

Materials I Need:



Legend:



-  = Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade
 = Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.” 2 Peter 1:2-3 (NIV)

Hook:

Scene from the Jail (Role Play). ,  This short play is written to introduce the students to the author, historical setting, and purpose for the writing of 2 Peter. Obtain costumes from the Children’s Workroom for Peter and his jailer. Peter needs a quill, chair, and some parchment (paper). A cell could be simulated by putting a divider between Peter and the jailer (perpendicular to the audience). The jailer could stand at the end of the divider nearest the audience and look around it as if it borders the entrance to a jail cell, **2PET01.GF1 Pgs. 1 & 2.**

Full Money Jar (Object Lesson). ,  You will need:
a small glass jar with a lid that has a slit in it
lots of real coins
several fake coins (i.e. plastic coin money)

Have the students see if they can cram the jar full so that another coin will NOT fit inside of it. Then see if they can add the extra “fake” coin into the jar. **Debrief:** The real coins represent the truth of God’s Word; the jar represents the Christian’s heart; and the fake coins represent false teaching. The point is that if our lives are “filled up” with the truth and knowledge of Christ (2 Pet. 1:2-3), there is no way that false teaching can enter in and make it’s home in our hearts. But if the jar is empty, then it will allow room for false teaching to creep in and possibly cause severe spiritual damage to our lives.

Stories about Gods (Story/Discussion). ,  You will need:

a myth about the gods on Mount Olympus or other myths

Show the students that in 2 Peter 1:16, Peter declares, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories (myths) when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.” Read a myth to them about the gods on Mount Olympus. Tell them that the people in Roman times were well accustomed to hearing made-up stories about gods, but it’s no surprise that these stories didn’t help people to live godly lives. Some people say that the events in the Bible never really happened, but we should still read it because the Bible teaches good moral principles about right and wrong. Ask the students the following questions:

1. Does it really matter that the Bible is absolutely true?
2. Could we really ‘know’ Christ if the stories about Him were made up?
3. Could we be sure that He’s coming back again?
4. Why was it so important that Peter and the other apostles were ‘eyewitnesses’ of the things they wrote about?



Book: **Presentation Ideas –**

Bible Adventure for 1st – 6th Grades –

Imagine yourself inside a dark, dank Roman prison cell awaiting execution. An insane emperor has sentenced you to death because of your Christian faith. What would your thoughts be? How would you use the time that was left to you on this earth? The apostle Peter found himself in just such a situation. He had been imprisoned and sentenced to die by the Roman Emperor Nero because he preached about Jesus Christ. While in prison, he received news about trouble that was lurking in the churches of Asia Minor. False teachers were teaching strange things and parading their sinful lives in front of the people. Instead of hovering in a corner and waiting to die, Peter decided to use his remaining time to write a letter to the Christians in these churches and deal with the issue of false teachers. This letter is known as the book of 2 Peter.

In his letter, Peter clearly spelled out the difference between true doctrine (which is teaching about God) and false doctrine. He explained that believers who hold onto true doctrine would have changed lives that prove they are genuinely saved. He wanted his readers to cling tightly to the truth of Christ so they would be able to detect false teaching and rid it from their lives and churches.

In the first chapter, Peter urged his readers to cultivate Christian character. Now, what in the world does that mean? To cultivate something means to develop or improve it. For instance, you cultivate garden soil to get it ready for planting. Your character is your attitude and behavior. So to cultivate Christian character is to develop and improve the way you think and live according to the truth of Christ. You may wonder why Peter started with this issue if the problem was false teachers. The answer lies in the fact that the most important way to fight false teaching is to study the Bible and grow in your knowledge of God. As you become more and more aware of God's "very great and precious promises," you can weed sin out and develop Christian character. Your life will become more Christlike and holy and your mind will be filled with the truth of God's Word. When this happens, you will be able to spot the lies of false teaching right away.

The danger of these false teachers was very great. Anyone who believed what they said would be headed for spiritual disaster. They would fall away from God and end up being separated from Him forever in hell! It cannot get any worse than that, so Peter adamantly called his readers to make sure they were saved by examining themselves to see if they were growing in their Christian lives. He said they were to be increasing in faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.

In contrast to the lies of the false teachers, Peter went on to explain that what he had taught them was truth and not "cleverly invented stories" about the Lord's teachings and His return. He reminded them of the time when he, James and John were walking with Jesus on a mountain when suddenly Jesus' "face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). This is called the transfiguration, a time when Jesus was still on earth but He was revealed in His heavenly glory. Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus and then Peter, James and John heard God's voice booming down from heaven saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" (Matthew 17:5). The transfiguration was no made-up story! Peter was an actual eyewitness to this marvelous event.

In the final verses of 2 Peter 1, Peter emphasized that all of Scripture needed to be trusted because God was the true author. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He used many different men over hundreds of years to write down the Bible. Because the false teachers denied what God had said in His Word, they were actually denying God Himself. They were messing with Scripture and messing up the lives of people, which resulted in weak faith and ungodly behavior.

Peter's desire was that his readers fill up their hearts and minds with the knowledge of Jesus Christ. He referred to this knowledge as "great and precious promises." When we study God's Word and have these promises hidden in our hearts, we can cling to them when we are tempted to sin or believe something that is false. For instance, when someone tells you that evolution is true and there is no creator, you can

hold on to the Scripture that says, “In the beginning, **God created** the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). There will be no room in your mind to believe anything else. Listen to Peter and be so filled up with God’s Word that no false teaching can squeeze in. Then you will be able to love Christ more and more and show it by the way you live.

Aim Questions

1. **Who wrote the book of 2 Peter and where did he write this book?** *(The apostle Peter wrote it from the city of Rome while in prison.)*
2. **What specifically did Peter want his readers to understand in 2 Peter? What’s the theme?** *(Truth confronts false teachers.)*
3. **What did we learn in today’s lesson about fighting against false teachers?** *(We need to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of God’s Word.)*
4. **How can a Christian apply today’s lesson?**



Look:



Bear in Mind (Memory Game). Each student will need:

2 copies of **2PET01.GF2 Pgs. 1 & 2** duplex copied

Have the students cut out their memory cards (two copies for a total of 16 cards). This is a standard memory game using the character qualities listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7. Have the students mix their cards up with the “Bear in Mind” logo facing up. The students will then turn two cards over in an attempt to match the words. An entire table can combine their cards for a large game of Memory.



