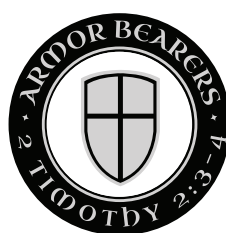


CALVARY CHAPEL OAKDALE



2025-2026

FAMOUS BIBLE CHARACTERS **OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

OCTOBER, 2025

This Month's THEME:
PETER: THE ROCK.

WEEKLY THEMES THIS MONTH:

Week 1: Do we obey the Lord right away?

Week 2: Do we ever doubt God?

Week 3: Do we seek truth from God?

Week 4: Do we respond well when God corrects us?

Week 5: Are we filled with the Holy Spirit?

(5th Weekly devotion for months with 5 Wednesdays)

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 16:16-17a – Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you."



Full verse for:
Armor Bearers & Knights

Matthew 16:16 – Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



Short verse for:
Page & Squires

Lesson #1 - Do we obey the Lord right away?

Text: Luke 5:4-5 - "When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.""

Read: Luke 5:1-8.

Devotional:

One day, Danny was asked by his mom to take the rolling trash can out into the street. She knew the garbage truck was coming the next day and she needed their trash can to be empty. After all, she was hosting a party later that week and needed room in it for all the cleanup that would be needed after that party. Well, Danny didn't take his mom seriously and forgot to take the trash can out and they missed their weekly pickup.

When his mom realized they had missed their pickup, she was rightly upset with Danny for not doing what she asked him to do. So, she explained how important it had been, and now she had nowhere to put the all the trash from the upcoming party in a couple of days.

Well, that was a simple task that was not completed with minor implications. But when the Lord tells us to do something we might miss out on something very important and even supernatural.

Jesus once told Simon to put his boat back out to Sea for a catch of fish. And Simon had a choice to make, "Would he obey the Lord or not?" At first Simon commented he'd toiled all night and caught nothing as if Jesus was wrong to ask him to do this. But at least he then obeyed the Lord, even though it didn't make sense to him.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

And if he had not obeyed the Lord, he would have missed out on an amazing miracle of God.

Questions for Application:

- Do we make comments before we obey a command?
- Have we learned to obey authority figures in our lives right away when they ask us to do things?
- Do we want to miss out on blessings the Lord has for us?

Lesson #2 - Do we ever doubt God?

Text: Matthew 14:29-30 - "So Jesus said, "Come". And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Read: Matthew 14:22-33.

Devotional:

Julio had spent years training his horse to perform well at public walking competitions. He had taught his horse to walk and prance in such a way that people marveled at his horse. But his horse was prone to getting very distracted when there was a large crowd around. If there was any movement out of the side of the horse's eyes, she would see it and get anxious and act up.

So, Julio had to put blinders on his horse. The blinders didn't completely block the horse's vision. It just blocked her from seeing movement beside her. And when she wore the blinders, she seemed to stay very focused and didn't get agitated anymore. Julio then got to enjoy showing off her great talents and all the training they did.

Well, Peter once got out of a boat and walked on water at Jesus' command. And that was an amazing miracle he got to experience. But as he walked on the water, the wind and storm around him grew stronger and he became afraid. Now, Peter was able to see fine. But he made the mistake of taking his eyes off Jesus, in front of him, and put them on the growing storm around him and he began to sink.

At least Peter had enough faith, when he was sinking, to cry out to Jesus to save him. He never doubted Jesus could do that. And when Peter cried out, Jesus reached out to him and pulled him up.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We need to learn how to see Jesus clearly and to keep our eyes on Him when we have storms in life, because we will all face them.

Questions for Application:

- Do we keep our eyes on Jesus as we live our lives?
- Do we trust the Lord to get through the storms in our lives?
- Can we remember a storm we didn't handle well, and why?

Lesson #3 - Do we seek truth from God?

Text: Matthew 16:16-17 - "Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

Read: Matthew 16:13-18.

Devotional:

Lucas was in junior high school and was taking an algebra class for the first time. At first, he was struggling to understand some of the concepts in his textbook. Well, Lucas told his dad he was struggling in his class. But his father was very good with math, so he spent time teaching and discipling Lucas with the algebra. Lucas didn't get the concepts right away with his father. But one day everything seemed to click and made sense. And as a result, Lucas was able to understand what the teacher was saying.

