

# TWO DISCIPLES FAIL JESUS

## *John 18:1-27*

### **John 18**

<sup>1</sup>When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it.

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “**Who is it you want?**”

<sup>5</sup>“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“**I am he,**” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said, “**I am he,**” they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, “**Who is it you want?**”

And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>8</sup>“**I told you that I am he,**” Jesus answered. “**If you are looking for me, then let these men go.**”

<sup>9</sup>This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “**I have not lost one of those you gave me.**”

<sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus commanded Peter, “**Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?**”

<sup>12</sup>Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup>and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high

priest’s courtyard, <sup>16</sup>but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

<sup>17</sup>“You are not one of his disciples, are you?” the girl at the door asked Peter.

He replied, “I am not.”

<sup>18</sup>It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

<sup>20</sup>“**I have spoken openly to the world,**” Jesus replied. “**I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.**” <sup>21</sup>“**Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.**”

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

<sup>23</sup>“**If I said something wrong,**” Jesus replied, “**testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?**” <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, “You are not one of his disciples, are you?”

He denied it, saying, “I am not.”

<sup>26</sup>One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the olive grove?” <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 5               |           | 1.) Who told the soldiers where Jesus was at?                               |
| 5               |           | 2.) What did Peter do with his sword?                                       |
| 5               |           | 3.) What did Peter say when people asked if he was one of Jesus' disciples? |
| 5               |           | 4.) Why don't you think Jesus tried to get away from the soldiers?          |

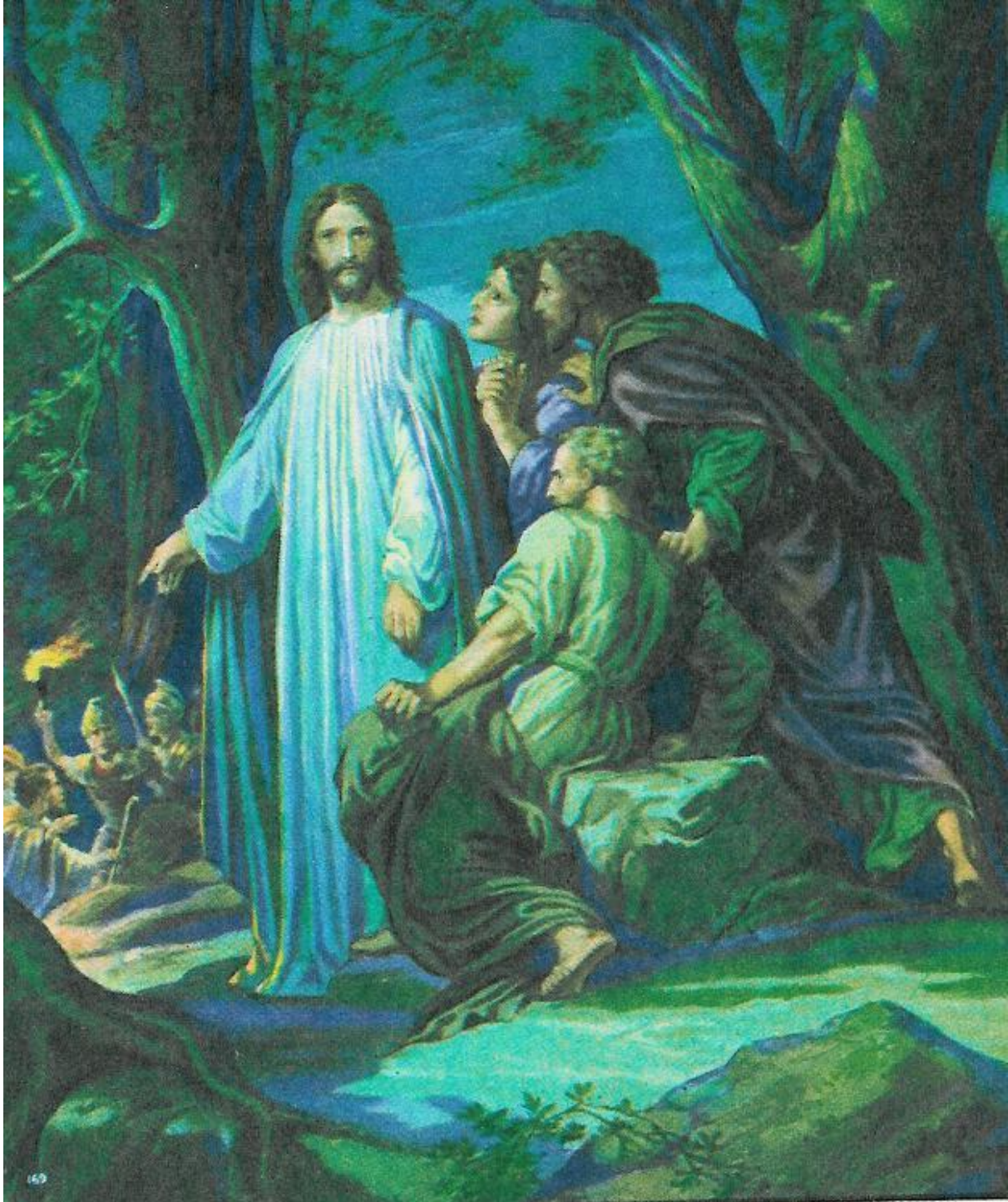
| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE   |
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| 10              |           | <p>“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 5:8</p> |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION  | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 5               |           | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>      |                           |
| 5               |           | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>      |                           |
| 10              |           | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> |                           |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION                           |
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|              | LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___ |

