



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **What is something you could do forever? Maybe you love eating ice cream or singing. Maybe you have a favorite show you love to watch. Tell me about it. Why would this be something you might always love to do?**



WE MUST TELL

Start by 9:20/10:45

Give kids a piece of paper and some markers. Have kids draw a picture of something they experienced or a gift they were given they could not wait to tell someone about. Maybe they went to an amusement park and rode a roller coaster or they got a new puppy. Once done, invite kids to share what they drew. Discuss how we love to tell other people about what excites us or makes us happy because we want them to share in our joy.

We all have times when we cannot wait to share something good we have experienced or a wonderful gift we have been given. When we share our joy, we want others to be joyful with us. Today, we will learn how Peter could not keep quiet about sharing the good news of Jesus. Even when he was put in jail, he had to tell others that Jesus saves. Peter wanted others to know the joy and forgiveness that Jesus gives us.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



DISCUSSION

- **Do we have to be able to know every question someone has about the Bible to share Jesus with others? Why not?** People may ask us questions about the Bible or Jesus that we do not know the answers to. It is OK and no one knows the answer to every question. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us know what we can say and guides us to share how people can be saved through faith in Jesus.
- **Should we stop sharing Jesus if others tell us to be quiet? Why not?** Peter and John were bold in their faith and continued to share about Jesus even when the religious leaders told them to stop. The devil and the ways of the world want believers to be quiet because they don't want people to believe in Jesus. Hearing about Jesus is the only way people can believe so we must continue to share the gospel no matter what.
- **Is sharing the gospel a way we show love to people? Why?** Sharing about Jesus is the best way to love others because we want them to be forgiven of sin and live forever. Peter and John showed they loved all people, even the religious leaders, by giving them a chance to hear the gospel and repent of their sin. We share the gospel by telling others about Jesus and by serving others like Jesus has served us. Our words and actions can show the love of Jesus.



KEY PASSAGE

God has given us a very special opportunity to tell others about Jesus—His life, death and resurrection! Our key passage reminds us that people cannot believe in Jesus if they have not heard about Him.

Lead kids to sit in a circle. Choose one kid to say the first word of the key passage in a quiet whisper. Then lead the next kid to say the second word a little bit louder. Continue encouraging each kid to say the next word a little louder until the kids are shouting the key passage. Repeat again as time allows.

Today, we learned that Peter and John could not keep quiet about Jesus. They wanted all people to be able to hear about Jesus. We don't have to shout the gospel, but we should not be quiet about it. We can boldly tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.



RACE TO SHARE

Form kids into two teams and scatter each set of the prepared cards on opposite sides of the room. Assign each team a side of the room and challenge them to find all of the cards and place them in the correct order of the big picture answer. Once the cards are arranged in the correct order, lead them to shout the big picture answer aloud. The first team to complete the challenge wins. Repeat as time allows.

Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? [Allow responses.] **We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news. I encourage you to think about people you know who need to hear the good news of Jesus. The gospel is good news because Jesus is the only way to be saved from our sin.**



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.*



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.