

Draw & Color

Color the picture of Peter denying that he knows Jesus.

Are you SURE you don't know Jesus?

I SWEAR I DON'T KNOW HIM!



Answer: 6, 8, 8, 1, 7, 4, 5, 2

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John 18:12-27

The Third
Sunday in Lent

Peter's Denial

Jesus told his friends that when he was arrested, they would all run away. "I'll never leave you!" cried Peter.

Jesus sighed. "Oh, Peter. I know you love me. But before the rooster crows tomorrow, you will pretend you don't know me three times."

That night, Jesus was arrested. Peter followed at a distance.

"Hey," said a servant girl, "aren't you one of Jesus' friends?"

"No," said Peter.

A man asked, "Don't you hang out with Jesus?"

"No," said Peter.

"Are you sure?" said another man. "I could swear I saw you with him."

Peter got angry. "I don't know him!" he shouted. Just then, the rooster crowed and Peter remembered what Jesus had said.

Peter was so, so sad that he had denied Jesus that he cried and cried.



REMEMBER THIS

DENIAL

Saying (usually very strongly) that something is not true (sometimes even when it is).

ORDER THE STORY

Number the sentences below in the order they happened in the story.
(Answer on back)

_____ A THIRD PERSON SAID, "I COULD SWEAR I SAW YOU WITH HIM," PETER GOT ANGRY. "I DON'T KNOW HIM!" HE SHOUTED.

_____ JESUS WAS ARRESTED; PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE.

_____ PETER WAS SO SAD THAT HE HAD DENIED JESUS. HE CRIED AND CRIED.

_____ JESUS SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED, HIS FRIENDS WOULD RUN AWAY. "I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU!" CRIED PETER.

_____ JUST THEN, THE ROOSTER CROWED AND PETER REMEMBERED WHAT JESUS HAD SAID.

_____ A SERVANT GIRL ASKED, "AREN'T YOU ONE OF JESUS' FRIENDS?" BUT PETER SAID "NO."

_____ THEN A MAN ASKED, "DON'T YOU HANG OUT WITH JESUS?" BUT PETER SAID "NO," AGAIN.

_____ JESUS SAID, "PETER, BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS,, YOU WILL PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ME THREE TIMES."

Did You Know?

The name "Peter" means "rock." Jesus said that he would build his church on the rock that was Peter. What he meant was that Peter would be very important in sharing the good news of Jesus to the world. And Peter was!



TRY IT AT HOME!

Collect rocks from around your neighborhood and use them to build a little church. Keep one to remind you that we don't have to be perfect to share God's love.