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*Jesus is arrested*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: FIRE SCENES

Students will make fire scenes to remind them that Peter denied knowing Jesus near a fire.

### MATERIALS

1. Paper Plates
2. Glue
3. Red, Yellow, and Orange Tissue Paper
4. Straight Pretzels
5. Dry pinto beans



### DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a paper plate to each student.
2. Have students glue a few pretzels to the center of the paper plate to represent wood.
3. Tear red, yellow, and orange tissue paper into small pieces.
4. Loosely ball up red, yellow, and orange tissue paper. Glue to the pretzels and paper plate to represent fire.
5. Glue dry pinto beans in a circle around the fire.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their fire scenes, remind them that Jesus loved them so much that he allowed the soldiers to arrest him and eventually put him on the cross. Even though Peter denied knowing Jesus, He still chose to pay the price for Peter's sin and ours as well. Because of this, we need not pay for our sin. It was paid on the cross!

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*



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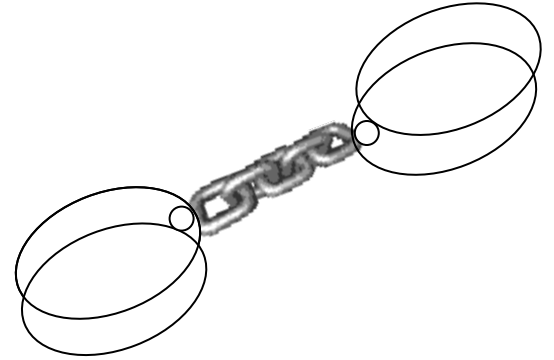
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SHACKLES

Students will make shackles to remind them that Jesus was arrested before being put on trial.

### MATERIALS

1. Construction Paper
2. Scissors
3. Hole Punch
4. Small Paper Clips
5. Tape



### DIRECTIONS

1. Cut construction paper into strips that are 1" x 9".
2. Punch two holes in the center of each strip of paper ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart).
3. Pass out two strips of construction paper and 8 small paper clips to each student.
4. Have students connect the eight paper clips together like a chain.
5. Tape each strip of paper into a ring.
6. Connect one side of the "chain" to one of the paper rings by sliding the paper clip trough the two holes. Repeat with the other paper ring.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their "shackles", remind them that Jesus loved them so much that he allowed the soldiers to arrest him and eventually put him on the cross. Help students realize that by doing so, Jesus paid the price for our sin so that we would not have to.