Divinely Equipped (Worksheet). Have the students put the sentences in **2PET01.GF3** in proper order from verses 5-7. Encourage them to use their Bibles if they need help.



False Teacher Detector (Game/Activity). You will need:

large appliance box from a refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.

chair

box cutter

decorations (how much you put into this is up to you)

Christmas tree lights (blinking is preferable)

two floor lamps

extension cords and two power strips (optional)

buzzer (any buzzer will do; i.e. board game, kitchen timer, etc.)

bells

Before class cut an opening in the box large and tall enough to allow a student on a chair to placed inside. You can decorate the exterior of the box with aluminum foil, shiny wrapping paper, glitter, circuit boards, etc. Wrap the Christmas tree lights around the box and place the two floor lamps on either side of the box (placement is up to you). Set the large appliance box right side up, cater-cornered and near an electrical outlet (or use extension cords). Place a chair inside the opening so that the student will be facing out. Have a student sit in the detector and have a teacher ask a question from the passage review or aim questions. If the student’s answer is wrong, sound the buzzer and plug in Christmas lights. If the student answers correctly, ring the bell and flip on the lamps. You can split the class into teams and make it a competition or you can award candy to those who answer correctly.



Check your Bible ‘Knowledge’ (Worksheet). Have the students answer these multiple choice questions to re-enforce Peter’s emphasis on the reliability of scripture, **2PET01.GF4**. *Answer Key: 1:C 2:B 3:C 4:A 5:C 6:B 7:C 8:A 9:C 10:B.*




Great and Precious Promises (Bible Drill). Have the students hold their closed Bibles in the air as each reference is read, **2PET01.GF5 Pgs. 1-4**. After the ‘go’ signal, have them race to find these Great and Precious Promises. Ask the students: “In each passage, what does God promise?” “Are there any conditions—things we need to do to ‘activate’ the promise?”

- Truth Builds Character (Maze).** 🦋, 🦋 Have the students complete this maze to find the treasure of God's Word, **2PET01.GF6 Pg. 1.** *Answer Key: 2PET01.GF6 Pg. 2.*
 - Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋 Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **2PET01.GF7.**
 - Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋, 🦋 This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **2PET01.GF8 Pgs. 1 & 2.**
 - 2 Peter 1:2-3 (Memory Verse Song).** 🦋 Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.
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Took:

- Envelope Heart Basket (Craft).** 🦋 Each student will need:
2PET01.GF9 Pg. 1 instruction sheet
 one set of verses from **2PET02.GF9 Pg. 2**
 one sealed white envelope
 scissors
 hole puncher
 stickers or glitter
 crayons or colored markers
 glue
 18-inch piece of yarn
 Have the students follow the directions on the instruction sheet to create an envelope heart basket. Instruct the students to place their "HEART" verses inside their heart baskets. Encourage them to use these verses throughout the week as reminders that to fight false teachers they must fill their minds and hearts with God's Word.
- Woven Heart Basket (Craft).** 🦋 Each student will need:
2PET01.GF10 Pg. 1 instructions
 two heart parts from **2PET01.GF10 Pg. 2** (one printed on white cardstock and the other on red cardstock)
 one copy of the heart verses **2PET01.GF10 Pg. 3** printed onto white cardstock
 scissors
 Have the students follow the directions on the instruction sheet to create a woven heart basket. Instruct the students to place their "HEART" verses inside their heart baskets. Encourage them to use these verses throughout the week as reminders that to fight false teachers they must fill their minds and hearts with God's Word.
- Fighting Temptation Flowchart (Worksheet).** 🦋 Use this worksheet, **2PET01.GF11**, to help the older students think through how we can overcome the temptations of sin through the promises of God's Word.

 **Add to Your Faith... (Game/Craft).** 🎲, 🦋 You can make one game for each small group to play or each student may make one game to take home. For each game you will need:

2PET01.GF12 Pgs. 1 & 2

2 pieces of black construction paper
scissors
glue
zip-top sandwich bag

Have the students follow the directions below to complete their crafts:

1. Glue entire pages to black construction paper.
2. Cut 'dominos' apart. First cut following horizontal lines. Then cut domino pieces. Pieces should have two sections—don't separate these.
3. Store in zip-top bag. Rules are provided.

 **Am I saved? (Discussion).** 🎲, 🦋 Ask the students the following questions:

1. Do you ever worry that maybe you are not really saved?
2. Do you have trouble remembering the time you prayed to receive Christ?
3. Do you worry that maybe God didn't hear you or that you didn't have enough faith?
4. Do you ever pray again to receive Christ just to make sure?
5. Is there something you can do when you don't feel sure that you are saved?

Tell them that Peter says, "Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:10, 11).

6. What 'things' is Peter telling his readers to do? Read vs. 5-7.

7. Notice he says 'add to your faith.' Would it be possible to do all these things if you didn't have faith in God? Read Romans 3:10-12.

Explain to the students that no one can live this kind of life without Christ living through him. That's why it proves the reality of our faith when we do. And we can be an active participant in this reassuring process. When we allow Christ to produce goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love in us, we won't be 'nearsighted and blind. Don't forget that He has cleansed us from our past sins.

 **You're Full of It! (Object Lesson).** 🎲, 🦋 You will need:

four ounce baby food jar for each student (available from the Teacher's Workroom). **NOTE:** *Make a slit in each lid like the slit on a piggy bank.*
small jellybeans—enough to completely fill each jar tightly
Ziploc-type sandwich bags
one bag of dried lima beans (or any other large bean)

Prior to class determine how many jelly beans fill the 4 oz. baby food jar. Fill individual Ziploc bags with jelly beans for each student. Be sure to have some jellybeans to snack on.

Tell the students that in today's lesson, they will learn how Jesus has the power of God and His power has given us everything we need to live and serve God. So, we're suppose to **fill-up** our lives with the knowledge of God's Word and the godly characteristics of faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, service to God, and kindness to fellow believers. We are to be so filled with these good things that it will be very difficult for false teaching to enter into our lives.

