

Story: **Peter Denies Jesus**

Bible Reference: **Mark 14:66-72**

YOU WILL NEED: The following signs: *Peter, Servant Girl, Those Standing Near*

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Ask the students: **Who knows who Peter is?** (One of the twelve disciples; he wrote 1 & 2 Peter in the Bible; etc.)

Rhetorical Question: **Did you know that Peter made some big mistakes on the day that Jesus died?** Today we're going to learn about them.

Choose 3 volunteers.—Give them the following signs: *Peter, Servant Girl, Those Standing Near.*

SAY: After Jesus was arrested, Peter followed from a distance to see what was going to happen. Just a few hours earlier he had told Jesus that he would die for Him and Jesus had replied that before the rooster crowed the second time that night, Peter would deny him three times. Let's see what happened.

*Read the story below but be sure to tell the students that even though you are reading it out of the lesson book, it is from the Bible in Mark 14:66-72.*

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

*Have the Servant Girl repeat after you:* "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said.

But he denied it.

*Have Peter repeat Peter's words after you:* "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway.

When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, *Have the Servant Girl repeat after you:* "This fellow is one of them,"

Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, *Have Those Standing Near repeat after you:* "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them,

*Have Peter repeat Peter's words after you:* "I don't know this man you're talking about."

Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the

rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

*SAY:* Peter denied Jesus. He cursed and lied, but when Jesus rose again, He appeared to Peter before even appearing to the other disciples (1 Corinthians 15:5). Jesus forgave him and before long, listen to what Peter was doing.

Get ready for a Bible Drill.  
*Ready...Acts 2:14...Go!*

*SAY:* Only one week after Jesus ascended into heaven, Peter stood in front of a huge crowd and told them about Christ. Three thousand people became Christians that day because of the message he gave! What a change! He ran from a servant girl one day but a few weeks later he stood in front of thousands to boldly preach about Jesus.

*KEY:* When a people let Jesus forgive them and come into their lives, He always makes a big difference.