

KIDTOWN GUIDE

Preschool

DATE: 1/3/21

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1-2

LESSON: Faithful in Hard Time



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - It's the first Sunday of a new year! It's always so exciting to start off a new year because so many fun and exciting things happen! It's especially exciting after a year like 2020 that was pretty hard during some parts. Today we are going to talk a little bit about how we keep following Jesus while things are hard.

Balancing Act - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Supplies: 1 empty plastic cup

Have kids balance the cup on the palm of their hand. Ask them to walk across the room while balancing the cup. Then tell them to do it again, but this time they have to hop on one foot. Continue to add more difficult movements and obstacles in their path until they can't do it anymore!

Say - Today we're going to hear Peter teach us how to keep doing what God has told us to do even as it gets harder and harder.



LESSON - FAITHFUL IN HARD TIMES

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Faithful in Hard Times](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

We have hope for the future because of Jesus! (Kids repeat!)

Peter was now a leader in the church. He wrote a letter to help Jesus' followers in other cities. Peter wanted to tell these believers to keep following Jesus—even when it was hard. We have hope for the future because of Jesus. He died, but now He is alive!" We are joyful as we remember this promise, even though life is not always easy. When hard times happen, we can trust God. This honors Him.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

We can rejoice in God's promises because of Jesus! (Kids repeat!)

Peter's call to put our hope in God's promises and obey God even when it's hard... are... HARD. These are not easy things for us to do. But we have great hope and great help in Jesus. Jesus went before us and perfectly hoped in God's promises. Even when everything in His life was incredibly hard. Even when people disliked Him and eventually murdered Him on the cross. Jesus kept hoping and trusting in God's goodness. He kept obeying God even as it got harder and harder. Even as He gave more and more.



RESPONSE

Sing: [Life and Godliness](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Dear Lord, help us to remain faithful and hopeful during the tough times. Help us to remember that Jesus died for us and because of that, he redeemed us to You God. Our blessings will come to us in heaven and not in this life. Let us live to honor You God and try to be as holy as Jesus was on earth. We need you and we love you, Amen.

Discuss:

- Why did Peter write his letter to the believers? *Peter encouraged believers going through hard times.*
 - Why can believers have hope for the future? *Because Jesus died, but now He is alive*
 - Does the Bible say we will go through hard times for following Jesus? *Yes*
 - How does God use hard times for our good? *As we go through hard times, God makes us more like Jesus*
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- *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of the believers

Decide easy or hard - Explain to kids that you will name various tasks. If a child thinks the task is easy, he should touch his toes. If he thinks the task is hard, he should raise his hands in the air. Suggested tasks include put toys away, share with others, play a guitar, eat ice cream, fly an airplane, catch a lizard, throw a ball, be very quiet, brush your teeth, watch a movie, take turns, or climb a tree.

Parents Say: Some of these tasks are easy to do, but others are hard. Jesus' followers did not have an easy time after Jesus went back to heaven. Peter wanted them to know that when hard times happen, they can keep trusting God because the Holy Spirit will help them.