

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing



Name _____



Peter Explains Belief in Jesus

1 Peter 1:3-9



Instructions: Give children white crayons to draw pictures of themselves with Jesus. After they're finished drawing, give them a cup of water, paintbrushes, and watercolors, and have kids paint over their drawings. Remind them that the people in the Bible passage believed in Jesus even though they couldn't see him. (For additional instructions, see *Teacher Guide*.)

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...



Bible Time

This week's Bible passage (1 Peter 1:3-9) tells us that when we believe in Jesus, we have the hope of a new life in him. Even though we can't see Jesus now, we can believe in him, just like the people did who Peter wrote to. God's special gift of Jesus can never be destroyed, it can never spoil, it can never fade away, and it's worth more than gold! Even though we might have hard times, we can still be happy because we believe in Jesus.

Key Verse: "[Jesus] loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Daily Challenge

Your child learned to believe in Jesus. Your child committed to one of the following challenges to

show that he or she believes in Jesus in daily life. Help your child follow through on the challenge!

- Look for things that remind you of Jesus. When you see those things, thank Jesus for coming to earth to love us.
- Tell someone you love why you believe in Jesus.
- Draw a picture with a white crayon. Show your mom or dad the picture, and explain that Jesus is like the picture: You can believe in him even though you can't see him.



Talk about how things in this world don't last forever but

God's free gift of Jesus will never break or be taken away. Go outside and look for God's creations that have broken, rotted, or have disappeared. Point out rotted leaves and plants, and pine cones and fruit that have been taken off the plants.

ASK

- Who can believe in Jesus?



Tell your child that the people in the Bible passage

were happy and praised God even in their hard times. Celebrate and praise God as you blow bubbles together. Before you blow each bubble, say one thing you believe about Jesus, such as "Jesus loves me" or "Jesus is always with me." Then watch your praise bubbles go up toward heaven. Remind your child that we can believe in Jesus and praise him even though we can't see him.

