

Lesson 1b	:	<b>Peter Confessed Jesus is the Son of God</b>
Bible Story	:	<b>Peter Declares His Faith in Jesus</b>
Lesson Scripture	:	Matthew 16:13-17
Teaching Aids	:	Video clip/big pictures for the Bible story, CoD (Clearing of Difficulties) names and words written on separate sheet or cardboard, chalkboard/whiteboard or laptop computer, notebooks and pens for students, activity pages for enrichment

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1. **Our faith comes from knowing and believing that Jesus is the Son of the Living God.**
  2. **Our faith comes from Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**
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By the end of this lesson, the students should be able to:

1. name the Bible character who confessed that Jesus is the Son of the living God;
  2. identify the place where Peter declared his faith in Jesus;
  3. recall what Jesus said to Peter after confessing his faith;
  4. recite SoF#1 with enthusiasm;
  5. do the carry-over activity and submit it completely.
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1. Singing of familiar praise songs related to the lesson
  2. Opening Prayer
  3. Greetings and Roll Call
  4. Review of Last Sunday's Lesson (5 mins.)
  5. Clearing of Difficulties
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1. **Caesarea, Philippi** – town at the foot of Mt. Hermon and source of the Jordan; the place where Peter made his great confession of faith
2. **Simon Bar-Jonah** – Simon is Peter's first name, "Bar" means "son of" Jonah—this must be Peter's father

Before we study our new lesson today, let us confess our belief in the Lord Jesus by reciting the first statement of our faith.

**SoF #1:**

For children aged 8-12 years old

***"We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and the only Savior from sin."***

For children aged 4-7 years old

***"We believe Jesus is the Savior and Son of God."***

**Bible Story:**

Let us now study our new lesson. Did you know that Peter learned this statement of faith that you have just recited?

It was in Caesarea (say "Sesariya"), Philippi that Peter confessed his faith in Jesus. Let us read our Bibles and open it in the book of **Matthew chapter 16 verses 13-17**. (*For bigger children, call one student let him/her read the story from the Bible aloud.*)

**Simplified Story for small children (Beginners)**

One day Jesus was with His followers. And he asked them this question, "What do you know about Me? Then the followers of Jesus answered Him, "Some say you are John the Baptist! Some say, you are Elijah!" At last! Jesus came to Peter and asked him the same question. Peter said "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD!" Jesus said to him, "You are blessed, Peter."

**Life Application:** If we believe in our hearts that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, then we will be blessed. This is what our Bible story teaches us. Just like Simon Peter, we should confess and state our faith in Jesus Christ. So, if somebody will ask you "What do you believe in your church about God?" You should say "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and Savior from sin."

*Teacher, allow your students to recite this statement of our faith a couple of times. See to it that each student can recite well.*

**Ask the following questions:**

1. In our lesson today, who confessed his faith in Jesus?
  2. Where did our Bible story take place?
  3. What did Jesus reply to Peter?
  4. Have you confessed your faith in Jesus Christ?
  5. Declare our church's first statement of faith.
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**Enrichment: Word Game / Word Mix-up**

Teacher, you may do this by writing the mixed letters on the board or you may prepare activity sheets for your pupils.

1. This is the name identifying Peter  
**RAB HONAJ**      **ANSWER:** \_ \_ \_ ~ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. The word which must be found in your heart by Jesus.  
**EEFLIB**      **ANSWER:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Optional: Arts and Craft**

## **Jesus Frames**

*To make these framed Jesus pictures, you will need 12 popsicle sticks, cardboard, glue, picture of Jesus from a greeting card or other place, shellac and brush, piece of adhesive tape and 4" length of yarn. Carefully glue the picture of Jesus to the cardboard and allow to dry. Measure 3/4" from edges and arrange four of the sticks for a frame around the picture. The ends of the sticks should extend about 1/4" (see sketch a). Glue in place. Add two sticks to the frame (top and bottom), placing them about half the width of the sticks underneath, and glue securely.*

*Add the sticks to the opposite sides and glue. Continue adding sticks around the picture until all sticks are used and frame is completed (sketch b). Shellac frame carefully. When dry, tape piece of yarn on the back for a hanger (see sketch c).*

**Carry-Over Activity/Homework**

Give a copy of SoF#1 to each student and tell them to read at home.

**"I believe Jesus Christ is  
the Son of God and my  
Savior from sin."**

