

May 4, 2003
Early Childhood
Peter Wrote a Letter About New Birth

1 Peter 1:1-2:10
1PET01EC

1 Peter

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 1:3: He has given us new birth into a living hope (through the resurrection of Jesus Christ).

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** The idea of a second birth or being born again may be a new concept to your preschoolers, but is also something that can be desirable to them. If you have a child who is interested in learning more about being born again, encourage him in the direction he is going and let his parents know what was discussed in class this morning. They should be allowed the privilege and responsibility of leading their child to faith in Christ. If the parents need help with knowing how to do this, encourage them to talk with the Children's Department head.
- Baby Center:** Provide dolls, bottles, diapers and blankets for the children to use. Talk about a baby's body—arms, legs, eyes, and ears—and what a baby needs to grow. Milk is what a baby wants to drink. A baby will cry to get his milk. Drinking milk is how a baby can grow to be big. Every baby is born with a body and a spirit. We can see the baby's body, but we can't see his spirit because it is inside his body. For the spirit to grow, a person needs a new birth. This new birth is in their hearts. It is a spiritual birth. Just like a baby craves milk to grow, a person who has a spiritual birth craves God's Word. He loves Jesus and wants to know what God says is right and wrong and wants to obey God's Word.
- "Two of Everything!" Center:** Provide a bag with two of several items in it. Have a child pull an article from the bag without looking. He sets it on the table and puts his hand in to "feel" the second item that will match the first one that he has drawn. Some items to include in the bag might be: combs, cars, blocks (in different shapes), fruit, toothbrushes, balls, etc. "Today's Bible Adventure talks about being born two times. The first birth we all have is when we are born as a baby. The second birth is from our heart. This new birth makes us alive to God. We love Jesus because we understand He took the punishment we should have for our sin. This new, second birth gives us victory over suffering. It brings us joy, a little like the joy you found when you pulled the matching item from the bag!"
- "Find Peter" Center: (1PET01ECGF1)** Set the GF1 picture in the center of the table and show the children who Apostle Peter is. Give each child tiddly wink pieces or two chips or coins. Show him how to press the edge of one piece with the other to cause it to flip into the air. Try to work the two pieces so that the chip will land on Peter. If it lands on one of the other disciples, say the name of the person it landed on and try again. "Today we are starting the book of First Peter. It is a letter that Peter wrote to Christians who lived in lots of difference places in the world and were suffering and going to jail for believing in Jesus."

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- Peter Writes a Letter: (1PET01ECGF2)** Color the GF2 picture of Peter. Have the children glue a feather over the one he is holding in his hand. Talk about Peter being a great teacher and wanting every Christian to find joy and hope in God's promises. Every person who is a Christian has been born again in his heart. He wants to know God's Word and obey it. God's power is at work in that person's heart to help him do what is right.
 - Play Dough Center:** Provide the children play dough and have them make the letter "V" for victory and "S" for suffering as the children reform their "S" into a "V." Talk about the things that make them suffer. Talk about victory meaning "winning over" suffering. We have victory over suffering when God gives us joy in our hearts. Sing "Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" as the children play.
 - The Nicodemus Story:** Provide a picture story book of the conversation of Nicodemus and Jesus from John 3. Read the story and discuss what being "born again" means. People have bodies and spirits. Our bodies are born and move and talk and think. Our spirits are inside our bodies, but are not alive to God. To have a new spirit, a person must be old enough to understand and believe the gospel message of Jesus. He must believe it with all his heart. It can happen at any age. That is why we learn about Jesus and what He has done for us. We want a second birth to happen in our hearts. We want to love and obey God's Word.
 - What Is a Christian?** Write different characteristics on paper plates of what a Christian is. Collect the same number of bean bags as you have plates. A child stands behind a line and tosses his bag at one of the plates. If the bag touches a plate, it stays there while the teacher reads that trait of a Christian. If the bag misses a plate, collect the bag and give it to the next child to throw. Continue until all the plates have a bean bag touching them. Some characteristics to write on the plates could be: Love Jesus, sins forgiven, believe in Jesus, have joy, live in heaven with Jesus forever, obey the Bible, have a second birth in their hearts, are holy, full of hope, get rid of wrong attitudes, victory over suffering, etc.



Book:

Presentation Ideas

- Color the **1PET01ECGF1, 1PET01ECGF2, 1PET01ECGF3, 1PET01ECGF4, 1PET01ECGF5** and **1PET01ECGF6** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in future 1 Peter lessons.
- 1 Peter Pennant Picture—Victory over Suffering: (1PET01ECGF10)** String a clothesline or twine from one edge of the story-telling corner to the other edge. This string will represent a finish line for a race. The person who crosses the finish line first wins the race, wins the victory. The theme of 1 Peter is "Victory over Suffering." Peter tells us that Christians can have victory (His joy) even while we are suffering persecution. Each week hang that week's story pennant picture from the clothesline with a clothespin or string. Review 1 Peter's "Victory over Suffering" pictures each week.
- Story Suggestion:** Bring a letter in a sealed envelope and open it in front of the children. Ask them if they have ever received a letter from their grandpa or grandma. Letters can send love and tell about important things to know and do. Peter sent a letter to Christians who lived all around the world and who were not being treated right. Peter wrote to tell them they could have joy even though they were suffering. He encouraged them by reminding them that one day they would be living with Jesus in heaven forever. (Read the Memory Verse from the letter.)
- "I Love Jesus" Finger Play:**

Jesus came down to earth to die.	<i>(Hands outstretched, head down)</i>
But He came back to life and lives on high.	<i>(Point up)</i>
He took my sin; I love Him so.	<i>(Hands over heart)</i>
Some day to His home I want to go.	<i>(Point to self and nod head)</i>

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(Show the 1PET01ECGF1 picture.) Peter was one of Jesus' twelve disciples who lived with Him and listened to Him teach about God. *(Point to Peter.)* Peter became a leader in teaching about Jesus. He and the other disciples walked to all parts of the world to tell people the gospel message about Jesus.

