

PETER'S PROFESSION OF FAITH

John 6:58-69



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Message	To attain eternal life we have to believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Peter believed that Jesus was the Son of God.■ We should listen to Jesus. He has the words of eternal life.
Bible Text	John 6:56–69

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One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. While He was teaching His disciples, Jesus said to them, "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. My Father sent Me and I live because of Him, so whoever believes in Me will live because of Me. This is bread that comes from heaven. It is not like the manna your fathers ate many years ago. He who eats this bread will live forever."

Many disciples did not understand what Jesus meant when He said these things. Many of Jesus' disciples said, "This is a hard saying. Who can understand it?"

Jesus asked the disciples, "Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend from where He once stood?"

None of the disciples answered these questions. Jesus continued to talk and said to them,

"The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning some did not believe, and He also knew there was one who would betray Him. He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

From that time on, many of His disciples left Jesus and did not follow Him anymore.

Jesus asked the twelve who remained if any of them wanted to go away too. Among the twelve there was Peter. He said to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Also, we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

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Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress. Write the important quotations/citations on a note before the lesson.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does Jesus mean when He speaks about the "bread from heaven"?
(The bread from heaven is Holy Communion, which gives us eternal life.)
- What do some of the disciples feel when Jesus says this?
(Some do not understand Him and leave Him.)
- What does Peter say? ("You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.")

Have the children repeat...

- Peter believed that Jesus was the Son of God.
- We should listen to Jesus. He has the words of eternal life.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Peter believed Jesus was the Son of God.
- We too believe Jesus is the Son of God. He brings us eternal life through word and Sacrament.
- How do we show others that we believe in Jesus?
(If we apply what we hear in the divine services.)

Repeat the Message

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Son of God.