Object lesson: Pass out the jars and jellybeans. Tell students: The jellybeans will represent the good, godly character qualities of faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, service to God, and kindness to fellow believers. Now fill your jars tightly to the top with the jellybeans. Make it so full you can't fit anything else in. (*Teachers, these need to be packed tight. That's why you should use the small jellybeans, because the larger ones leave too much air space; the smaller beans pack more tightly.*) When they're completely full, put the lid on the jar. Next, pass out a lima bean to each student. Tell them the lima bean represents false teaching. Now try to squeeze the lima bean in the jar (*if done correctly, it shouldn't fit*). Ask the students:

1. Can you squeeze it in? *No!*
2. Why not? *Because it's too full! That's right when we're so full of Gods' Word and the godly characteristics we learned about, there's no room for false teaching.*

Scene from the Jail

Peter is in prison and is answering the inquiries of his jailer. At first the jailer is gruff—just doing his job. But in a situation where there is nothing but time, his gruff investigation turns to curiosity and then, genuine interest.

Jailer: Hey, you, you there, Peter, what are you doing?

Peter: I'm writing a letter.

Jailer: A letter to whom?

Peter: A letter to the Christians scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia—the same believers who received my first letter (1 Peter 1:1 and 2 Peter 3:1).

Jailer: Oh. *(after a pause)* What first letter?

Peter: Well, when Nero came to power, my Christian brothers and sisters began to suffer even more than they had before. I wrote the first letter to encourage them and comfort them. I encouraged them to live good, holy lives and remember the way Christ suffered for them. I told them not to worry because God cares for them. This world is not their home, so no matter how bad things get here, they can rejoice; because a place in heaven is surely waiting just for them.

Jailer: For you, too, I hope.

Peter: What do you mean?

Jailer: Well, surely you don't think Nero is going to have a change of heart and let you go free, do you?

Peter: No, actually, I expect to die soon. (2 Peter 1:14)

Jailer: *(long pause)* So, what do you think? You'll be set on fire or maybe fed to some animals?

Peter: Neither.

Jailer: What, then?

Peter: I think I'll be crucified.

Jailer: Why do you say that?

Peter: Because of something the Lord Jesus said to me once; He said someone would lead me where I did not want to go and I would stretch out my hands. He was talking about my death. (2 Peter 1:14 and John 21:18,19)

Jailer: It does sound like crucifixion doesn't it? That's a terrible way to die.

Peter: When the time comes, I'll be honored to participate in Christ's sufferings, but I just don't think I'm worthy to die exactly like He did.

Jailer: *(long pause)* Ahem. So why are you writing a second letter to these Christians?

Scene from the Jail—page 2

Peter: Their faith is in danger. There are teachers in the churches who don't really know Christ. They're saying that Christ won't ever return and they're making up new stories about Jesus that aren't true.

Jailer: So are you going to make up stories that are better than theirs?

Peter: No! Not at all! Actually, if I want to tell a good story, I don't have to invent anything. I am an eyewitness to some of the most amazing things any person has ever seen. Like, one night, Jesus took James, John, and me up a high mountain to pray with Him. There, right in front of us, He was transformed. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as bright as lightning. Then, Moses and Elijah appeared in glorious splendor and began talking with Jesus.

Jailer: Hadn't Moses and Elijah been dead for a long time before Jesus came?

Peter: That's just it! They came back from the dead to talk with Jesus about His coming death. Well, I wanted to do something, so I said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (I really didn't know what I was talking about!) Then, while I was still speaking, a bright cloud surrounded all of us, and God's voice came out of the cloud. He said, "This is my son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" James and John and I were terrified and fell down on our faces. But the next thing we knew, Jesus was telling us to get up and not be afraid. He was back to His normal self, but on the way back down the mountain, He told us not to tell anyone about what we saw until He had been raised from the dead (2 Peter 1:16-18, Matthew 17:1-9, Luke 9:28-36).

Jailer: So how come you're telling me?

Peter: He HAS been raised from the dead! And that's just it! I want the Christians to know for sure that He's alive and He's coming back because He promised He would!

Jailer: Wow, I've heard some amazing stories about gods and superhuman characters, but I've never heard them from anyone who actually saw what happened. (*Long pause and Peter goes back to writing*). So then, what ARE you telling these Christians in that letter of yours?

Peter: I'm just reminding them of things they already know. They have everything they need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him—that is Christ—who called us. I want to make sure that after I am gone, they will be able to remember these things (2 Peter 1:3,12,15).

Jailer: Well, then, I'll try not to bother you. You may not have much time. (*Peter begins to write again. The jailer watches him for a minute.*) Hey, can I read it when you're done?