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**TRUE OR FALSE:**

1. "And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple..." **JOHN 18:15**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**

**FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

2. "...Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 18:15**
3. "But Peter stood at the door \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 18:16**

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

4. "Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in." **JOHN 18:16**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**

**FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

5. "Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I \_\_\_\_\_.'" **JOHN 18:17**

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

6. "And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and \_\_\_\_\_ warmed himself." **JOHN 18:18**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**
7. "...Therefore they said to him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not!'" **JOHN 18:25**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**

**FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

8. "One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, said, 'Did I not see you in the \_\_\_\_\_ with Him?'" **JOHN 18:26**
9. "Peter then denied again; and immediately a \_\_\_\_\_ crowed." **JOHN 18:27**

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Witnesses saw Judas and some soldiers following Jesus and his disciples into an olive grove last night. Judas was betraying Jesus. Judas was once a disciple of Jesus before Satan entered him.

Jesus asked the soldiers two times, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said twice.

Then Peter pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant.

Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. Jesus knew he was going to be arrested. The soldiers tied up Jesus and brought him to the high priest.

Peter and another disciple were following behind Jesus. At the door of the courtyard, a woman asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus. Peter said he wasn't.

Later, Peter was standing around a fire with some servants and officials. They asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus. Peter denied it again.

A relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off said, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" Peter denied knowing Jesus for the third time. At that moment, a rooster began to crow. Peter realized that he had lied to Jesus.

Meanwhile, Jesus was questioned by the high priest about his disciples and his teaching.

To find out more, read John 18:1-27 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Which two disciples failed Jesus?
2. What did Peter do to the high priest's servant?
3. What happened to Jesus?
4. Why do you think Peter said he did not know Jesus three different times?

## MEMORY VERSE

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

## CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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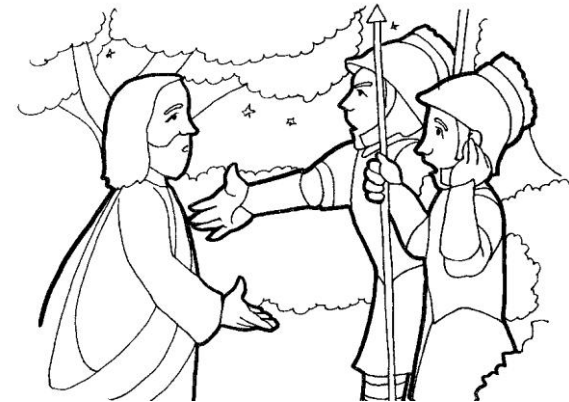
## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus was betrayed by Judas and Peter denied knowing Jesus.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Encourage your child to follow after Christ despite the cost.