(Let a child open your Bible at the bookmark that has been placed at the beginning of 1 Peter.) Peter also wrote two letters that are included in the New Testament part of our Bible. The names of these letters are First Peter and Second Peter. Today we will be learning from the book of First Peter. (Have the children hold up one finger as they say "First Peter" with you several times.)

(Show the 1PET01ECGF2 picture.) The theme of First Peter is "Victory over Suffering." (Have the children make a "V" with their fingers as they say "Victory over Suffering" with you several times.) Peter wrote this letter to Christians who lived all around the world and who were suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus. Because these people believed in Jesus, Roman soldiers were trying to put them in jail and hurt them. Peter wrote, "Don't be afraid. God gives us hope and joy even when we are suffering. Because we believe in Jesus, we have the hope of living in heaven with Him forever."

(Show the 1PET01ECGF3 picture.) Every person is born as a baby. When babies are newly born, they crave milk. They must drink milk, and they cry to get milk. Every newborn baby needs milk to grow.

(Show the 1PET01ECGF4 picture.) Every person is born with a body and a spirit. For the spirit to grow, a person needs a new birth. This new birth happens in his heart. It is a spiritual birth. Just like a baby craves milk to grow, a person who has a spiritual birth craves "spiritual food," which is God's Word. He wants to know what God says is right and wrong and wants to obey God's Word. He loves Jesus because his sins have been forgiven. That person wants to learn to be holy like God.

(Show the 1PET01ECGF6 picture.) People who are born of the spirit will be full of joy because they know God. They know He has forgiven their sins. They are full of hope because they know that God will keep His promise to one day take them to live with Him in heaven.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Peter who taught us about victory over suffering. We want the joy and hope that You bring to those who have the new birth of the spirit. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4s, 5s & K

(Show the 1PET01ECGF1 picture.) Peter was one of Jesus' twelve disciples who lived with Him and listened to Him for three years. Peter became a leader of the thirteen apostles who walked to all parts of the world to tell people about Jesus.

(Let a child open your Bible at the bookmark that has been placed at the beginning of 1 Peter.) Peter wrote two letters that are included in the New Testament part of our Bible. The names of these letters are First Peter and Second Peter. Today we will be learning from the book of First Peter. (Have the children hold up one finger as they say "First Peter" with you several times.)

(Show the 1PET01ECGF2 picture.) The theme of 1 Peter is "Victory over Suffering." (Have the children make a "V" with their fingers as they say "Victory over Suffering" with you several times.) Peter was writing a letter to Christians who lived all around the world and who were suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus. Because these people believed in Jesus, Roman soldiers were trying to put them in jail and hurt them. Peter wrote, "Don't be afraid. God gives us hope and joy even when we are suffering. We have hope of living in heaven with Jesus."

(Show the 1PET01ECGF3 picture.) When babies are newly born, they are born with a body and a spirit. Their bodies are alive, but their spirits are not. We know when a baby's body is alive. He moves his arms and legs and drinks milk. Every baby's body craves milk. He must drink milk, and he cries to get milk. Drinking milk is how babies grow up to be healthy toddlers.

(Show the 1PET01ECGF4 picture.) Peter tells us that every person needs a new birth—a second birth—in order for their spirits to grow. Each person must have a new birth to be able to live forever with God in heaven. People who have only one birth—their first, natural birth that every baby has—can learn about God from the Bible, but they don't have hope of living with God forever. They must have a new birth, a second birth in their hearts.

When a person has a new birth from God, God gives him a new spirit that makes him come alive to God. With a new spirit, the person loves Jesus and has a craving for a new kind of food—"spiritual milk"—God's Word. It is God's Word that tells us what God says is right and wrong so that we can grow strong in spirit.

To be born again, a person must be old enough to understand and believe the gospel of Jesus. A child might be four years old or twenty years old or fifty years old. At any age, even though we cannot see Jesus with our eyes, we can believe that He took the punishment you and I should have for our sin when He died on the cross. We can believe that He came back to life and is now in heaven. This is the gospel that everyone must believe to have a new birth.

(Show the review 1PET01ECGF5 picture.) Because every newborn baby has a mind that can learn about the Bible, it is possible for a person to learn all about Jesus and what He did for him and still not be born again in his spirit. (Point to the first child.) This child is learning about Jesus with his mind, but it doesn't look like his heart wants to obey and be holy. This other child is listening to God's Word and it

looks like she wants to be right with God. You can't always tell whether people have the new birth by the looks on their faces, but Peter tells us the new birth helps us want to be holy like God.

(Show the 1PET01ECGF6 picture.) Peter says, "People who are born twice—the first time as a baby and the second time spiritually in their hearts—will be full of joy because they know God, and they know He has forgiven their sins. They are full of hope because they know that God will keep His promise to one day take them to live in heaven with Him. God will help them get rid of wrong attitudes. God's power is at work in their hearts to help them do what is right—loving people deeply and loving God's Word enough to obey it."