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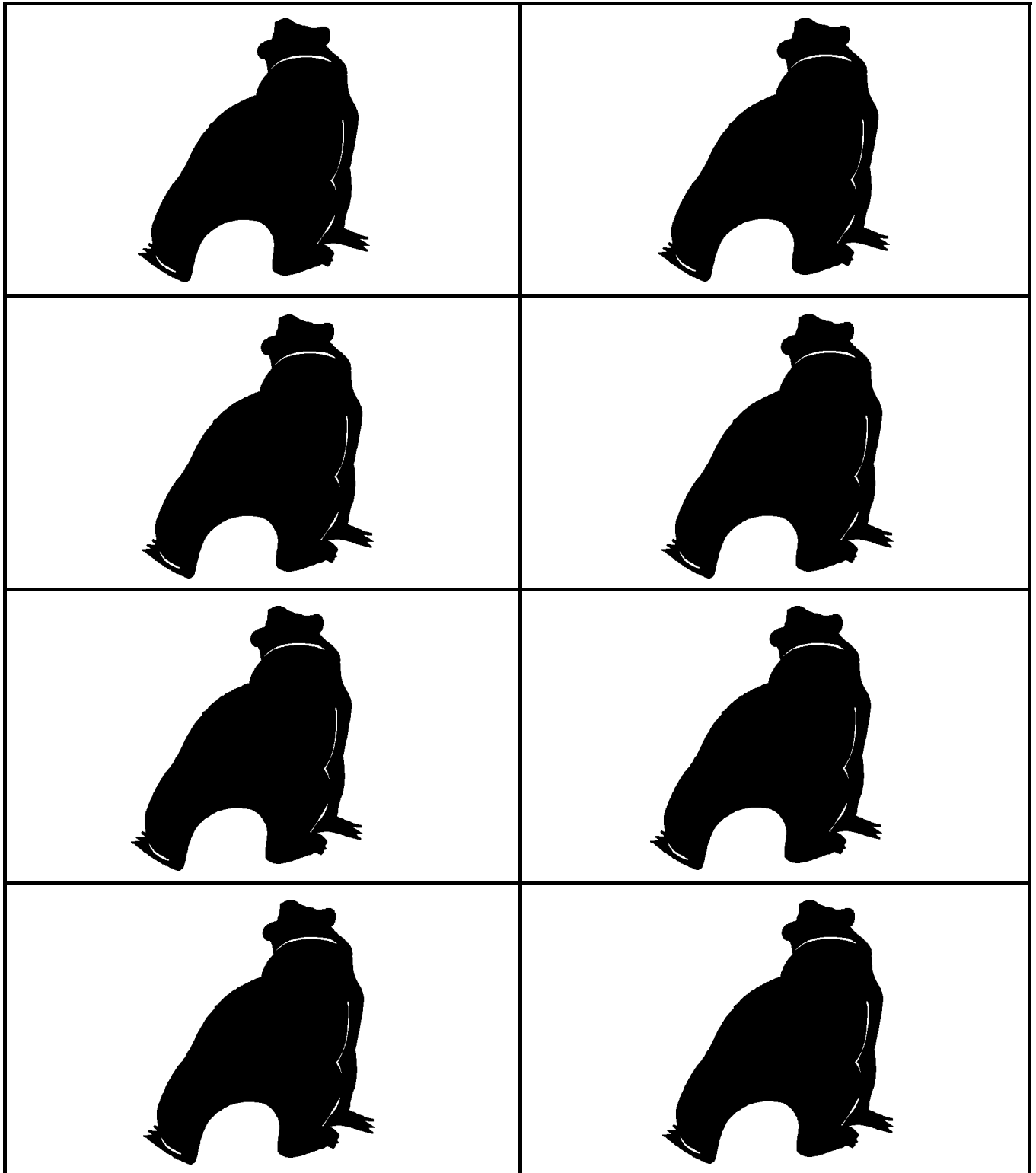
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Character Counts

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The following sentences are out of order. Number each sentence to put them in the proper order. You can use your Bibles if you need help.

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___ And to brotherly kindness, love.

___ And to self-control, perseverance.

___ Add to your faith, goodness.

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___ And to goodness, knowledge.

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___ And to godliness, brotherly kindness.

___ And to knowledge, self-control.

___ And to perseverance, godliness.

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Check your Bible 'Knowledge'



1. There are _____ books in the Bible
 - A. 27
 - B. 36
 - C. 66

2. The bible was written by:
 - A. 3 different authors
 - B. About 40 authors
 - C. Dinner time

3. The written Word of God came about by (2 Peter 1:20, 21)
 - A. The author's own ideas
 - B. The will of man
 - C. The guidance of the Holy Spirit

4. The Holy Spirit worked through human authors like: (1:21)
 - A. The wind carrying a sailboat
 - B. A horse carrying a rider
 - C. A mother guiding the hand of a child

5. Between the time that the Old Testament and the New Testaments were written, what major event happened?
 - A. God flooded the whole earth
 - B. The Israelites entered the promised land
 - C. Jesus lived, died, and rose again

6. The apostles were qualified to write about Jesus because: (2 Peter 1:16)
 - A. They were well educated
 - B. They were eyewitnesses of the power of Christ
 - C. They knew the Greek language

7. What percentage of our needs for life and godliness has God given us through our knowledge of Christ? (1:3)
 - A. 10%
 - B. 50%
 - C. 100%

8. What kind of promises has God given us? (2 Peter 1:4)
 - A. Great and precious
 - B. Complicated and expensive
 - C. Invalid and outdated

9. Before he died, Peter wanted to remind his Christian brothers and sisters: (2 Peter 1:12)
 - A. What an important apostle he was
 - B. About the stories he made up
 - C. The truth of the knowledge of Christ

10. If we want to live lives that please God, the Bible is: (2 Peter 1:3,4)
 - A. Full of good moral teaching, but not historically correct
 - B. Everything we need to know
 - C. Mostly true, but incomplete

Great and Precious Promises

Psalms 29:11 “The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.”

Psalms 37:4-6 “Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isaiah 9:6-7 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”

Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep in perfect peace Him whose mind is steadfast, because He trusts in you.”

Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

Isaiah 54:10 “‘Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”

Jeremiah 33:8 “I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.”

Joel 2:26 “You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.”

Zechariah 2:10 “‘Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,’ declares the LORD.”

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Matthew 21:21-22 “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.’”

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Mark 13:31 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

John 1:14 “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 6:35,37 “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.’ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”

John 6:47 “I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.”

John 8:31-32 “To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

John 10:27-30 “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

John 14:1-3 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:21 “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, He is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be

John 15:5,7 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

John 15:10-11 “If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

Romans 4:5 “However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 10:9-10 “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Ephesians 2:4-5 “But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions— it is by grace you have been saved.”

Philippians 1:6 “being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

Hebrews 8:12 “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Hebrews 13:5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

James 4:8 “Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

1 Peter 1:3-5 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 5:6-7 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:10 “And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

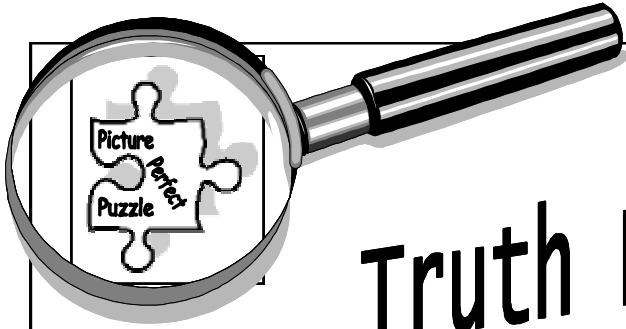
1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 2:1 “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”

