORDING TO LUKE

Reading Cast for Acts 4:5-22

Luke (the Narrator) _____
Council of Men _____
Simon Peter _____
John _____

Setting: Peter and John's public trial before the council of men made up of rulers, elders, and scribes, regarding their public teaching on the authority of Jesus Christ, and working a miracle in His name.

Scene 1

Luke: Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked

Council of Men: "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

Luke: Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them.

Simon Peter: "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Simon Peter ~ People Who Met Jesus
Lesson 1 ~ Establishing Authority
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ACTS ACCORDING TO LUKE CONTINUED

Luke: Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying.

Council of Men: "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

Luke: And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them.

Simon Peter: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge."

John: "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Luke: So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Discussion Question:

In Luke 22:31-34 Jesus knew Peter would deny Him in the next few hours. After the trial Peter weeps bitterly and repents. Do you think Peter needed to hear the message "Tell His disciples and Peter... to meet Him in Galilee." Mark 16:7?

Seek-N-Find: Peter knew first hand the schemes of the devil. What did he write in **1 Peter 5:6-11** as a reminder to us all? Copy the verses below.

Going Beyond

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Read Acts 2:37-42 ~ Then Fill in the Missing Blanks:

v37. Now when they _____ this, they were _____ to the _____, and said to _____ and the rest of the apostles, "_____ and _____, _____ _____?"

v38. Then Peter said to them, "_____, and let _____ of you be _____ in the _____ of _____ for the _____ of _____; and you _____ the _____ of the _____.

v39. "For the _____ is to _____ and to your _____, and to _____ who are _____, as many as the Lord our _____ will _____."

v40. And with many _____ he _____ and _____ them, saying, "Be _____ from this _____."

v41. Then those who _____ his _____ were _____; and that day about _____ were _____ to them.

v42. And they _____ in the _____' _____ and _____, in the _____ of _____, and in _____.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. There were 3,000 people who heard Peter preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and were baptized for the remission of their sins. **TRUE OR FALSE**
2. The promise which was spoken by Peter still applies to us today?
TRUE OR FALSE

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People Who Met Jesus ~ Series 2 DVD

For Ages 9-12 ~ Now Available!

Understand the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Christ through the eyes of the people involved.



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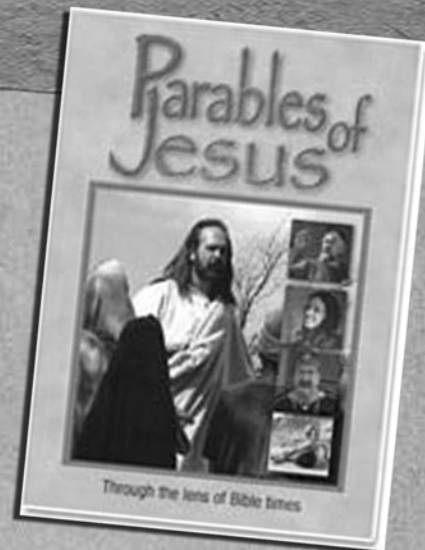
1. Zacchaeus
2. The Man Born Blind
3. Annas the Priest
4. Caiaphas
5. Judas Iscariot
6. Herod Antipas
7. Pontius Pilate
8. Joseph of Arimathea

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