Peter said, "You can have victory over suffering because you have the new birth and a living hope. You have the wonderful hope of heaven and power to live a good and holy life."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Peter who taught us about victory over suffering—the joy and hope that you bring to those who have the new birth. Help each of these children to want Your new birth in their hearts. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s:

1. **Who wrote the letter called First Peter?** (*Peter*)
2. **Who was suffering in today's story because of their faith in Jesus?** (*Christians*)
3. **Who gives victory over suffering and the hope of living in heaven with Jesus?** (*God, Jesus*)

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s:

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today, and what is the theme?** (*1 Peter; "Victory Over Suffering"*)
2. **How many births does a Christian have?** (*Two—the first birth as a baby and the new birth in their hearts when they believe in Jesus*)
3. **What does a baby's body crave and what does a Christian crave?** (*A newborn craves milk, and a new Christian craves "spiritual milk," the Word of God, and being holy*)
4. **What attitudes does a twice-born Christian have?** (*Holy, loving, joyful, hopeful*)



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the Aim Questions on stationary and put them in sealed envelopes. They can be placed in a mailbox or mailbag for the children to get and open during question time.
- Snack Suggestion:** Serve milk with Alpha Bits or graham crackers. Give the children liquid chocolate to stir into their milk with a spoon. Talk about babies only wanting milk and needing it to grow strong and healthy. As a person gets older, he makes choices about the foods he likes to eat. He can eat many different things; and once he has faith in Jesus and a new birth, he will want to eat "spiritual food" from the Bible, too. It is God's Word that tells us about God and what He says is right and wrong.
- Transition Idea:** Move with fist to mouth and thumb extended to represent a baby bottle. After reaching the destination, open your hands to represent a Bible and say, "A baby needs milk to grow, and Christians need God's Word to grow."
- Memory Verse Review:** Read the Memory Verse. "After we are born and are growing up, God can give us a second birth. It is a spiritual birth. It is given by God so we can know God. To have a new birth, we need to know about Jesus and what He did for us. He died on the cross for our sins. He came back to life and now lives in heaven. He is our living hope and we look forward to one day living in heaven with Jesus forever. Our belief in Jesus gives us the ability to love Him and helps us obey God's words in the Bible." Sing the Memory Verse Song two or three times.
- Finger Reminder Puppets: (1PET01ECGF7 and 1PET01ECGF8)** Give each child five different GF7 finger puppets that have been cut out for them and five matching GF8 pictures to glue on his puppet. Help him measure his finger, and tape the puppet tabs around each finger. Have him identify to you who Jesus is, who Peter is, the joyful people, God's Word and a home in heaven. Send the finger puppets home in a baggie so that the children can tell their parents what they learned from 1 Peter.

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- "V" for "Victory": (1PET01ECGF9)** Copy the GF9 "V" on cardstock paper and cut out one for each child. The children can review the Bible Adventure as they color the pictures on the "V." Let them add sparkles, stamps, and sparkle glue, if time allows. The children can march around the room holding their "V" pictures high as they sing (or listen to the tape) one of the victory songs found in the Song section.
 - New Birth Memory Verse Review: (1PET01ECGF12 and 1PET01ECGF8)** Give each child a GF12 page. Talk about the first birth that every baby experiences and then the new birth that happens when people believe in Jesus and receive a living hope from God. Provide GF8 pictures for the children to glue on their GF12 pages. Review the Memory Verse Song as the children work.
 - Mother and Baby Center:** Invite a mother and her baby to visit your room. Have the mother feed the baby milk from a bottle or show the children a bottle of milk. Explain to the children that newborn babies crave milk and need it to grow up to be healthy and strong. Every person needs a second birth—a new birth—in their hearts in order to live with God in heaven. When we believe in Jesus and have a new birth, we crave "spiritual milk," God's words in the Bible. We want to feed our spirits every day with God's spiritual food, just like this mother feeds her newborn baby every day with milk.
 - "Friendship Circle" Game:** Cut a small heart out of red paper for each child. Place a circle of masking tape on the back of each heart, sticky side exposed. Arrange the chairs in a large circle, one for each child except "It." Place the hearts (tape side up) on a chair in the center of the circle. Seat the children and choose one child to be "It." "It" goes to the middle of the circle and picks up a heart. He walks around inside the circle, stops in front of another child, and tapes the heart on his chest, saying, "Christians love each other." Both children walk hand-in-hand around outside the circle until they return to the empty chair. "It" is seated, and his friend becomes the next "It." Continue until all the children are wearing hearts.
 - "Who Has Seen Jesus?" Review Activity: (1PET01ECGF1)** Use this activity for review before or after the story. Place a picture of Jesus at the top of a large poster board or use the Betty Lukens flannel board. Cover Jesus with a flap of paper. On the outside of the paper, put pictures of Jesus' disciples, including Peter. Tell the children that these people saw Jesus with their own eyes when He was on earth. Uncover the flap so that Jesus can be seen. Cover the flap over Jesus as you tell about Him dying on the cross. Open the flap as you say He came back to life and was seen again by many people on the earth. Cover with the flap as you tell how Jesus went back to heaven in the clouds. When Peter wrote his letter, he couldn't see Jesus with his eyes, but he believed in Jesus and obeyed His words. Peter told others about Jesus with his mouth and with his first letter called First Peter. Open the flap as you say that Peter believed that he would see Jesus again in heaven. Just because we cannot see Jesus does not mean He is not there. The Bible tells us He is in heaven and wants us to live with Him forever. When a person has a second birth, or is born again, he knows that Jesus is alive in heaven and that he will get to live with Him forever.
 - Victory Cheer: (1PET01ECGF10)** Gather the children together and tell them that you are going to teach them a victory cheer. Have them say after you, "Give me a V, give me an I, give me a C, give me a T, give me an O, give me an R, give me a Y." What does that spell? Victory. Give each child a GF10 pennant taped to a straw and have them raise their pennants as they march around the room chanting the victory cheer. Explain that the theme of 1 Peter is "Victory over Suffering."
 - New Birth Exercise:** Have all the children lay on their stomachs on the floor. Tell them that they are caterpillars. Have them wiggle around like caterpillars. Next tell them to curl up into a cocoon and lie very quietly. Then have them become beautiful butterflies that fly around the room. "In today's Bible Adventure we learned that we need a new birth—kind of like a caterpillar that wakes up one day as a beautiful butterfly—in order to be able to live forever with God in heaven. We can have this new birth in our hearts when we believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins and that He came back to life."
 - Finish Line:** Have the children stand at one end of the room. Place a piece of tape, rope or string on the floor along the length of the opposite side of the room. Then have the children do silly walks, crab walks, rolling, jumping, etc., to the finish line. Tell them when they cross the finish line, they have victory. "In today's Bible Adventure Peter told us that Christians can have victory over their suffering in life. Jesus gives us joy even when bad things happen."