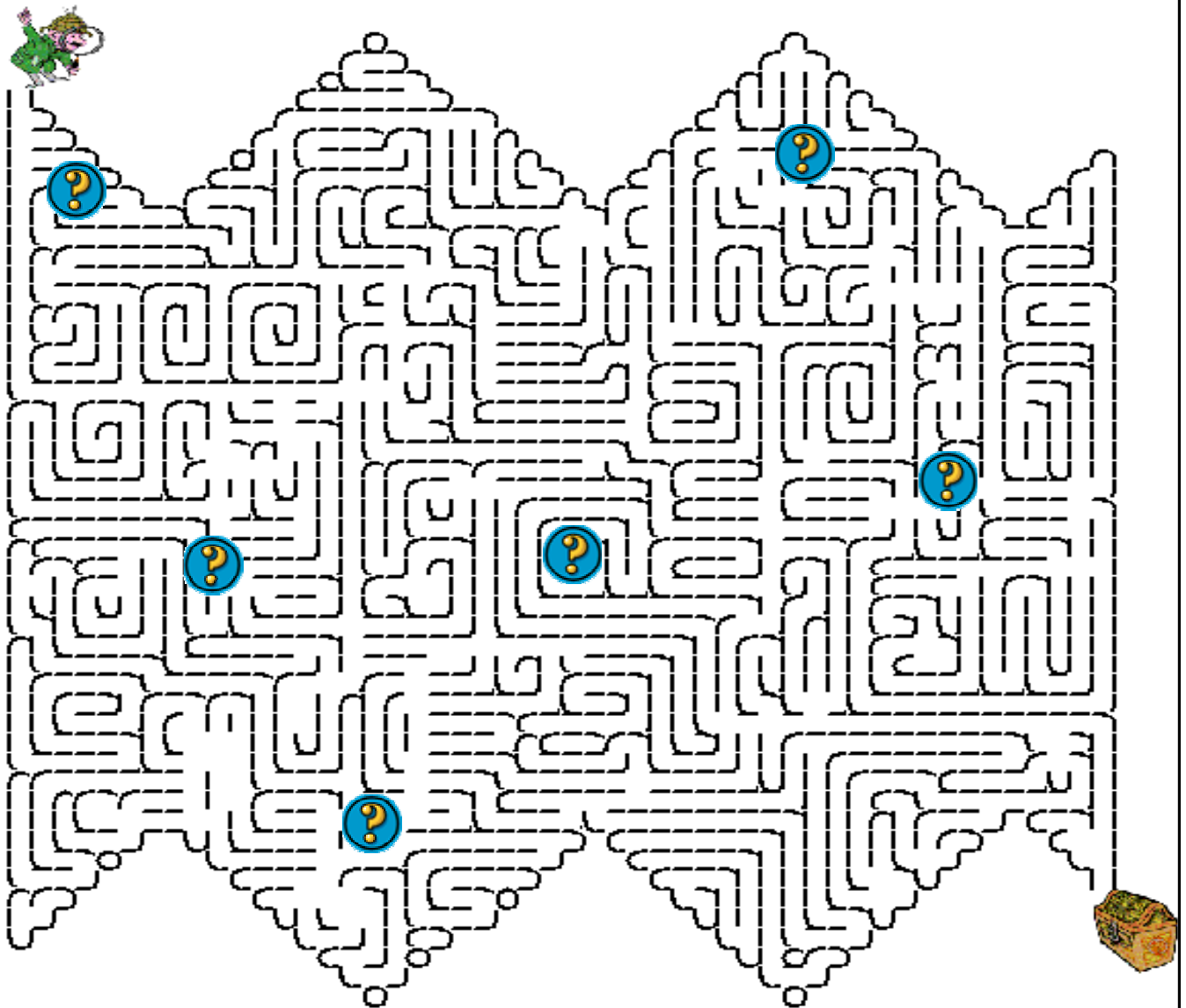
1 John 3:2 “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

Revelation 3:20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”



Truth Builds Character

In today's lesson, we find out that Peter wanted the Christians to build character so that they would be able to discern truth from error. Help our detective below find the treasure of God's word by completing the maze without passing through any of the question marks (?) which represent the questions that the false teachers were creating.

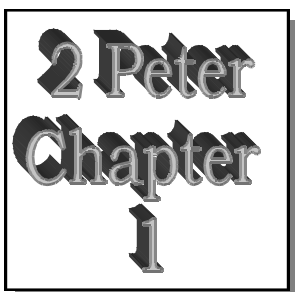


Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. Who wrote the book of 2 Peter and where did he write this book?
2. What specifically did Peter want his readers to understand in 2 Peter? What's the theme?
3. What did we learn in today's lesson about fighting against false teachers?
4. How can a Christian apply today's lesson?

Peter called the knowledge of Christ "great and precious promises." So in order to be filled up with the knowledge of Christ, we need to first of all, know what God's promises are. Once we have these in our hearts, at anytime when we're tempted to believe something false or do something sinful, we can run to these promises and cling tightly to them in faith. Fill up your mind with God's Word so that you will love Christ more through your obedient life!



"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

2 Peter 1:2-3

Passage Review Questions

2 Peter Chapter 1

Who wrote the book of 2 Peter? (1:1)

How does Peter identify himself? (1:1)

What has God's divine power given the believer? (1:3)

What is the Christian able to participate in by holding to God's promises? (1:4)

What are the character traits of the Christian life that Peter lists here? (1:5-7)

By growing in these character qualities what will they enable the Christian to do? (1:8)

What is a Christian like if he is not growing in these character qualities? (1:9)

If you are growing in Christian character, what do you ensure you will enjoy and receive? (1:10, 11)

Why did Peter think that reminding the Christians of truth was so important? (1:12-15)

What does Peter say about his future in this world? (1:13, 14)

How did Peter know about Christ if he didn't make up stories about Him? (1:16)

What event does Peter refer to as evidence of his eyewitness account? (1:17, 18)

