

What's Happening at Sunday School?

- ~ Lesson Matthew, Mark, Luke & John
- ~ Did you know? Join the fun!
- ~ What are our Missions all about?
- ~ What are your kids up to?

Peter's denial of Jesus

Remember when Jesus told the disciples they would all turn away from him? We see it happening this very same night. When Jesus was arrested in the garden, Peter and the rest of the disciples ran away and left him. They were afraid that they too would be arrested.

Peter, however, turned back and followed from a distance, so he wouldn't be noticed.

Jesus had warned Peter that before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times, saying that you don't even know me. But Peter claimed "I will

never deny you, even if it means that I have to die with you."

Peter was putting his trust in the wrong place, he was trusting himself and his own abilities, rather than trusting in God.

Three times he was questioned, and three times he completely denied knowing Jesus, to the point of cursing and swearing that he didn't know the man.

Can we see this in our own lives? We aren't standing in the courtyard at Jesus' trial. But we too deny Jesus every time we don't demonstrate our faith in him as we go throughout our day.

Imagine how Peter felt when Jesus looked straight at him after he denied knowing him. He ran away and wept bitter tears. We see his sorrow and repentance.

We too have Jesus looking right at us when we deny Him, or ignore Him, or disobey Him. He has given us the Bible, and through this, we very clearly see Jesus watching us.

I pray that we too weep tears of sorrow when we deny God. Ask for His forgiveness, and know that He loves us and forgives us.

Dear Lord,

Forgive us for living our lives leaning on ourselves rather than trusting in you. You see us, just as you saw Peter, denying that we even know you. The Bible tells us to trust in you, and lean not on our own understanding. Help us to do this as we live our lives. Show us our sins so that we too weep tears of sorrow and ask for your forgiveness. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.



Did you know ... Come join the fun!

We are looking for people to join our Sunday School Team.

Could you help to co-lead a class? Can you help to substitute when we are short staffed? Or perhaps assist with the younger students while they are being taught?

It is a joy to share God's love with the children. We receive far more than we give.

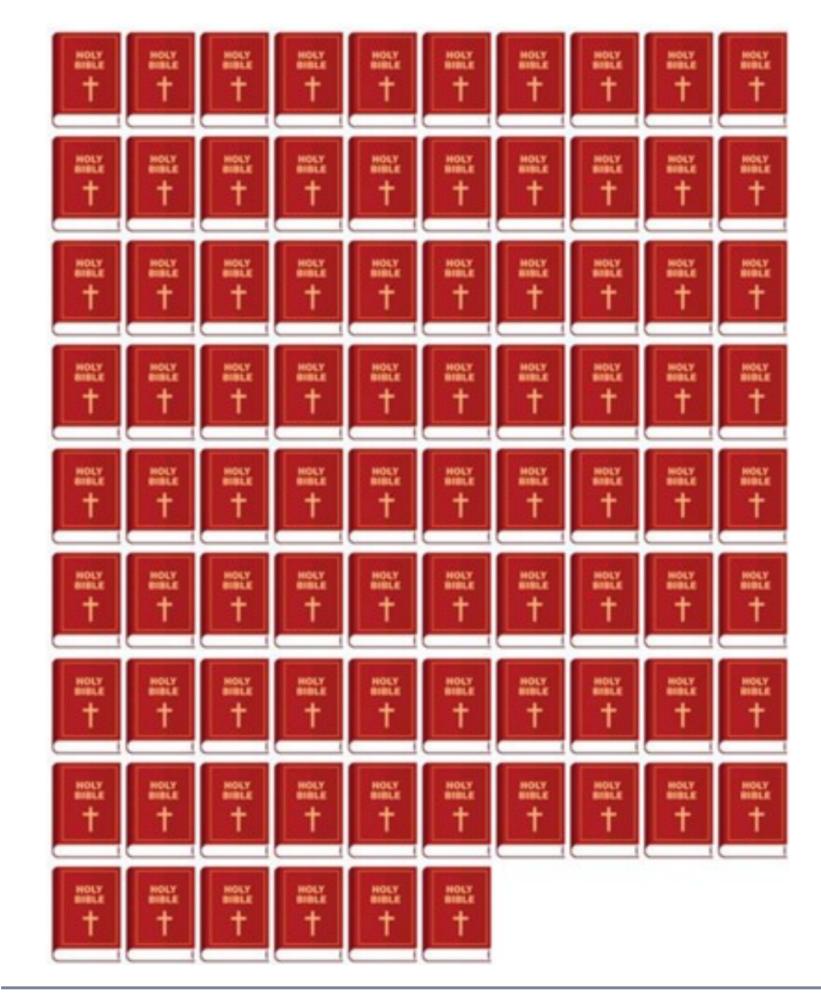
Mention it to your child's teacher, or reply directly to this email and we would be happy to discuss the different ways you can help.

Mission Money Bibles... 86 Bibles

Our families are blessed. Do you have a Bible in your home? Many of our children have even more than one Bible. Not having access to God's word is a sad thought. With this year's mission money, our children get to give the gift of God's word to other children.

A gift of \$2.00 will purchase a Bible for a child that has no access to one.

Please consider having a conversation with your child. Help them realize how blessed they are for this gift of God's love and salvation, and help them share this love with other children.



Our 3rd and 4th graders learning and reading their Bibles!