Songs:

1 Peter 1:3 Memory Verse Song (tune: "Frere Jacques")

He has gi-ven us new birth
Into a living hope, into a living hope.
Fi-irst Peter one, three. Fi-irst Peter one, three.
Vic-to-ry! Vic-to-ry!

I Have a Living Hope

I have a living hope. (echo)
I have a future. (echo)
God has a plan for me (echo)
Of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure.

I have a vic-to-ry. (echo)
Vic'try over suffering. (echo)
God has a ne-ew birth (echo)
Of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure.

I Have a Hope

I have a hope (echo) that will never fade away. (echo)
He's alive in me (echo) living day to day. (echo)
I have a hope (echo)
And His name is Jesus! (Say or shout the last line)

"Victory in Jesus" chorus

O victory in Jesus, my Savi or, forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

This Is My Commandment

This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?), down in my heart.
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.
(Chorus 1)
And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I have the love of Jesus in my hea-ea-eart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I have the love of Jesus in my heart.
(Verse 2)
I have the new birth, new birth down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?), down in my heart.
I have the new birth, new birth down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

(Chorus 2)

Now Jesus gi-ives me vic-to-ry-y.

He gives me victory over suf-fer-ing.

Now Jesus gi-ives me vic-to-ry-y.

I have the love of Jesus in my heart.

(Verse 3)

I have the hope, hope, hope, hope down in my heart...

(Chorus 1)