In fact, one day, the teacher asked a question about a concept and Lucas answered the teacher with a great answer. So, the teacher asked Lucas how he knew that. And Lucas said, "My father helped me understand these concepts."

Well, there was a day Jesus asked His disciples, WHO they thought He was. And the disciples began to give different answers people had been giving about who Jesus was. Some had thought Jesus was John the Baptist and some thought he was the prophet Elijah or the prophet Jeremiah, or maybe even another prophet. But eventually Peter jumped in and said Jesus was the Messiah and Savior of the world and the Son of the living God. And Jesus commended Peter and told him he could only have known this if God the father had revealed this to him and helped him understand it.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Do we know God wants us to know who Jesus is? He is the one and only person who can save us from our sins because He is God.

Questions for Application:

- Do we know Jesus is the Savior of the world?
- Do we know Jesus died to pay for our sins and rose for us?
- Have we sought Jesus so we can know the truth about Him?

Lesson #4 - Do we respond well when God corrects us?

Text: Matthew 16:22-23 - "Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.""

Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

Devotional:

In our last lesson we met a high school boy named Lucas. Lucas had struggled with algebra when he first took that class in school. But over time, with the help of his father, he got better at grasping it and he even became very good at it.

Well, we saw in that last lesson that Lucas answered a question that was difficult enough that the teacher commended him for being able to answer. And right after that, the teacher asked another question. But this time, Lucas threw out a quick explanation for the next question and the teacher had to inform Lucas he was wrong this time. So, Lucas was a bit humbled before the teacher and the whole class. But Lucas handled that situation well and learned that he still doesn't know everything.

Well, Peter had rightly said Jesus was the Son of God because the Father had revealed that to Him. BUT he did not yet know Jesus was going to go to the cross to die for us. So, he tried to rebuke Jesus when He said He was going to die and would rise on the third day. Jesus had to correct Peter because Jesus' death and resurrection was God's great plan to save the world from sin and death. So, Jesus' plan to die for us had to happen.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Peter received the rebuke when Jesus was very direct with him. We also need to learn that we all have so much to learn from God and will continue to grow our whole lives in His truths.

Questions for Application:

- Do we know the Lord wants us to learn to receive correction?
- Do we all remember times we've been wrong about things?
- How do we do when we realize we're wrong about something?

Lesson #5 - Are we filled with the Holy Spirit?

Text: Acts 2:4,14 - "4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words."

Read: Acts 2:1-14.

Devotional:

Diana was a young girl that was born blind. So, she had never been able to see the color of the sky or the color of grass or the face of her mother and father. But she had still learned to get around in familiar environments like her home quite well.

But then one day she was able to get a seeing eye dog. That dog was especially trained to be able to see things for Diana as well as to lead her around in life and to be safe outside. The dog knew how to lead Diana to cross the street safely and to get around and even get home safely. So, that dog became extremely invaluable to Diana and she just couldn't even think about a time she would not have the great and support of her dog.

Well, as believers, we all need the Holy Spirit even more than a blind person needs a seeing eye dog. The Holy Spirit does so many things in life. He lives in us and gives us the strength to do great things in life. He also helps us to be able to understand the Bible since He inspired men to write the Bible and He can explain the words He inspired to us. He also gives us wisdom and love and joy and peace and many other fruits that are uniquely from Him.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We need to ask the Holy Spirit each day to lead us in everything and everywhere we go. The goal of the Christian life is to be indwelt and filled and led by God's Holy Spirit every moment of the day.

Questions for Application:

- Have we forgotten how much we need the Holy Spirit's help?
- Do we ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and power every day?
- Have we been baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit?

What are the age groups for WFC?



Pages

(3 years old - Kindergarten)



Squires

(1st-3rd Grade)



Armor Bearers

(4th-6th Grade)

(Jr. High students can join the Armor Bearers
or attend the adult service.)

Note: All age groups determined by child's age on 9/1 ea. yr.

What awards can the children earn?

Three special pins can be earned each year and are awarded to the children as follows:

1. Sword Pin: For memorizing 6 verses during the WFC calendar year.
2. Helmet of Salvation Pin: For bringing 3 different friends to an evening during the calendar year.
3. Armor Pin: For attending 2/3 of the evenings or more.

Is there a cost for the club?

No! The club is free. The t-shirts are \$20 each.