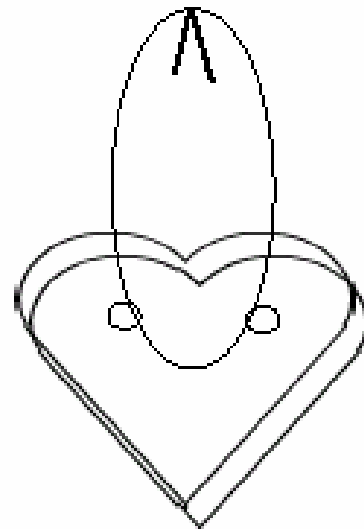
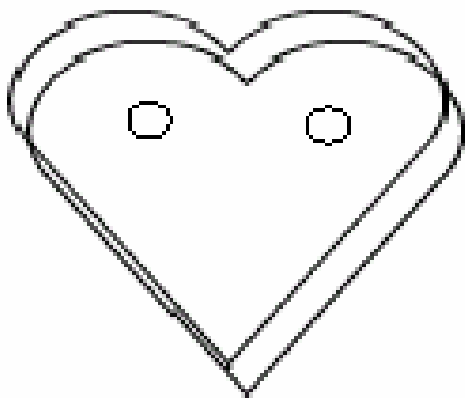
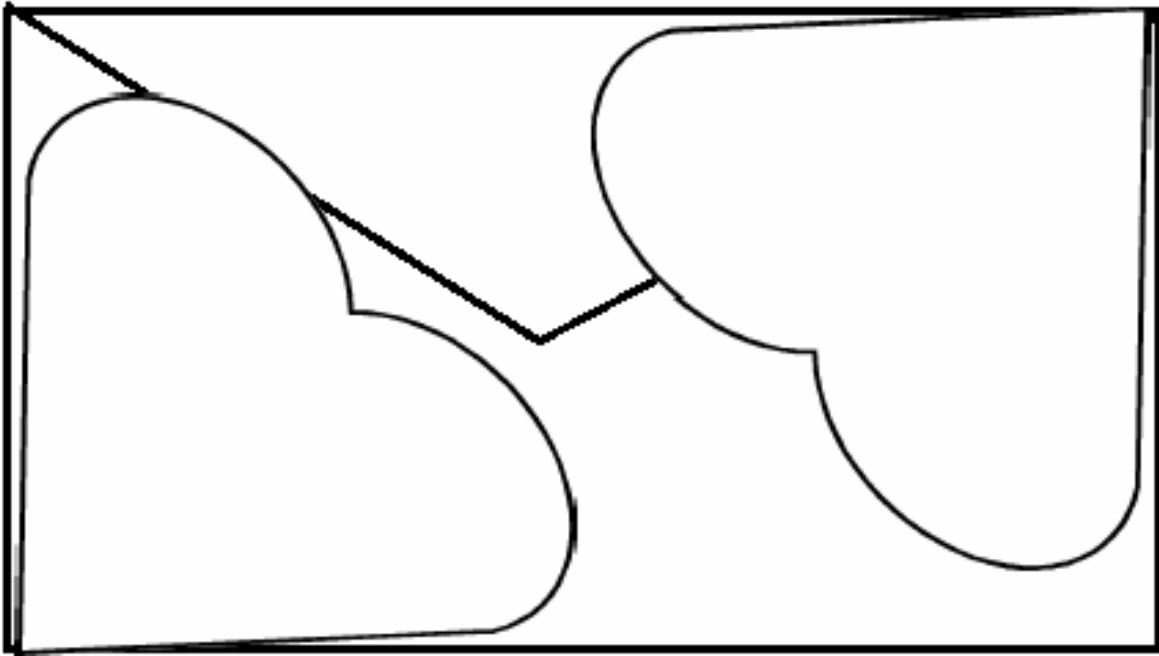
Who else does Peter tell us proclaims the truth of God? (1:19)

Did the prophets make up their stories or did they receive them from somewhere else? Where? (1:20)

Who did God use to communicate prophecy through the prophets? (1:21)

Envelope Heart Basket

1. Cut the hearts out below. Place on the two corners of a plain white envelope as shown.
2. Trace the shapes onto the envelope and cut out. Be sure not to cut out the side of the heart.
3. Punch two holes in the back of the open edge to put a string through to make a necklace.
4. Decorate the heart basket by coloring it or using glitter or stickers.
5. Cut out your heart verses and put them into your envelope heart baskets.



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“Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it is the wellspring of life.”

Romans 10:9-10 “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your **heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your **heart** that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my **heart**; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my **heart** that I might not sin against you.”
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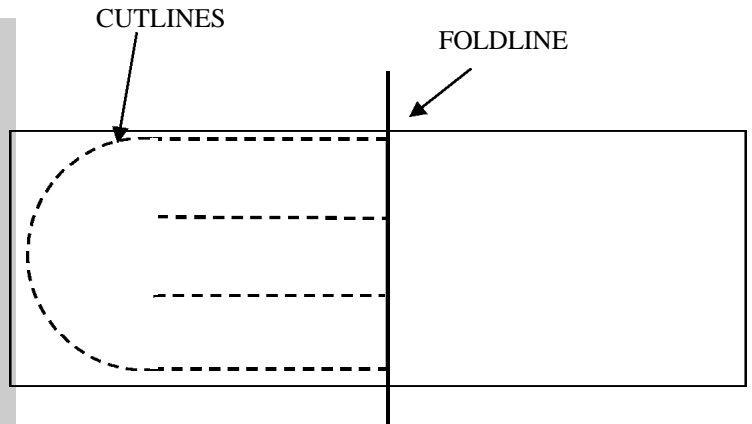
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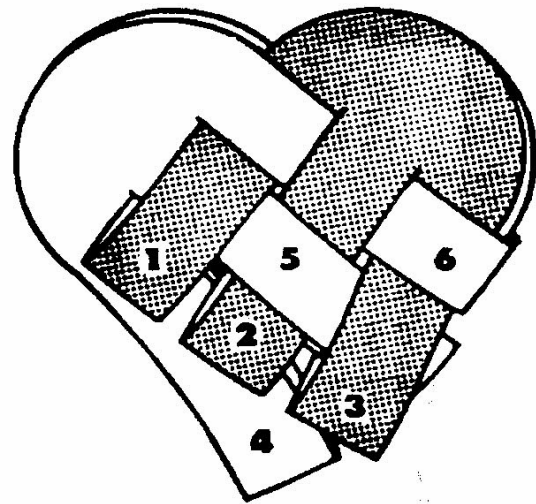
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Woven Heart Baskets