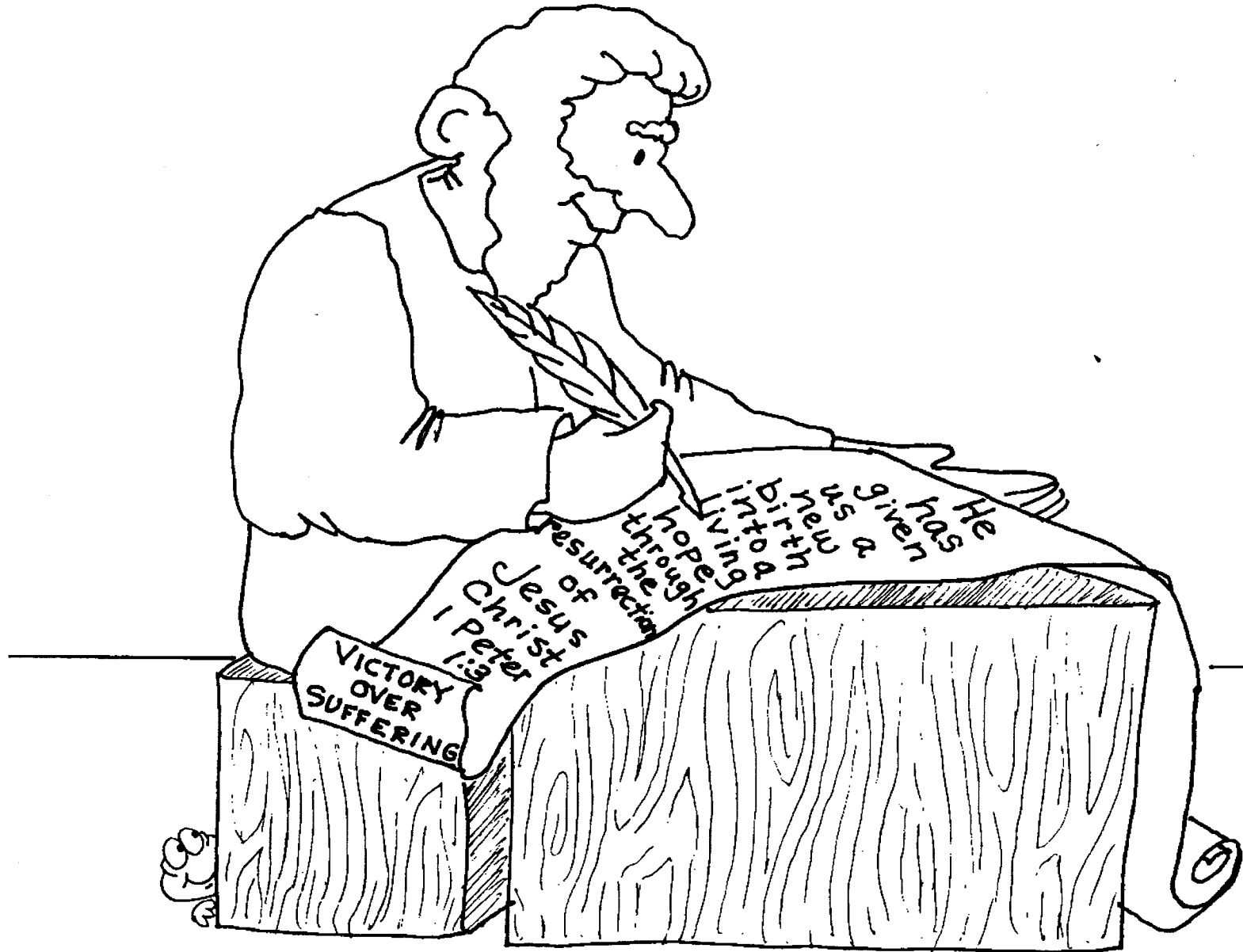


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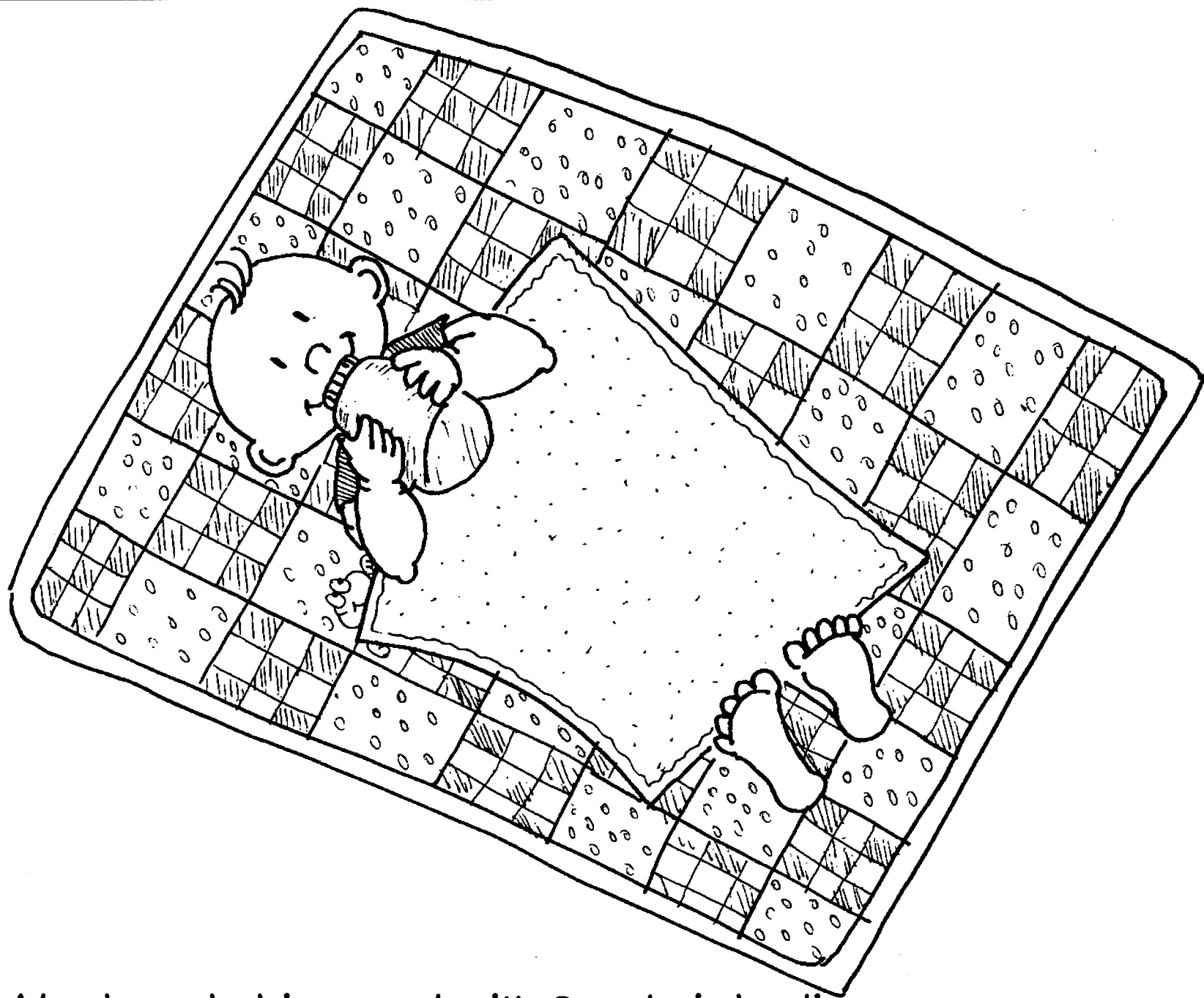
- Crayon Resist Baby Picture: (1PET01ECGF3)** Materials needed: GF3 picture for each child, various colors of crayons, light colored water colors, wide (1/2" to 1") paint brush. Have the children color their pictures, making sure to color the milk bottle white. After coloring, have them move to a painting table that has been covered with papers and choose a water color. The teacher will need to prime the paint brush by getting it wet and working it into the chosen color before letting the child make wide sweeps across the paper to cover the page. "Just as we did two things to our paper, coloring and painting, God can do two things to our bodies. He gives us a physical body when we are born the first time, and He will give us a spiritual body that can live in heaven if we have a new birth in our spirits."
- Unholy Attitudes Activity Page: (1PET01ECGF11)** Talk about the GF11 pictures and the attitudes that are demonstrated. Talk about these attitudes being not holy. First Peter tells us what God says is unholy or wrong. "It is wrong to lie, to have envy in your heart, and to say and do hurtful things to people. These are unholy attitudes, and God is holy. The people who are born again will feel bad when they lie. They will feel bad when they are envious of what someone else has. They will feel bad and say they're sorry when they hurt someone with their words. People who have a new birth will want to repent and stop doing unholy things that hurt God and other people. They will want to be holy like God is holy."
- Preschool Page for Parents: (1PET01ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and Memory Verse.



Peter was one of the twelve disciples who was taught by Jesus.



Peter's letter named 1 Peter tells about victory over suffering.



Newborn babies need milk for their bodies to grow strong.



Each person must have a new birth for his spirit to grow strong.

