

PETER WROTE LETTERS



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Make statements to the group and lead them to decide whether or not they are found in the Bible (People should love one another. I like to eat peanut butter. The Bible's words are God's words. Remember the things Jesus did. My family drives a blue car. The Bible is true.)

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

PETER WROTE LETTERS—BASED ON 1 PETER; 2 PETER

- » Say that when we read today's Bible story, we will be reading some words that Peter wrote to teach people about the things Jesus said and did. Peter was one of Jesus' disciples (helpers). Open your Bible to Peter's letters in 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » Peter wrote some letters to people to teach them about Jesus.
- » Peter told people that Jesus is our example for how to live.
- » Peter wrote letters to help people remember the things that Jesus said and did. Peter told them that he was writing God's words.
- » The people read the letters from Peter.
- » We can read the letters Peter wrote in the Bible.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Who did Peter's letters teach people about?
- » What did Peter's letters help people remember?
- » Whose words are in the Bible?
- » Where can we read Peter's letters?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Mention that people wrote God's words in the Bible.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People wrote God's words in the Bible.

LIFE POINT

People wrote God's words in the Bible.

UNIT VERSE

All God's words are true.
Psalms 119:160

WEEKLY VERSE

The Word of God, the Bible, lasts forever.
1 Peter 1:25

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of the chorus of “Bingo”:

*People wrote God’s words,
People wrote God’s words,
People wrote God’s words,
They wrote them in the Bible.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible. Show the pages of 1 Peter and 2 Peter to the children. Tell that these are the words Peter wrote. Remark that Peter wrote letters to help people understand more about Jesus. Ask a child to help you find 1 Peter 1:25 and read it. Remark that the words of the Bible will last forever because they are God’s words.

PRAY

Ask the children to share prayer requests. Voice a prayer for the children’s requests. Thank God for using people like Peter to write things we should learn about Jesus. Thank God that His Word, the Bible, will last forever.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: People wrote God’s words in the Bible.

- 1. Write like Peter.** Squeeze a small amount of paint into a bowl and add water to dilute it. Invite a child to put on a smock and give her a piece of paper and a coffee stir stick. Demonstrate how to dip the stick into the “ink” and drag it across the paper. Mention that when Peter wrote the words we read in the Bible, He may have had to dip his pen into ink several times. Say the Life Point a few times as the boys and girls paint. Offer to write the Life Point across the bottom of a child’s page if he is interested.
- 2. Stack a verse.** Write each word of the Weekly Verse onto individual index cards. Tape cards in order on the wall near the blocks at varying heights. Ask a child to help you open the Bible to 1 Peter and read the verse. Point to the cards in order and read the verse again. Lead the boys and girls to stack a column of blocks beneath each word and make the tower as high as the card. Continue stacking blocks and repeating the verse. Remark that God’s words in the Bible will last forever.

3. Write with gel pens. Set up a writing station with gel pens. Provide paper, envelopes, and stickers. Suggest a child write a letter or draw a picture to give to someone. Offer envelopes and assist as the children fold the letters and put them inside the envelopes. Offer stickers and allow the child to decorate the envelope. Tell the preschoolers that Peter wrote letters to people to teach them about Jesus, and we can read the words Peter wrote in the Bible.

4. Sing and do. Lead the children to form a line behind you. Teach them to sing these words to the tune of “London Bridge”: “Follow, follow, follow me; / follow me; follow me. / Follow, follow, follow me; / it’s time for a new leader.” Choose a new leader and sing the song again. Comment between stanzas that Peter wrote that Jesus is our example, and we should try to follow Jesus’ example and do the things that He did.

CLEAN UP

Recall that God’s words in the Bible will last forever. Contrast that by saying that we will not be in our room forever. Tell the children that they must work quickly to clean up the room before it is time to leave.

HIDE AND FIND BIBLES

Gather several Bibles. Instruct the children to close their eyes tightly while you hide the Bibles around the room. Tell them to open their eyes. Suggest the preschoolers get up and carefully move around the room to find the Bibles. Play a few more rounds as time permits and let the children take turns hiding and finding the Bibles. Remind them that God’s word is true and it will last forever.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.