

Memories flashed through Jared's mind from the numerous times he had watched Jesus and His disciples over the last three years. One disciple stood out. He always asked the questions, spoke up, seemed afraid of no-one. A big, burly fisherman, and a natural leader in the group of twelve. It was Peter. And true to form, as the mob gathered around Jesus, Peter grabbed his sword and swung wildly! His wild swing almost missed Malchus' head. But it did succeed in cutting off his right ear. Blood streamed down. Jesus quietly reached out, touched the ear and it was instantly healed. Then Jesus said a quiet word to Peter. Wow! Even while the mob were here to grab Jesus – He still thought of others.

Jesus was dragged from the garden to the courtyard of the high priest where a 'trial' was organised. Jared followed. The disciples had fled, but now Jared saw John speak to a person at the gate and he and Peter went in. John went as close to Jesus as he could possibly get. While Peter, the big brave Peter, slunk off into the outer courtyard near the riff-raff around the fire and tried to put on a casual, "I don't care" front.

The priests must be desperate to get a conviction. Jared knew from being in Rabbinical school, that no trial should ever be held at night, an uncondemned person must not be tied up. There should be no trials during festival times and it was the Passover Festival, and the temple guard could only arrest someone when they had witnessed the blasphemy themselves – and here they had witnesses who were obviously lying too. If it was not serious, the whole proceedings were laughable – even Jared could see that. Out of the corner of his eye, Jared noticed a stirring around the fire pit. Peter's attempt to be ignored was spectacularly unsuccessful. His face in the flickering light of the fire showed his misery. A keen watcher had picked this up and she accused Peter of being one of Jesus' disciples. Jared was shocked when Peter shook his head violently. It was early morning by this stage and the roosters were just starting to crow.

The woman did not seem satisfied with that answer. It was as though she just could not let it go. Peter glanced angrily at her and left the fire and going towards the entry way. Another girl saw him there and she continued the same conversation. "I am sure you were with Jesus as a disciple. You look familiar." Again Peter denied the statement, this time even more strongly. "I don't know Him at all!" came the rough retort.

An hour passed as the mock trial continued. As the Caiaphas pronounced the verdict, Peter's face showed his horror. This time, a relative of Malchus spoke up, convinced he had seen Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane with Jesus. Peter was so angry he swore – and fishermen have a vast, inappropriate vocabulary when at times. Jared could not believe it. This was the man who had promised less than 24 hours earlier – that if everyone else left Jesus – he would be there to support Him for sure.

It was then that Jared noticed Jesus had turned to look directly at Peter. That look was incredible. Jesus was not angry. Rather He was disappointed, forgiving, and trying to convey that He wanted Peter to change for the good. As Jesus looked, there was a second loud crow from a waking rooster. Jared remembered Jesus had said to Peter that before the rooster crowed twice, Peter would deny Him three times.

It had happened. Wow. With all that was happening to Jesus – He had taken the time to think of Peter. What a sense of love and forgiveness had been conveyed in that look. It was enough to break the heart of Peter.

Weeks later, when Jared had talked to Peter about what had happened next, he found out where Peter had gone as he rushed out of the judgement hall. Peter had run straight back to the Garden of Gethsemane. The very spot where Jesus had been praying. He had acknowledged he was incapable of change on his own. He was so remorseful for his betrayal of Jesus. He emerged hours later from that experience as a new man.

Peter had changed from being self-confident, full of himself, brash – to now being someone who depended completely on God. He was a new man on a mission for God. Jared had seen the difference and wanted his own life to be different like that too.

# Peter's Mistake

## Sabbath

Have you ever thought you could do something and then found you couldn't?

---

---

---

---

---

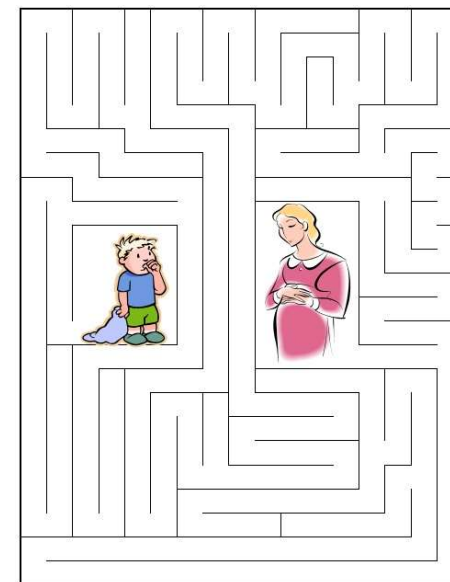
---

---

This little boy thought he could find his mother, but now he is lost.

Do you think his mother will look for him?

Help the mother find her lost boy.



