

Lesson 16

NT Book: 1 & 2 Peter

Book Theme: Faith is Bold

Key Verse: James 4:16

Summary: Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends, and like James, he played a significant role in the establishment of the church in Jerusalem. Peter not only suffered persecution as a Christian in Jerusalem (Acts 4, 5 & 12), but tradition tells us that he was also imprisoned in Rome during the reign of Nero and eventually martyred (put to death for being a Christian). Peter most likely wrote his letters from Rome (cryptically referred to as Babylon in 1 Peter 5:13) as this time of intense persecution was ramping up. He talks a lot about suffering as a Christian and glorifying God through it all (1 Pet. 4:16). Although our situation as Christians in 21st century America is pretty tame in comparison (not the case in other parts of the world), we can still learn from Peter that Faith is Bold! If we find ourselves suffering in some way because of our faith, we don't have to be ashamed, but can rely on the same Holy Spirit to help us live a godly life that glorifies God through it all.

Video: Peter's boldness grows

Teaching Points:: How to view suffering

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "Go Fish" Review Game

Small Group Activity (with snack?)

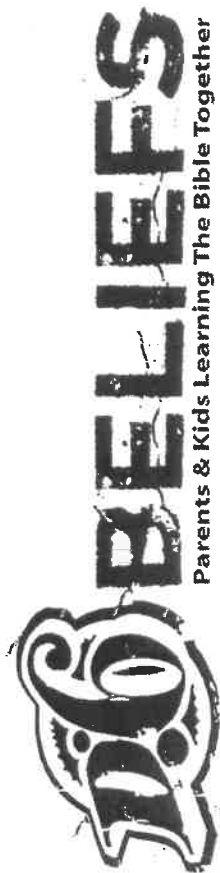
- "Theme Review" - Work together to complete the worksheet and discuss the themes of the books covered so far.

Large Group Activity

- "Total Recall" - Write the verse on a white board. Read the verse together several times until it is mostly learned. Erase the verse. Call out, in random order, a letter that begins one of the words in the verse. Children try to be the first to shout out a word that begins with the letter called. Write the word on the whiteboard. Each time a letter is called, the child will have to say the entire verse to himself or herself to recognize the word. Continue until the entire verse is again on the whiteboard.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



New Testament - Lesson 16

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Theme: Faith Is Bold

Key Verse: But if anyone suffers as a “Christian”, he should not be ashamed but should glorify God in having that name.

1 Peter 4:16

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This Week

As Peter felt his own life coming to an end, he encouraged suffering Christians by reminding them that God keeps His promises! He is coming back! Read 2 Peter 3:1-13.

What is a “scoffer”? (v. 3) Do you know anyone who scoffs at God’s promises?

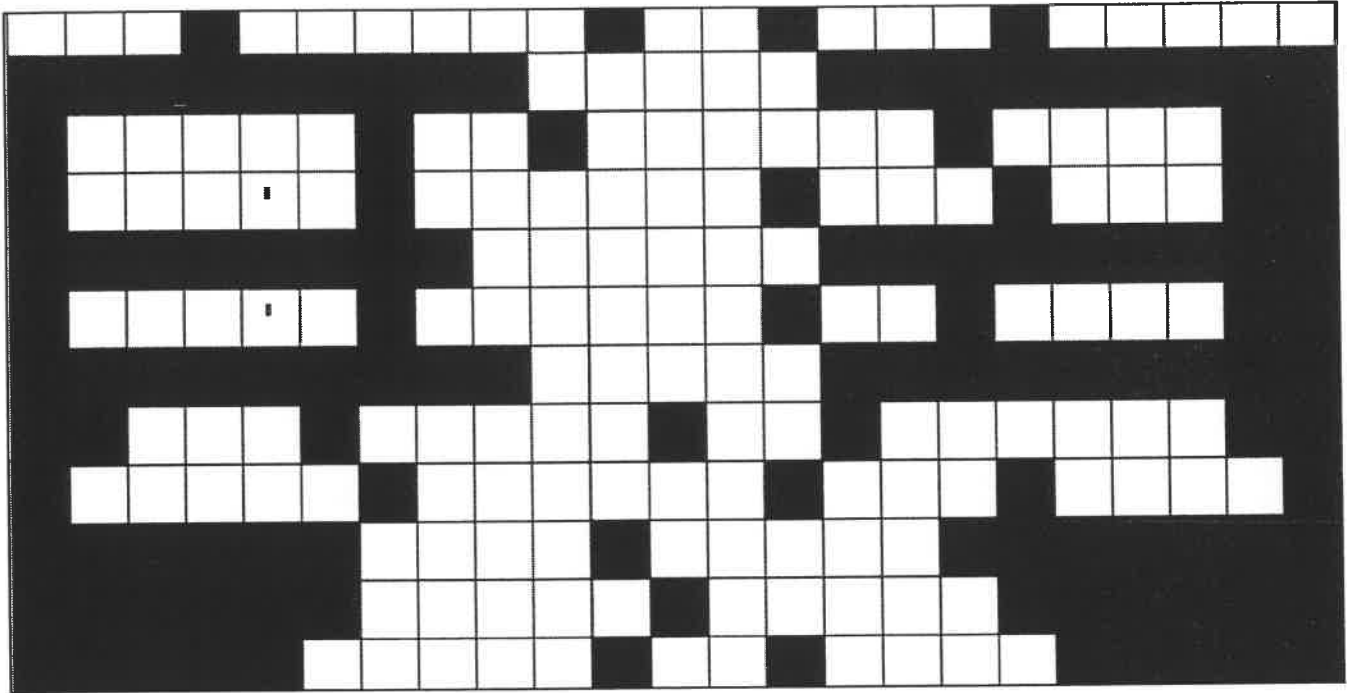
Peter is referring to people who are scoffing at the promise of Jesus’ return. To what other scoffers does Peter compare them? (vv. 6-7)

What should be our attitude as people who believe that God keeps His promises? (vv. 11-12)



BELIEFS

Parents & Kids Learning The Bible Together



Move the letters up to fill the columns and spell out the themes from the semester.

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