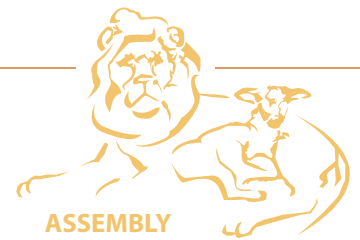


PETER AND THE PROPHET JOEL

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The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

PLAY THE ROLE OF PETER

Supplies

costume for Peter

Have a man read this passage dressed up like Peter with another teacher acting as the narrator. Have the man playing Peter passionately address the children just as Peter would have done.

For realism, challenge the actor in advance to memorize the entire speech. This may sound impossible but will capture the attention of the children and be a blessing to the one doing the memorization. Ask the children if they can tell you which part of Peter's sermon was the Gospel.

DEFINE THE GOSPEL

Supplies

make three cards as visual cues; one card shows a cross, another card shows an empty tomb, and a third card show a broken (sinful) heart

Have the children see if they can tell you the main components of the Gospel and our response as told by Peter.

- (1) Jesus was killed by lawless men according to God's plan.
- (2) God raised Jesus from the dead.
- (3) We can be forgiven of our sins if we believe and trust in Jesus and turn away from our sins.

If you repeat the components of the Gospel as you show the children the cards you will help them memorize them. Remember, we want them to know the Gospel.

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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

The Gospel is the core of Peter's sermon. Some of the highlights are that Jesus was delivered to die according to the definite plan of God and was crucified (vs. 23). God raised Him from the dead, loosing the pangs of death (vs. 24). This raising of Jesus was a resurrection back to life (vs. 32). The call to repentance (v. 38) and faith is required for the forgiveness of sins.

