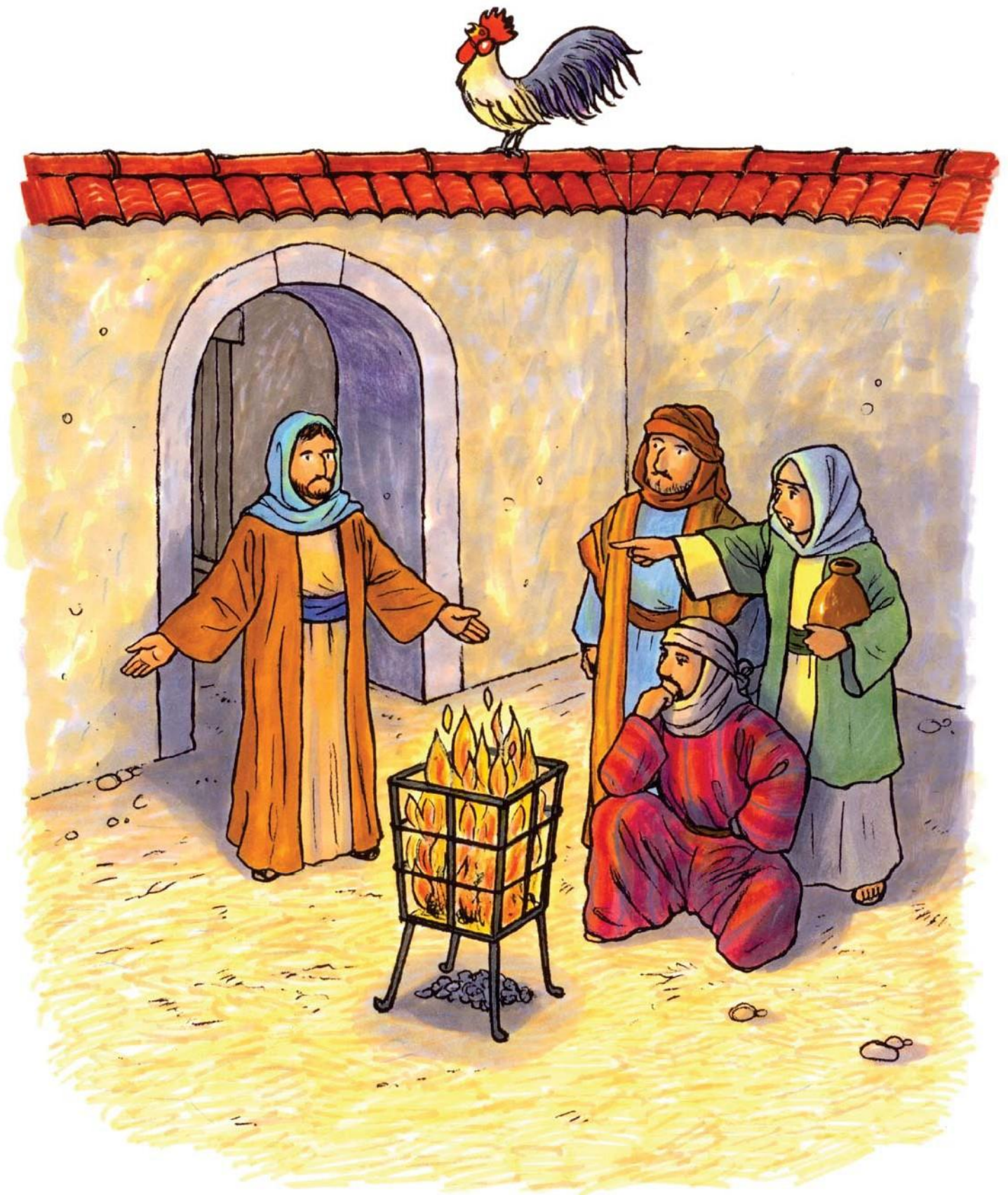


PETER DENIES JESUS

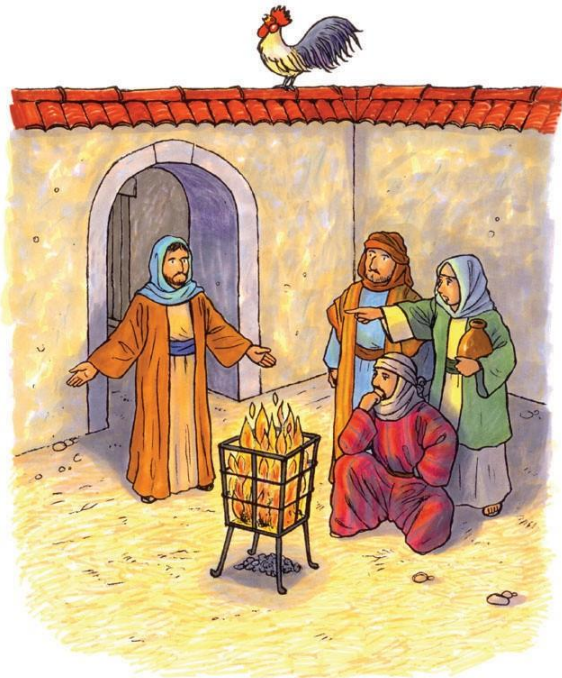
Luke 22:54–62



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Message	Even if we deny Christ, He forgives us when we regret it.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Peter denied he knew Christ. Afterwards, Peter felt a great sadness for his actions.■ We may experience times in our lives when we deny Christ.■ If we are guided by remorse and repentance, God in His grace offers forgiveness through the sacrifice of Christ.
Bible Text	Luke 22:54–62

Peter Denies Jesus



After a while, someone else looked at him and said, "You are one of them."

Again Peter replied, "No, I am not!"

Again after some time, another man plucked up courage and said, "I am sure this man was with Him as well. He comes from Galilee."

Peter lied for a third time, "I do not know what you are talking about." And even as he spoke, he heard the rooster crowing. Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter.

Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Even before the rooster crows this day, you will have denied three times that you know

Me." Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus was arrested and taken to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance.

In the courtyard, people were warming themselves around a fire. Peter sat down with them.

One of the servant girls was watching him and said, "This man was with Him as well."

Peter said, "I do not know Him."

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does Peter say to the servant girl about Jesus? ("I do not know him.")
- Why does Peter deny he knows Jesus? (He fears for his live.)
- How does Peter feel after he denied Jesus? (He weeps, he regrets.)

Have the children repeat...

- Peter denied he knew Christ. Afterwards, he felt a great sadness for his actions.
- We may also sometimes deny Christ.
- If we repent, God offers forgiveness through the sacrifice of Christ.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Probably you denied once that you are a new apostolic Christian. (How did you feel?)
- In every situation, we should always stand up for Jesus.

Repeat the Message
Even if we deny Christ, He forgives us when we regret it.