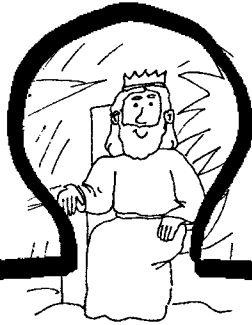


Each person who has a new birth will love Jesus and His Word and will want to become holy like God.

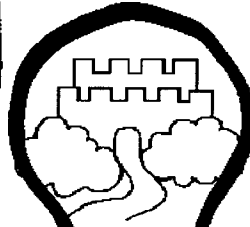


People who have a new birth from God are full of hope and joy.

Finger Puppet Reminders



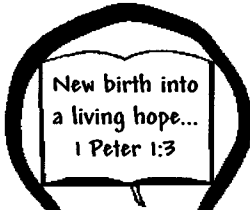
Faith in Jesus



Jesus gives hope of heaven



Jesus gives new birth

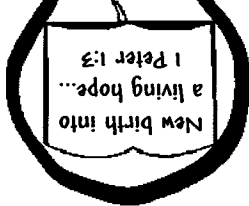


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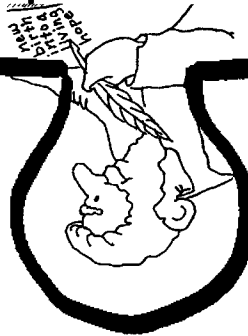


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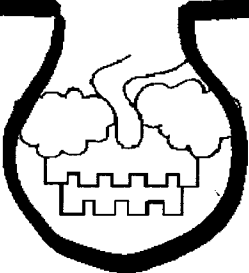
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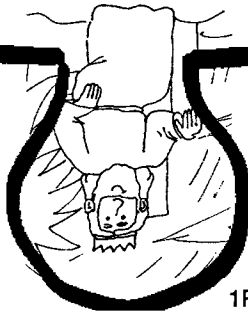
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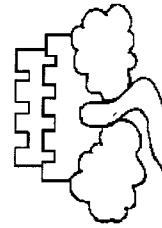
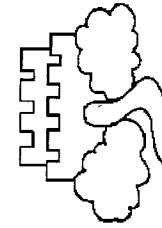
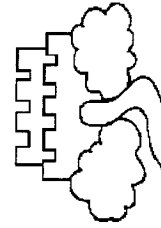
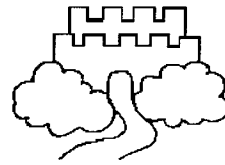


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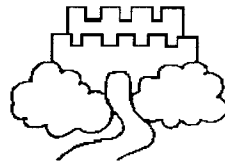




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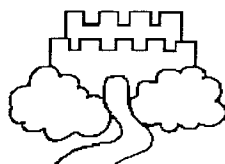
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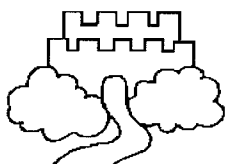
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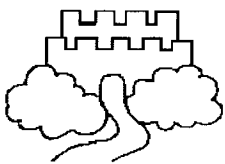
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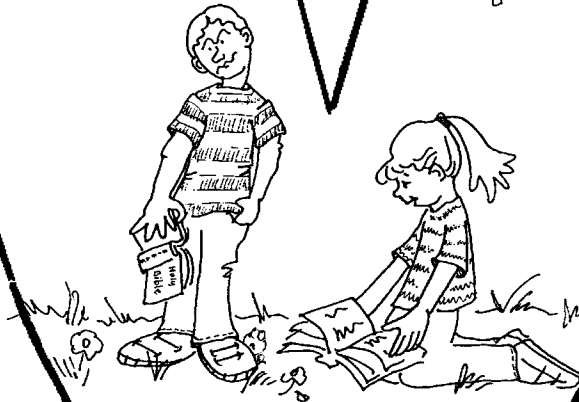
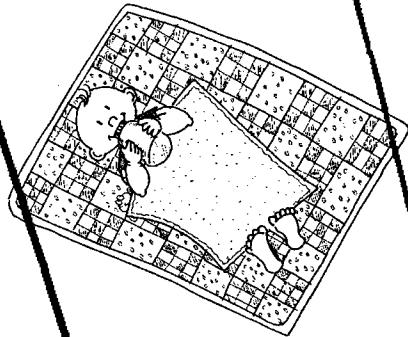
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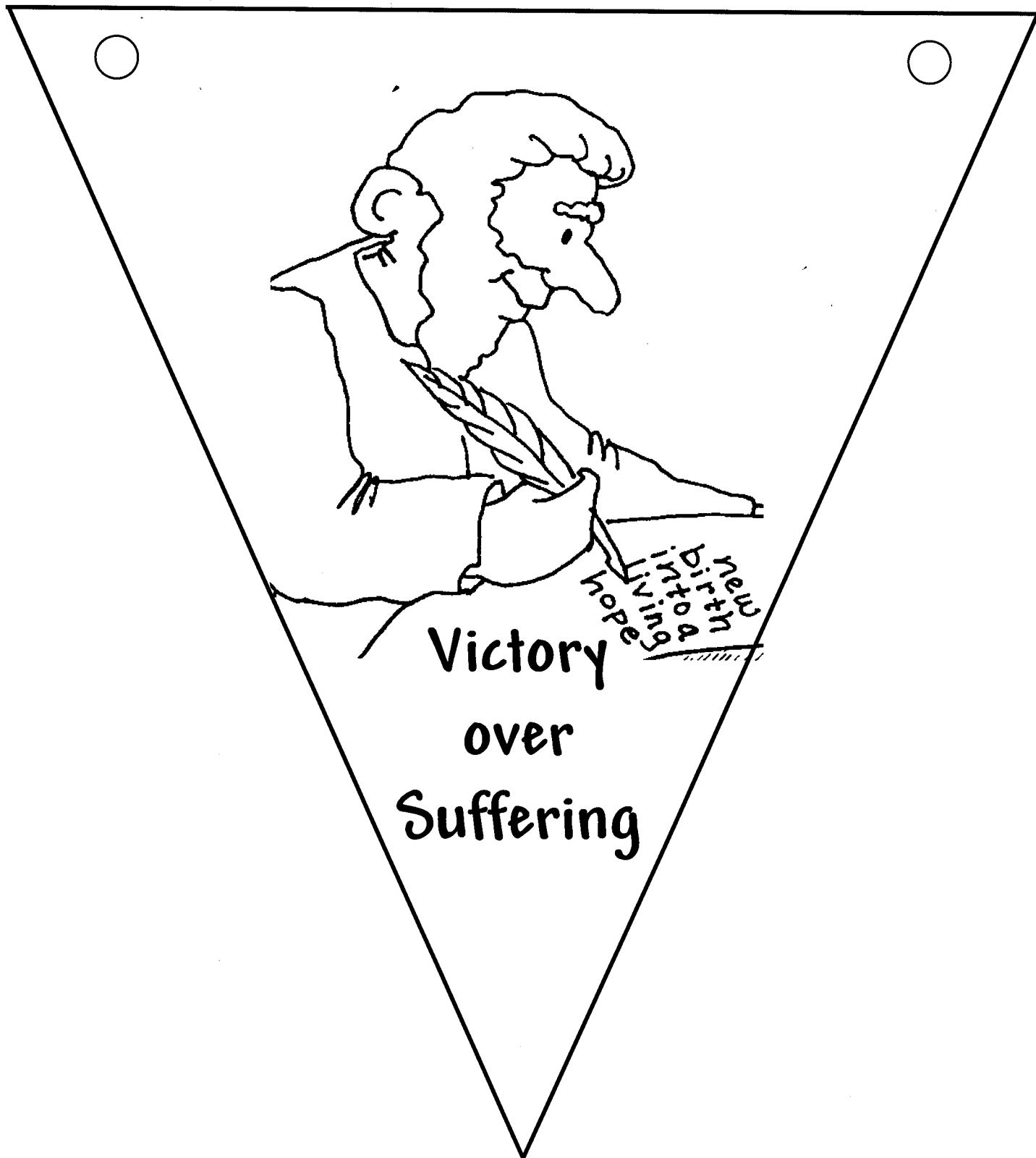
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Victory over Suffering