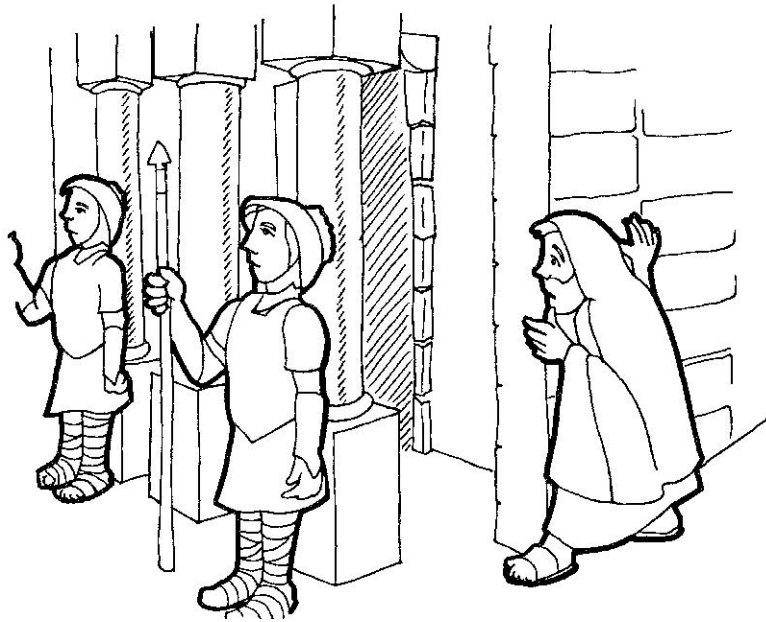
Bible Story Mini Book

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Peter was watching from a distance. When people asked if he knew Jesus, Peter said, "No."



Judas showed the soldiers where Jesus was at. They came to arrest him.

## Memory Verse

“...Christ died for us.”  
Romans 5:8

## Bible Story Rhyme

**Judas brought the soldiers near,**  
*(Motion soldiers to “come here” with  
your hand)*

**Peter cut a soldiers ear.**  
*(Pretend to cut off your right ear with  
your hand)*

**Later Peter told a lie,**  
*(Point to lips)*

**Because he didn’t want to die.**  
*(Cover both eyes with both hands)*



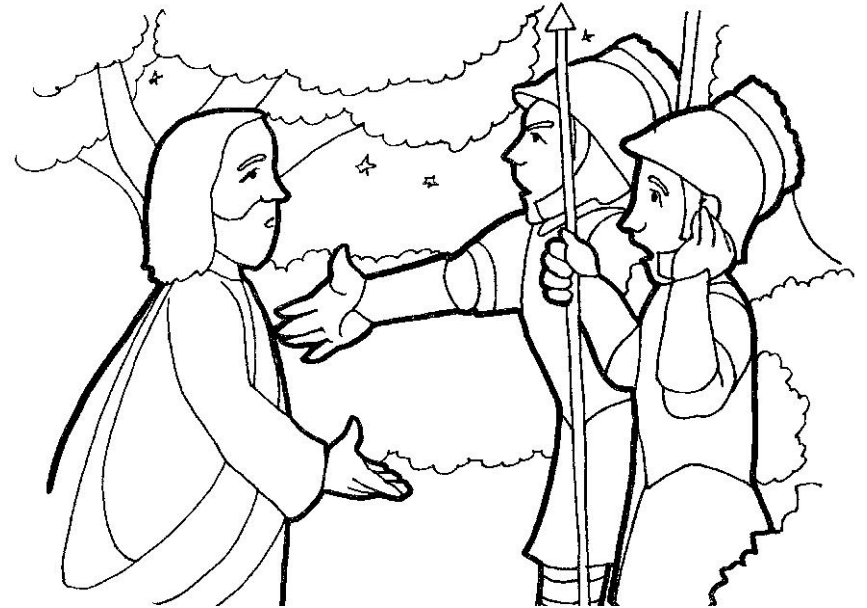
Peter cut off a soldier's  
ear. Jesus put the ear  
back on.

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



The soldiers took Jesus  
away.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** A plastic egg filled with small candies such as jelly beans

**Remember the story of Peter's denial  
in this sweet circle-game.**

**H**ave the kids sit closely together on the floor in a circle. Have one child stand in the middle of the circle to begin the game. Say: **In this Bible story, Peter told people he was not one of Jesus' friends because he was afraid. When Peter heard the rooster crow, he remembered that Jesus had said he would deny him. Let's pass this egg around behind our backs to remind us of chickens and roosters. Peter will stand in the center with his eyes closed. When Peter opens his eyes, he will try to guess who has the egg. If he guesses that you have it and you don't, say, "No, not me!" If you do have the egg, gently open the egg and take a piece of the candy. You can be the next Peter in the center. Peter can keep guessing until he finds the right person. Then pass the egg again.**

Play this game as long as children are interested. Be sure to pass the egg around the circle so that children who did not get a piece of candy can have one.

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## PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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