



Heroes of the Faith Lesson 7 - Peter

Read the Bible passages aloud. Then, answer the questions together. Be sure everyone has a chance to speak.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”



Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

[Matthew 16:13-20, NLT](#)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

[Romans 3:23, NLT](#)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

[Romans 5:8, NLT](#)

To Discuss:

- What do you think it means that Jesus is the "Messiah"?
- Why do you think it was important for Peter to recognize who Jesus is?
- Who do *you* think Jesus is?
- Why do you think it's important to know who Jesus is?
- Can you think of someone in your life who might not know who Jesus is?
- How could you share with them what you believe about Him?

Activity: Who Am I?

Write the names of biblical characters or famous people on index cards. Tape a card to each person's back without letting them see it.

Take turns asking yes or no questions to figure out who is on your back.

After everyone has guessed their identity, talk about how Jesus asked His disciples to identify Him.

- Was it hard or easy to figure out who you were?
- How is answering the question "Who do you say Jesus is?" similar or different?