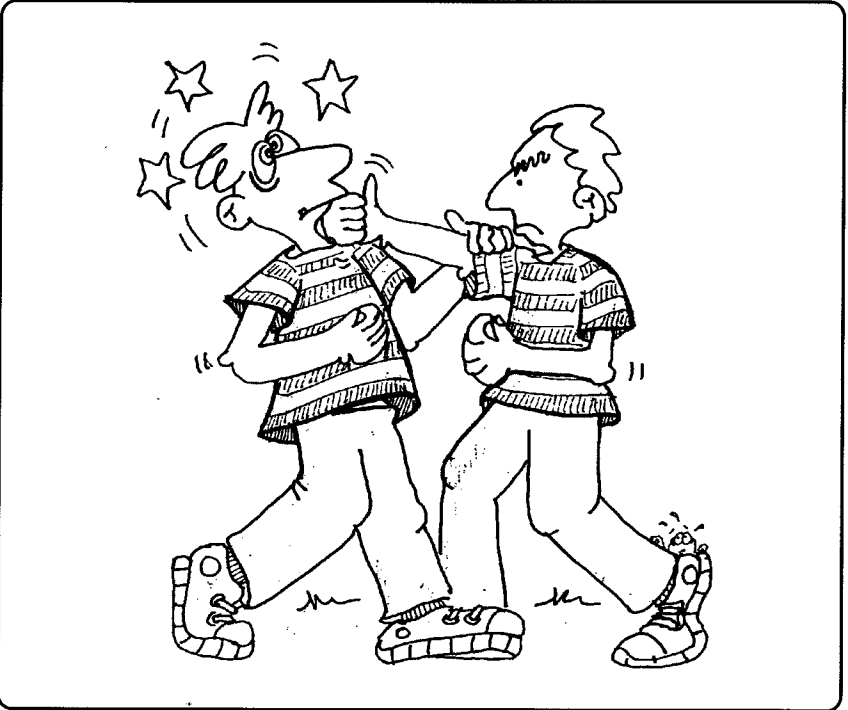
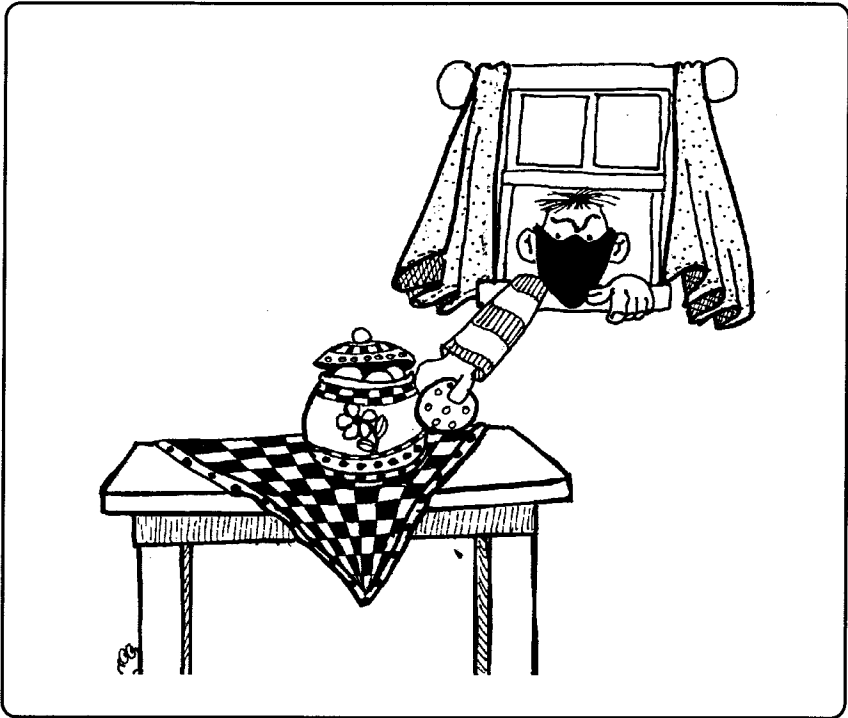