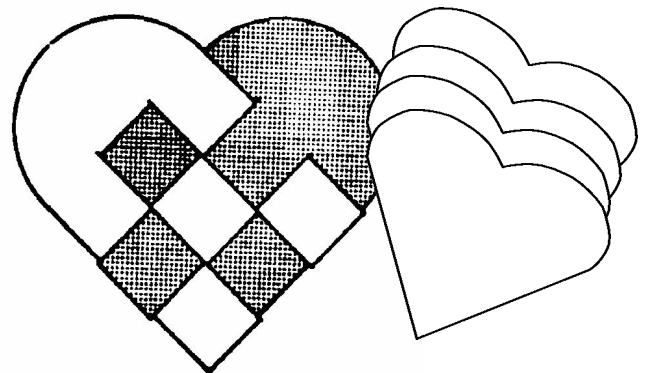
Each student will need two heart pieces from 2PET01.GF10 Pg. 2. One printed on white cardstock and the other on red cardstock. They will also need one copy of the Heart Verses (2PET01.GF10 Pg. 3) printed on white card stock. Fold the heart pieces in half and then cut on the dotted lines only.

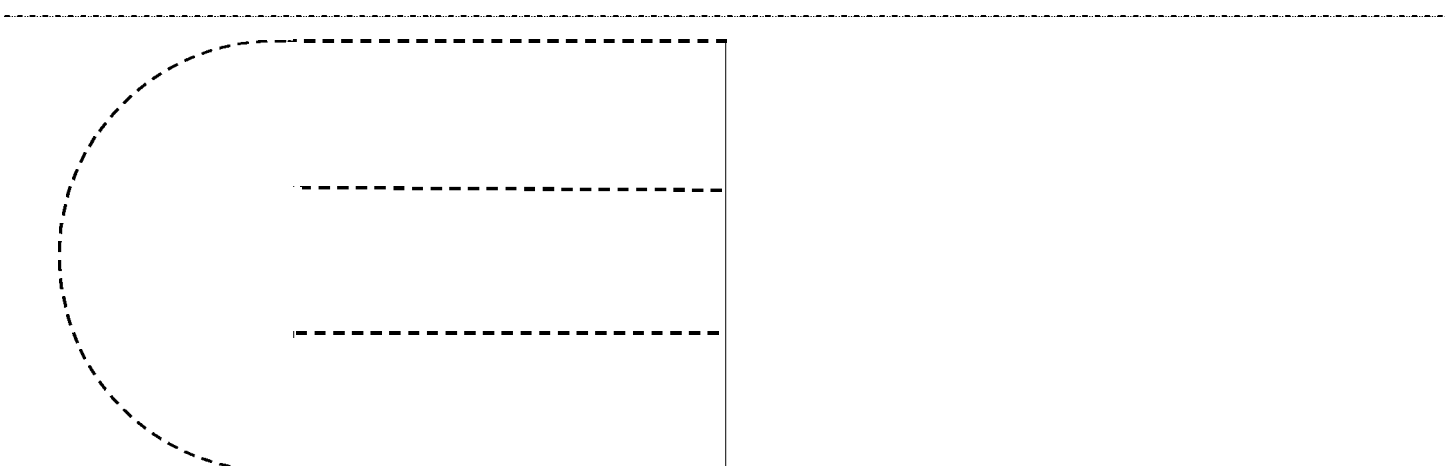
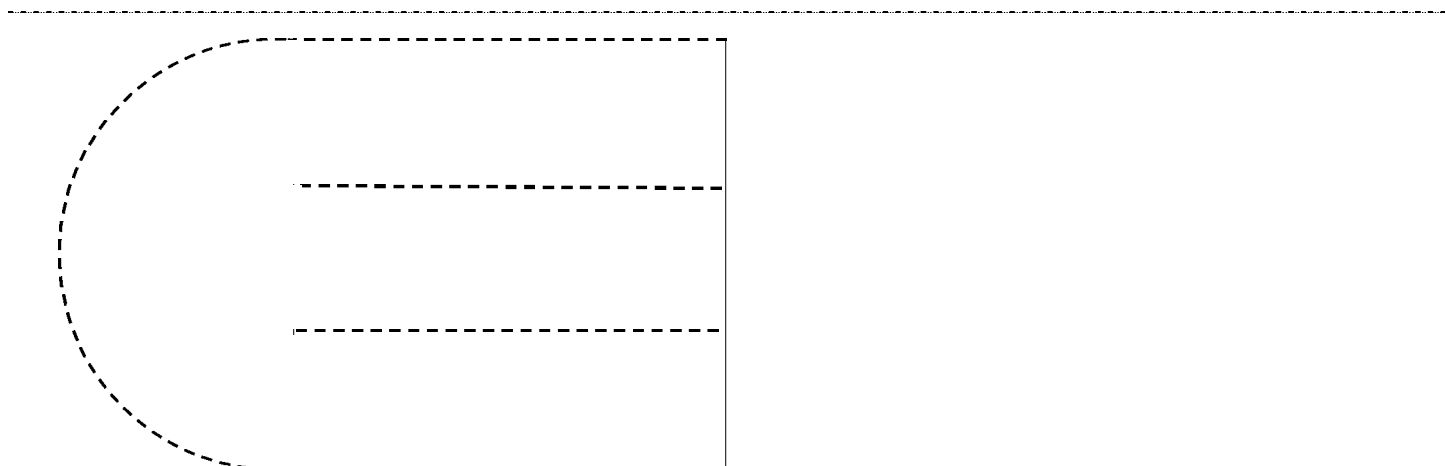
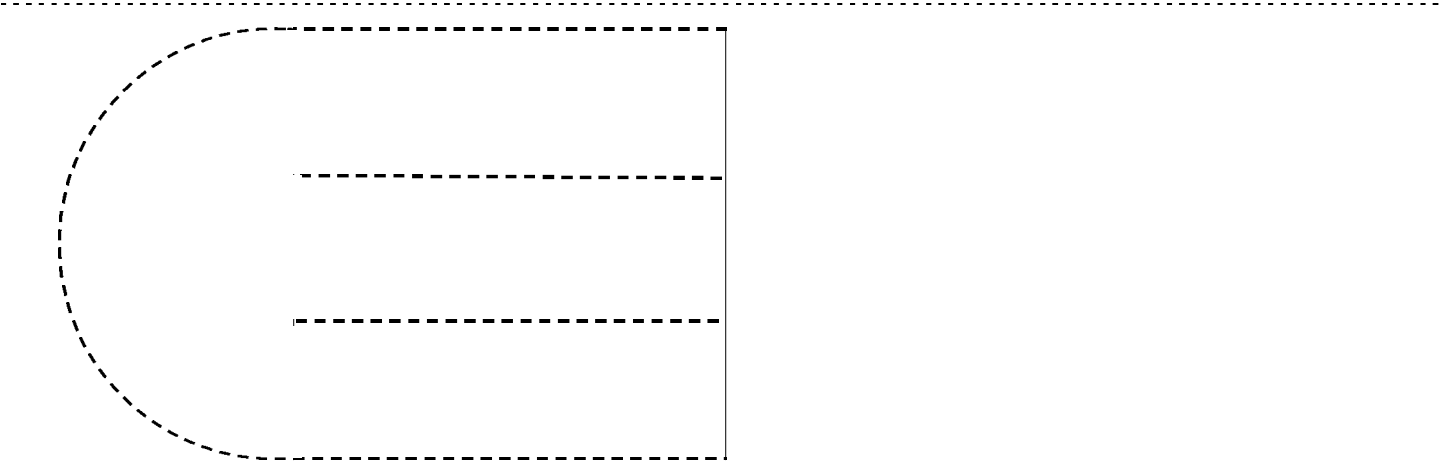
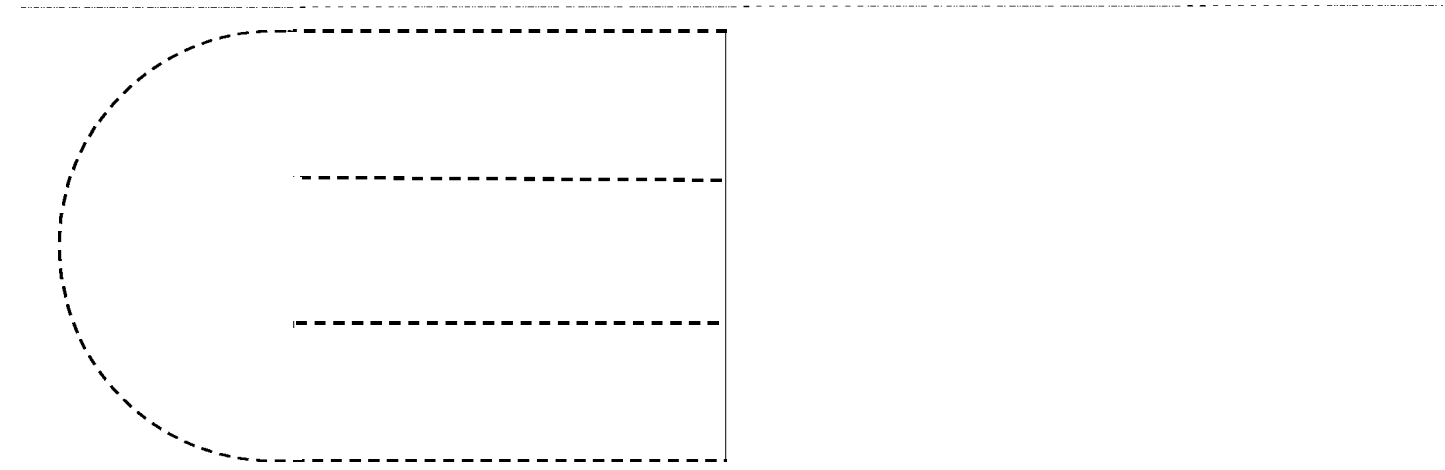