Year 3, Quarter 2, Week 9, Level: "Reading"

Copyright © 2024 Delwyn McPaul - [www.kidsbiblesource.org](http://www.kidsbiblesource.org)

Photos of Betty Lukens Felts used by permission, Sunday's picture from thebiblerevival.com

Refer: Matthew 26:31-35; 57-75; Mark 14:26-31; 53-72; Luke 22:31-38; 54-71; John 13:36-38; 18:13-27 NLT; The

Desire of Ages p698-715; The Bible Story vol9 p82-87

## Sunday

As Jesus was leading His disciples from their special Passover dinner to the garden, He said to them: "Tonight all of you will desert me - as Zechariah wrote, 'Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, the man who is My partner,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 'Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn against the lambs.'" Zechariah 13:7

"But," Jesus continued, "After I am raised from the dead, I will meet you in Galilee."

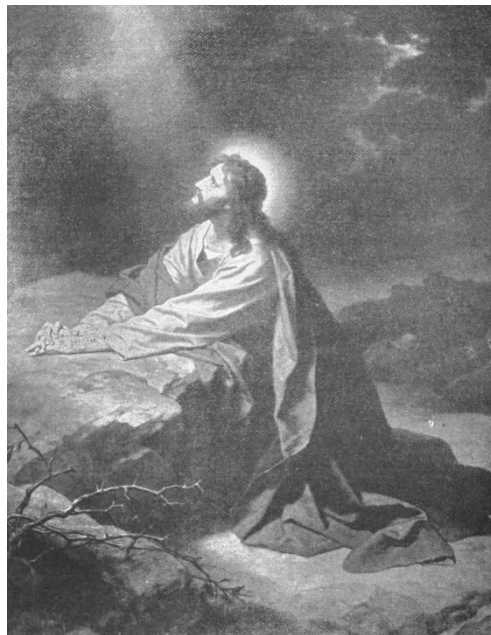
Peter said, "Even if everyone else deserts You, I will never leave You." Jesus said, "Peter, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat - to test you. I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail and when you have repented and turned back to Me again, strengthen your brothers. This very night, before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't even know me."

Peter said, "No! I would never say I don't know You; I would even die for You!" And all the disciples agreed with Peter.

Jesus said, "It is time for the prophecy of Isaiah to be fulfilled. 'He was counted among the rebels.'" Isaiah 53:12

Thinking they might have to fight, the disciples told Jesus that they had two swords among them, and Jesus told them, that was enough.

Then Jesus went into the garden to pray, and the disciples fell asleep. When Jesus woke them and told them to pray, they fell asleep again, until the crowd of men came to arrest Jesus, and they all ran away just like Jesus had said they would!



## Friday

What did Peter do next? He went off by himself, and no doubt spent time thinking over all the things Jesus had said and done. Perhaps he thought of the time he, had asked Jesus 'How many times should I forgive someone?' He would have remembered the love Jesus showed everyone; as they arrested Him, Jesus had healed the man's ear. He would have remembered the many times Jesus had forgiven people's sins. And He would have prayed, as he had also seen Jesus do on many occasions.

Psalms 103:10-14 NLT, "He does not punish us for all our sins; He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the \_\_\_\_\_ above the \_\_\_\_\_. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. For He knows how weak we are; He remembers we are only dust."

In Isaiah 1:18 NLT "\_\_\_\_\_ now, let's settle this," says the \_\_\_\_\_ (LORD). 'Though your \_\_\_\_\_ are like \_\_\_\_\_, I will make them as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. Though they are \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_, I will make them as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.'"

1 John 1:9 NIV, "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ (forgive) us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

X X X X X X U X X X X X X F E A R U S I N S D O E S X X  
X C O N F E S S L E T S W F O R L C H I L D R E N O T H E  
X O N L Y A T I I A H F E A R X L O I N O O A S I N S T X  
X M A K E R H N K S I R A S G X W M M S R E R E M O V E D  
A E W H I T E S E T S O K W I T H P A N D S E R A W E N E  
N J E E T H O U G H W M X E V X O A N D X X T V K I S D A  
D U S T H I S U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S H E E L F E L  
X S T O O S I N S E L X E O U R S S E T T L E A L L O R D  
X T O W S X S F X M L X A W S C R I M S O N Y W H O R X X  
X X W A E A S A S E I S V A R E F O R X N O W W O V T H E  
X S A R X B H I S M K X E R F X K N O W S T P I W E H I M  
X N R D W O O L X B E X N D A S F A I T H F U L I K E G A  
X O D X E V U I S E X X S X T H E T H O S E N L F X M R N  
X W H I T E R N F R O M A T H E M E O P U R I F Y X R E D  
X E E X X X X G X S C A R L E T H O U G H E S A Y S X A S  
H A R S H L Y O U R X S E A R E E X R X E X H E I G H T X

## Thursday

What did Jesus say to Peter in the garden?

Mark 14:38 NLT, "Keep watch and \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, so that you will not give in to \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_."

Prayer is of vital importance to the Christian life – it is impossible to live a Christian life without prayer.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT, "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, He will show you a \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ out so that you can \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_."

For this to happen, we need to be praying, and spending time reading God's Word. Prayer is listed in the armour of God.

Ephesians 6:17,18 NLT, "Put on \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ of God. \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Make a time that you can spend reading the Bible every day. Make a habit of praying several times a day – when you first wake up, before you go to sleep, before you eat, as you go to school, any time you are alone, when something good happens, when you are worried something bad might happen, when you are having difficulty with anything. Pray for yourself, your friends and family, thank God for whatever you have been reading in the Bible, for the things that happen to you and all the things that God has given us in the world.