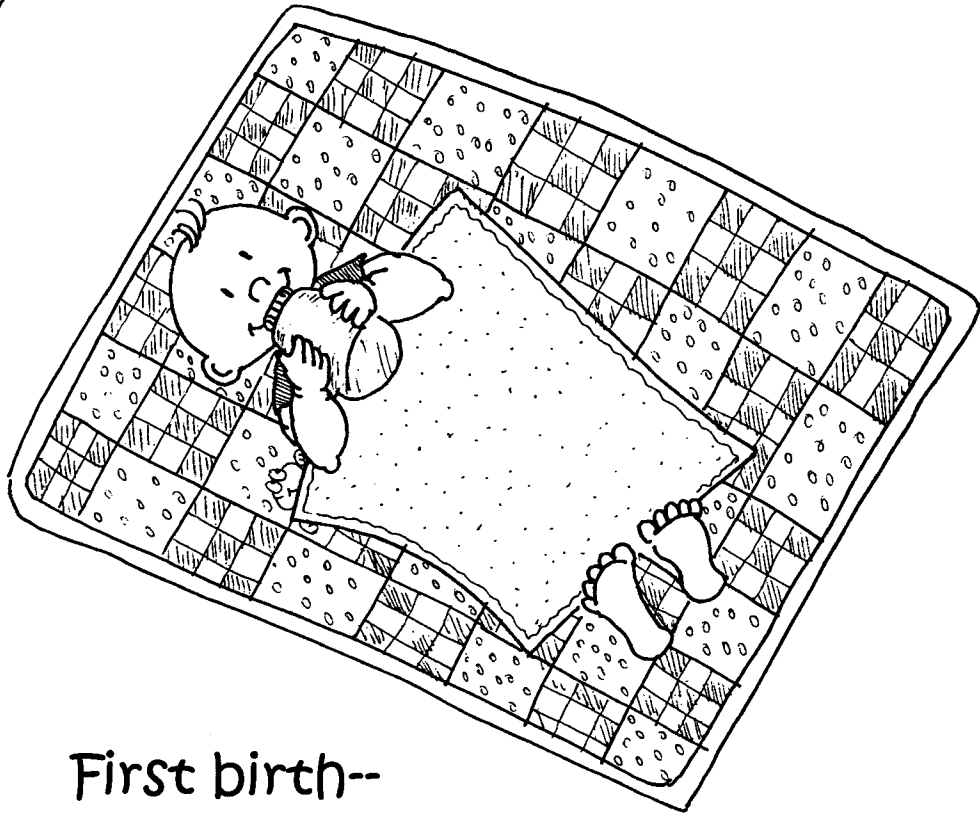
1 Peter Lesson 1 Pennant Picture





Unholy attitudes are called "sin"





First birth--
every baby has one

Second
birth--
new
birth
of the
spirit



He has given us new birth into a living hope. 1 Peter 1:3

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1 Peter Chapter 1:1-2:10

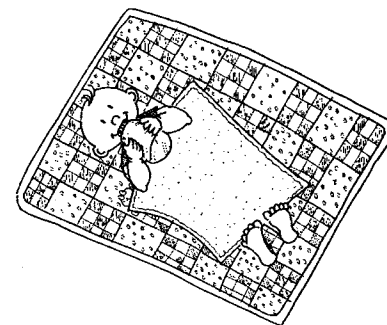


This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that a person must have a new spiritual birth from God to be able to live forever with Jesus in heaven. Every person is born physically and craves milk to grow. The person who has had a new second birth in his spirit has a craving for "spiritual milk," which is God's Word. People must believe the gospel of Jesus written about in the Bible before they can have a second birth. The theme of First Peter is "Victory over Suffering." Peter was writing to Christians who lived all around the world and who were suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus. He told them that God gives hope and joy even when there is suffering because Christians have the hope of living in heaven forever with Jesus.

1 Peter Memory Verse
He has given us a new birth
into a living hope. 1 Peter 1:3

New Birth



Provide dolls, bottles, diapers and blankets for the children to use. Talk about a baby's body-arms, legs, eyes, and ears-and what a baby needs to grow. Milk is what a baby wants to drink. A baby will cry to get his milk. Drinking milk is how a baby can grow to be big. Every baby is born with a body and a spirit. We can see a baby's body, but we can't see his spirit because it is inside his body. For the spirit to grow, a person needs a new birth. This new birth is in our hearts. It is a spiritual birth. Just like a baby craves milk to grow, a person who has a spiritual birth craves God's Word. He loves Jesus and wants to know what God says is right and wrong and wants to obey God's Word. Pray each day for your child to desire a new birth from God. Be ready to lead him to saving faith in Christ when God has prepared his heart.

1 Peter 1:3 Memory Verse Song
(tune: "Frere Jacques")

He has gi-ven us new birth
Into a living hope, into a living hope.
Fi-irst Peter one, three. Fi-irst Peter one, three.
Vic-to-ry! Vic-to-ry!

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



People who have a new birth from God are full of hope and joy.