



# 3RD - 5TH

30-3  
Peter Continued  
To Preach



## CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Have you ever told someone something very exciting? How did you feel when you shared the news with him or her? How did he or she respond?**



## CAN'T BE STOPPED

**Start by 9:20/10:45**

Provide kids with a large set of dominoes or wooden blocks. Direct kids to line the dominoes in a straight line, allowing for about an inch of space between each domino. After the dominoes are set up, invite a kid to knock the first domino so it sets off a chain reaction. Direct kids to set up another domino chain, but allow them to be creative with the design such as creating a spiral or build chains that branch into multiple chains.

**All it took was one domino being knocked over to start a chain reaction. Watching this chain reaction reminds me of today's Bible story. Even when the religious leaders tried to stop the gospel from being shared, Peter and John continued to boldly share their faith. Like a chain reaction, they faithfully continued to share the gospel so that more and more people would hear the good news.**

**START BY**  
**9:30/10:55**

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



**LARGE GROUP**

# SMALL GROUP



## BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Acts 4.

- Explain that sharing the gospel with boldness is a major theme in the book of Acts. Around 11 times, the author of Acts writes how Jesus' followers boldly told others about Jesus even when they were faced with persecution.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Acts 4:13.

**Peter and John were fisherman with no religious training. When the religious leaders saw how they boldly proclaimed the gospel, they were surprised. The boldness of Peter and John and the words they spoke proved they had been with Jesus. In their own power, Peter and John would never have such wisdom or boldness. It was the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of Peter and John who allowed them to share the gospel, even when they faced imprisonment or persecution.**



## DISCUSSION

- **How can we have boldness to share the gospel with others?** To be bold for the gospel means we trust God more than we fear others' reactions or responses. The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' followers boldness to serve Him with their lives. Encourage kids to remember if they are followers of Jesus, they have the same Holy Spirit within them to help them and give them boldness. They can pray for boldness and ask God to help them be bold just as the disciples did. (Option: Read Acts 4:29-30.)
- **Why is sharing the good news of the gospel often met with rejection or hostility?** The Bible teaches that many will reject the truth of the gospel. Others may view the gospel message as foolishness, but we who have experienced salvation by grace through faith understand the amazing gift it is. Encourage kids to remember no matter the difficulty we may face, obeying the Lord by sharing the good news with the world is always worth it. (Option: Read 1 Corinthians 1:18.)
- **Peter preached the gospel to the religious leaders who rejected and crucified Jesus. How did this show the love of Jesus?** The gospel is for every person, no matter what they have done. Sharing the gospel is the most loving act we can do because Jesus is the only way to be saved. Encourage kids to think of those in their lives who need to hear the good news. (Option: Read Luke 6:27-28.)



## CALLED TO BE BOLD

Write the word BOLD in bold letters on a poster and tape it to a wall. Form kids into five groups and provide each group with a Bible and a marker. Assign each group a question and Bible verse. Then lead them to write their answers on the poster.

- What do we boldly proclaim? Ephesians 6:19
- Why do we share the gospel boldly? Acts 4:11-12
- What can we do when we don't feel bold? Acts 4:29
- Who empowers boldness? Acts 4:31
- How does persecution affect boldness? Philippians 1:14

**We boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ because He alone saves people from sin. When we pray for boldness, the Holy Spirit empowers us to share our faith. And even when we face persecution, others are spurred on to be bold for Jesus.**



**Key Passage:** *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14*



**Big Picture Question:** *Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.*



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.