

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 10 • Week 2

SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

OBJECTIVE:

To teach caring for our brothers and sisters through the story of two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and their love for one another.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Say: How many of you have ever found a little bird that fell from its nest? Or found a cat that had been injured? Have you seen someone fall and hurt himself? What did you want to do? Yes, you wanted to take care of and help the injured animal or person. That was a good reaction. It showed you cared for what was hurt. Today's story is about how one brother, Andrew, showed love for his brother, Peter. We can show concern and a caring attitude by doing something kind for the other person. Andrew wanted to help his brother. Let's see how he cared for Peter.

BIBLE LESSON:

Say: Our story is found in the book of John, chapter 1.

Do: You may read it from the Bible or tell in your own words. Use two male dolls (such as Barbie's Ken), two sock puppets or two paper bag puppets (use markers to draw the faces of two men) in the following dialogue. Start with dolls/puppets behind your back and present them one at a time as you introduce them.

Say: Boys and girls, I want you to meet two brothers. This is Andrew. And this is his brother, Simon Peter. Say hello to Andrew and Simon Peter.

They have been working together since they were children learning the family fishing business.

Simon Peter: Do you remember, Andrew, when we first started fishing with Dad?

Andrew: I sure do. The first day we got really sunburned. Ouch! You were older and could help Dad carry some things onto the boat. I mostly watched, but I was excited to be going with you and Dad.

Simon Peter: I remember. I was so excited I hardly slept the night before. I got on that boat and felt the warm breeze and smelled the fish odor from the nets and knew what I wanted to do when I grew up. It was one big adventure. Dad used big nets, and he threw them over the side of the boat and into the water. They made a semicircle. He went on to the next drop spot and tossed another net overboard. We waited for what seemed to be a very long time to go back and see what we had caught.

Andrew: I thought the time would never come to pull up those fishing nets.

Simon Peter: But it did come and were your eyes ever big as you watched Dad pull in lots of fish. We cheered and danced on the deck for joy over the big catch.

Andrew: You know how excited I was that day. Well, I met someone today that made me more excited than that first fishing trip with Dad. I ran all the way to tell you, so you'd hear it first from me.

Simon Peter: Who did you meet? Who's got you so excited?

Andrew: You know what? I was listening to someone speak today. He is a great teacher and I've heard Him before. But for the first time today, I realized He is the Messiah.

Simon Peter: The Messiah? You mean the one we have been looking for, the one who will save our people?

Andrew: Yes. I want to learn from Him. He is a great teacher and the Son of God. He speaks true words, and He is teaching me how God wants us to live and treat others—to care for one another. So come on! Come with me and let me take you to meet Him.

Simon Peter: Oh, this really is exciting news! Of course, I'll come with you.

Say: The brothers hurry to meet Jesus.

Simon Peter: Thanks, brother, for taking me to Jesus. You've given me the best gift you could. You've brought me to Someone to teach me good and right things. Teachings that will change my life for the better.

Andrew: I'm happy I could share this with you. It is so good to be able to be close to you and to share this most precious truth.

Say: The brothers go on to become two of Jesus' disciples. They live happily together and work with Jesus for the next three years.

Ask: How did Andrew show he cared for his brother, Simon Peter?

Response: He wanted to make him happy. He wanted to share some good news with him.

Ask: What did Andrew share with his brother?

Response: He shared the good news that he had found Jesus. He wanted his brother to learn teachings that would give him understanding that other people didn't have. This is one way to show that we are concerned and look out for our brothers and sisters.

Ask: How can we show others we care about them?

Response: We can telephone others. Send cards. Pray. Cheer others. Encourage others. Give gifts.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Ask: If we have a brother or sister, how can we show them we care about them and love them?

Response: We can help them get dressed, pick up toys, play with them, etc.

Ask: What did Andrew do?

Response: He gave his brother special information that was like a gift.

Supplies: Certificates (see end of lesson)
Colored card stock or heavy paper
Decorative items for certificates (yarn, dry colored pasta, etc.)
Glue
Pencils
Styrofoam cups
Stickers
Rickrack or other decorations
Trail mix ingredients in separate containers
(such as raisins, sunflower seeds, chocolate chips and dry cereal)
Spoons

Prepare: Photocopy certificates onto colored cardstock or heavy paper and cut each sheet to make two certificates.

Say: Let's make a gift to give to our brother or sister and say how much we care for them. [If any children don't have a brother or sister, encourage him to make the gift for someone who is *like* a brother or sister.] Let's make a certificate for a special act of kindness that your brother or sister can use during the coming week.

Do: Decorate the border of the certificate with decorative items.

Say: Let's also give them a decorated cup with a food treat.

Do: Use styrofoam cups and decorate with rickrack and stickers. Let each child fill his or her cup with a spoonful of each trail mix item. Stir and mix. Let child give to sibling.

Music:

Sing the following to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"

Are you living?
Are you living?
The Golden Rule?
The Golden Rule?
Helping, sharing, loving,
Helping, sharing, loving,
Pleasing God,
Pleasing God.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Peter 5:7 "...He [God] cares for you."

family activity

THE POINT:

We want to care and love our brothers and sisters.

ASK ME...

- How did Andrew show he cared about Peter?
- Who did Peter and Andrew listen to and become disciples of?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss how God cares for each of the family members. Share a specific event that proves that God cared for, provided for and blessed your family.

Plan and execute an act of kindness for someone in your church family.

Have a family prayer in which each of you thank God for specific ones in the family.

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