Hold heart pieces at right angles for weaving. Proceed carefully looking at the drawing and instructions. You are simply weaving the loops through each other. Not just over and under each other. Poke the end of loop 1 through the top and bottom layers of loop 6. Open up loop 1 and poke the end of loop 5 through it. Poke the end of loop 1 inside loop 4. (Not shown in illustration.) Now weave loop 2: Hook it around loop 6, through loop 5 and around loop 4. Weave loop 3 as you did loop 1. The heart basket should open from the top. If not, try weaving the heart again.



Cut out the heart verses on 2PET02.GF10 Pg. 3 and carry them in your woven heart basket. We can fight against false teachers if we fill our minds and **hearts** with the truth of God's Word.





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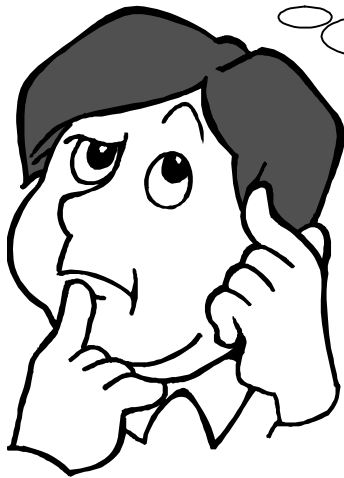
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Fighting Temptation Flowchart



Hmmm... maybe I could lie and get away with my sin? Maybe I won't get caught? What should I do?

What am I going to believe?

Lies

Truth

Write down some false beliefs about lying?

What does the Bible say about truth?
(Read **Colossians 3:9**; **Proverbs 12:22**; **Ephesians 4:25** and write down what God thinks about lying.)

Result

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(Read **Numbers 32:23** & **Revelation 21:8** and write down the result of lying.)

(Read **Matthew 5:8** & **Ephesians 4:29** and write down the result of truth.)

ADD TO YOUR FAITH

Rules: Play like dominos. For two to four players. Any player who has one, may begin with the faith/goodness piece. Then each player in turn may 'add' a piece to either exposed end as long as he has a piece that matches on one side. If a player can match a piece that has matching qualities (such as love/love) he may add it

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your **faith** goodness; and to **goodness, knowledge**; and to **knowledge, self-control**; and to **self-control, perseverance**; and to **perseverance, godliness**; and to **godliness, brotherly kindness**; and to **brotherly kindness, love.**” 2 Peter 1:5-7

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knowledge	self-control	self-control	perseverance	perseverance	godliness
godliness	brotherly kindness	brotherly kindness	love	love	faith
love	love	faith	goodness	goodness	knowledge
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