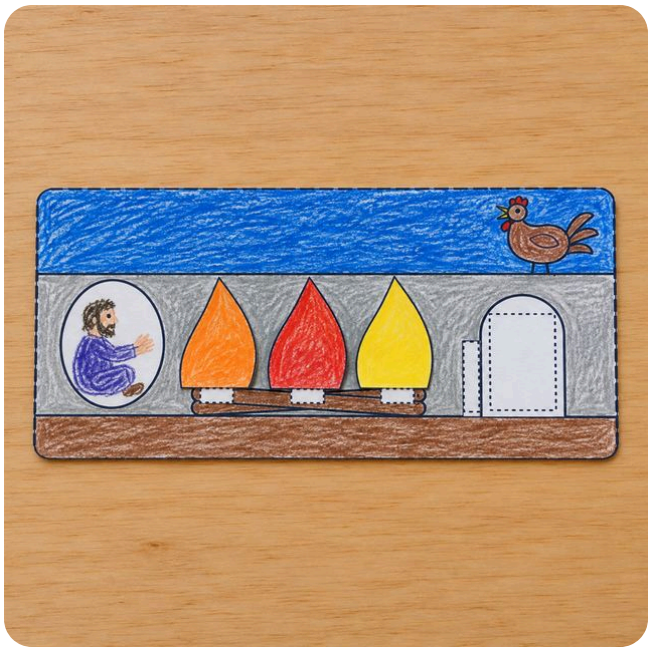
Preschool–Grade 5

Peter Denies Jesus Craft

Before the cock crow · Luke 22:54–62 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



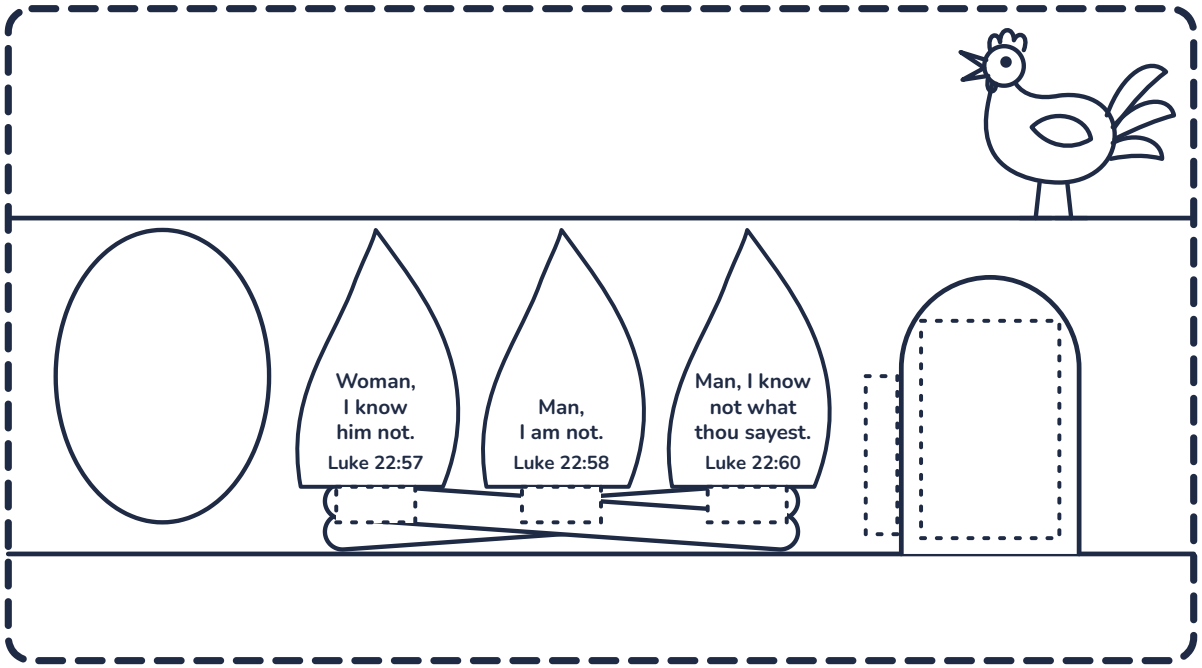
Harder

Both levels are a card of the hall of the high priest's house: a dark blue sky, a gray wall, a brown floor, and a fire in the middle with three paper flames, orange, red and yellow (Luke 22:55). Peter is drawn sitting by the fire in his window. Under each flame is one of Peter's three answers (22:57–60), and the rooster stands on the wall: the cock crew (22:60). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same with a brown door in the doorway that opens to show Peter weeping (22:62).