Fit the underlined and missing words into the grid.

## Monday

When Jesus was arrested, He was taken to the home of the High Priest. The leading elders, priests and teachers had gathered there. Peter and another disciple, probably John, followed. Since John knew the High Priest, he was able to get Peter into the outer courtyard, and then John went on alone into the inner courtyard to watch what happened to Jesus.



In the outer courtyard was a campfire, with people around it, and Peter stood there trying not to be noticed. But a servant girl saw him and said, "You are one of Jesus' followers!" Peter was scared so he said, "No! I don't even know Him!"

The servant girl turned to those nearby, telling them she was sure Peter was one Jesus' followers.

After a while someone else said, "You are from Galilee; you must be one of his followers!" Peter said, "No, man, I'm not!"

Later, one of the High Priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off asked, "Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?" Peter swore that he did not know Jesus. Peter looked up just then and saw Jesus, and Jesus was looking at Peter. A rooster crowed right then, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said. Peter was so sorry he ran from the courtyard, crying bitterly, realising what he had done.



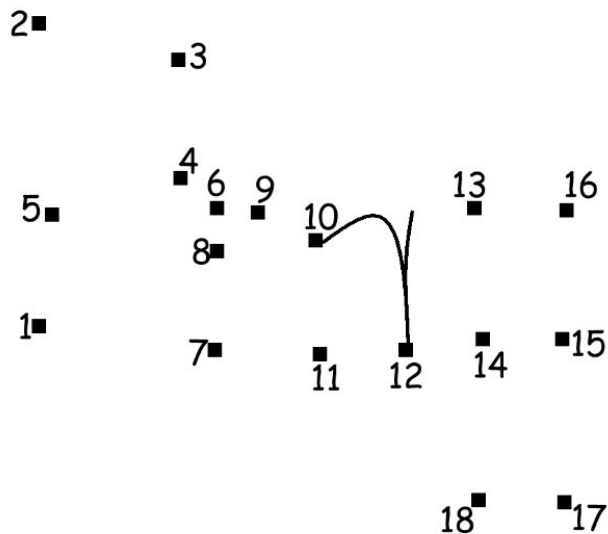
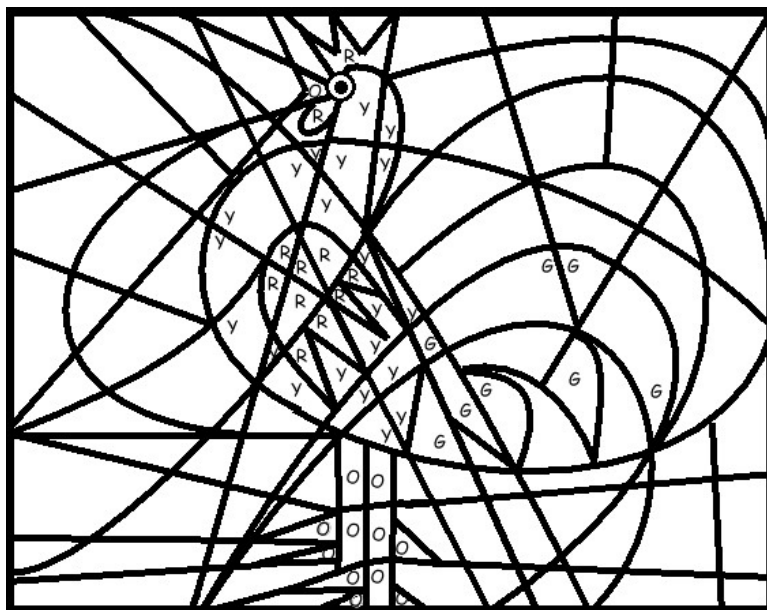
Thankfully, Peter's story doesn't end there as you will find out in a few weeks. Peter was sorry; he really did love Jesus even though he had failed Him. Jesus loved Peter, forgave him, and chose Peter to do a special work for God.

## Tuesday

When Jesus was in the garden, what did He tell Peter that he should do? If Peter had done this maybe he would not have betrayed Jesus.

When Jesus told Peter that he would betray Him, Peter didn't believe it. What did Jesus say that Peter would hear afterwards?

G = Green  
Y = Yellow  
O = Orange  
R = Red



## Wednesday

Read Jesus' words to Peter.

Luke 22:31-32 NLT "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your \_\_\_\_\_ (2a) may not \_\_\_\_\_ (7a). And when you have turned back, \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) your \_\_\_\_\_ (4d)."

Have you ever sifted flour? If the flour has impurities or is contaminated with things that shouldn't be there, it might be sifted, more often these days, flour is sifted to remove lumps. Either way, only the pure, fine flour can pass through the sieve. Satan was going to test the disciples, to see if they would pass.

Many years later, Peter wrote about testing in his letter to Christians. 1 Peter 4:12, "Dear friends, do not be \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) at the \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of \_\_\_\_\_ (1d), so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is \_\_\_\_\_ (8a).

