

Bible background

Luke 22:47-62

Aim of lesson

To teach that God and his Son Jesus know, and are sad, when we lie.

Preparation required

Use one activity sheet cut it into three horizontal strips. Make paper 'doors' to cover the second half of each strip.

You will need paper, colouring materials and sellotape.

Suggested outline of lesson

1. Introduce the situation of wicked men who were jealous coming to arrest Jesus. Tell the story using each of the strips in turn. Explain what is happening in the first half, read the beginning of the rhyme and then open the door for the answer and discussion on what Peter is doing and why. The rhyme should be repeated several times during this process, so that at the end the children can attempt some of it themselves, especially the answers.
2. Ask the children if they have ever told lies. Can Jesus and his Father, God, hear when we lie? How do the children feel when they hear someone lie. This is a good time to have a prayer. You may like to bring out that Peter was particularly sad that he had lied about Jesus.
3. Ask the children to colour their activity sheet and make 'doors' out of paper and sellotape for each 'answer', in this way they can ask their family and friends the rhyme when they go home.

Alternative activities

1. Either make a collage picture of a cockerel or cut out cockerel shapes for each child to decorate, paint or print. Attach a strip of very thick card so that they can be held up.
2. Make a Plasticine fire and some figures to sit round it and a Plasticine cockerel to crow.

Relevance to the children's lives

Discuss how God wants us to tell the truth, even when we are afraid we will get into trouble.

Prayer

Ask the children to pray for God to help us tell the truth at all times.

Verse

'Do not lie.' Leviticus 19:11.

Rhyme

When Jesus was arrested, tell me, what did Peter do?
He followed them some way behind, scared they'd arrest him too.
When people said, 'You're that man's friend',
What did he reply?
He said 'I've never met the man.' (He knew it was a lie.)
What happened when the Lord looked round and knew
that he had lied?
Peter then felt so ashamed, he went outside and cried.