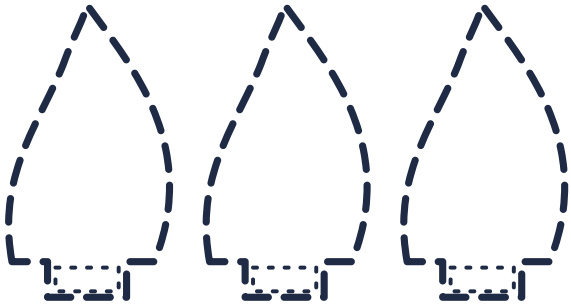
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky dark blue, wall gray, floor and logs brown, rooster brown with a red comb and a yellow beak. Draw Peter sitting by the fire in the window. Leave the doorway, the flames and the dotted spots white.



3 flames: color one orange, one red and one yellow; glue only the dotted tab, under a printed flame

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Luke 22:32 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw Peter sitting by the fire in the window. Cut out the card, the three flames and the verse strip. Glue only each flame's dotted tab on a dotted spot under a printed flame, so the flame covers Peter's words. The doorway and the dotted strip beside it are only for the harder level.

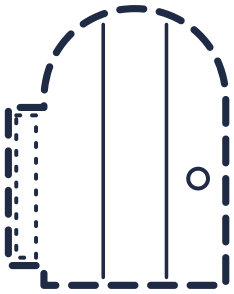
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✂ Harder level



door: color it brown. Glue only the dotted tab, on the dotted strip beside the doorway.

How to add the door

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. In the doorway on the card, inside the dotted space, draw Peter outside, weeping (Luke 22:62).
3. Color the door brown. Cut it out on the dashed lines.
4. Put glue on the door's dotted tab only. Press it on the dotted strip just left of the doorway, so the door covers the doorway and opens like a real door.
5. Tell it: after the cock crew, "the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord" (Luke 22:61). Open the door: "Peter went out, and wept bitterly" (22:62). He was truly sorry. Jesus had prayed for him (22:32), and after Jesus rose, He appeared to Peter (Luke 24:34).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/peter-denies-jesus-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in dark blue, gray, brown, red, yellow and orange, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the three flames and the verse strip ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color, draw Peter by the fire, and glue the three flames on with your help. Then they lift one flame at a time while you tell the story.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut and glue the flames. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card, then draw Peter weeping in the doorway and glue the door from page 3 over it (Luke 22:62). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky dark blue, the wall gray, the floor and the logs brown, and the rooster brown with a red comb and a yellow beak. Leave the window, the doorway, the three printed flames and the dotted spots white.
2. **Draw:** in the window, draw Peter sitting by the fire (Luke 22:55).
3. **Color the flames:** color the three flame flaps one orange, one red and one yellow.
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the three flames and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue the flames:** put glue on the dotted tab of one flame only. Press it on the dotted spot under the first printed flame, so the flame stands up and covers the words. Do the same with the other two.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** lift the first flame: a maid said, "This man was also with him," and Peter said, "Woman, I know him not" (22:56–57). Lift the second: "Man, I am not" (22:58). Lift the third: "Man, I know not what thou sayest" (22:59–60). Then point to the rooster: immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew (22:60).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- What did Peter promise Jesus? *(That he was ready to go with Him into prison and to death, Luke 22:33)*
- Where was Jesus taken, and how did Peter follow? *(Into the high priest's house; Peter followed afar off, 22:54)*
- Point to the fire. Where was it, and what did Peter do there? *(In the midst of the hall; Peter sat down among them, 22:55)*
- Lift the first flame. Who spoke to Peter first? *(A certain maid, 22:56)*
- Lift the third flame. Why did the third man say Peter was with Jesus? *("For he is a Galilaean," a man from Galilee, 22:59)*
- Point to the rooster. When did the cock crow? *(Immediately, while Peter was still speaking, 22:60)*
- What did the Lord do then, and what did Peter remember? *(He turned and looked upon Peter; Peter remembered Jesus' word, 22:61)*
- What had Jesus prayed for Peter? *("That thy faith fail not," 22:32)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: deny** means to say it isn't true; **thrice** means three times; **afar off** means far away; **hall** means an open room in the middle of the house; **kindled** means lit; **maid** means a young woman; **a Galilaean** means a man from Galilee; **spake** means spoke; **the cock crew** means the rooster crowed; **wept bitterly** means cried hard; **converted** means turned back; **brethren** means brothers.
- **What the Bible says:** Luke tells of the fire in the midst of the hall (22:55), the three answers (22:57–60) and the cock crowing (22:60). It doesn't say how big the fire was, where the rooster stood, or what the hall looked like, and it names no door. The flames, the wall, the rooster's place, the door and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** each child draws Peter in his window (and weeping in the doorway for the harder level). Jesus' look (22:61) is told, not drawn.
- **Keep it gentle:** don't describe Jesus' look as angry or sad; Luke doesn't say. Leave out the mocking and striking of Jesus (22:63–65).
- **End with hope:** Jesus prayed for Peter (22:32), appeared to him after He rose (Luke 24:34), and Peter later preached at Pentecost (Acts 2:14).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and help each child glue the flames' tabs. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let the whole class crow when you reach the rooster.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Peter denies Jesus lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/peter-denies-jesus.

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