

“24” - LESSON 3

“When Things Go Wrong”

Main Focus:

Jesus gives us peace in the midst of life's troubles



Power Verse:

“...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” - John 16:33



Watt's Up:

“No Matter What Happens – Jesus Gives Me Peace!”

LEADER'S INFO

Too many people have the idea that once you become a Christian, everything is going to go smoothly and you will never have a tough time in life. But, that is not what Jesus taught us.

In John 16:33, we learn that life is full of troubles and difficulties. Each day, we will be in a fight against our enemy, the devil. But, Jesus has already defeated the devil, so we do not have to be afraid or worried.

In this lesson, the children will learn that although life is full of “many trials and sorrows,” we can have peace in our hearts and minds because Jesus has “overcome the world.” If we trust Him and never give up, we will win the victory!



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Special Agent Jack Bowow



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“Tic Toc”



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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Tic Toc**” (or Theadora Tocolous, is obsessed with time. She knows the precise amount of time it takes to do anything, as well as many important events and people throughout history. She claims to be a time traveler & adventurer, but most people think she’s a little crazy.)

TIC TOC: *(runs out onstage, frantic)* No! No no no! It’s wrong! It’s ALL WRONG!!

Leader: Whoa - hold on Tic-Toc! What’s going on? What’s wrong?

TIC TOC: *(looks at the row of wristwatches along her arm and pulls at her hair in exasperation)* Ohhhhhh, it’s not WHAT’S wrong, the question is WHEN is wrong!

Leader: What in the world does that even mean?

TIC TOC: *(shrieks, staring at her watches)* NO!! You were supposed to ask me that question 17.5 seconds ago! It’s all wrong! TIME IS WRONG!! *(whimpers)*

Leader: *(places their hand on Tic-Toc’s shoulder)* Listen, Theadora -

TIC TOC: Tic-Toc, call me Tic-Toc. Tic is a nickname for Theadora.

Leader: How do you get “Tic” out of “Theadora?”

TIC TOC: When things are off time I get nervous and I start to tic. *(face starts to twitch, makes a clicking noise with her tongue)*

Leader: Oh boy. It’s okay, Tic-Toc. *(starts petting Tic-Toc’s hair like a cat)* It’s okay. Good girl, goooooood girl.

TIC TOC: *(meows, slowly stops twitching)* Thanks, I needed that.

Leader: *(stops petting)* That’s good. Now, just take a deep breath and tell me what’s wrong.

TIC TOC: *(takes in a deep breath and lets it all out)* I told you! TIME is wrong! I’m a Time Traveler! Unraveling the mysteries of time is my BUSINESS! And today my calculations have been wrong! ALL WRONG! Like this morning, I was supposed to meet Thomas Edison and help him screw in a lightbulb but I arrived 15 seconds too early!

Leader: First off, Time Travel isn’t real. And secondly, 15 seconds isn’t that bad!

TIC TOC: ISN’T THAT BAD?! 15 seconds too early and BOOM! I landed right into Thomas Edison’s toilet. His TOILET! Now he’s going to be known as the inventor of the PLUNGER! Way to go, Tic-Toc! REAL professional! *(face starts twitching again, makes clicking noises)*
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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Uh-Oh, Tic, it sounds to me like you need some peace.

Tic Toc: Piece of what? Piece of cake? Pie? Pizza? Where is it?! I'm a very emotional eater.

Leader: No, no no, calm down. I'm not talking about that kind of piece. I'm talking about P-E-A-C-E. As in the peace JESUS can give us! Wonderful peace!

Tic Toc: No thanks. I traveled back to the 60's once. Everybody was saying (*does a mocking "hippy" voice*) Peace, man! (*back to normal*) Nobody ever showered or shaved. It was the opposite of peaceful.

Leader: This is a different kind of peace. The kind of peace the world talks about doesn't last. You see, life is full of hard times! Like heartbreak, mean people, sickness, death -

Tic Toc: (*interrupts*) Landing in Thomas Edison's toilet.

Leader: Sure, that too. The world isn't perfect. BUT – we don't have to worry!

Tic Toc: Don't have to worry? DON'T HAVE TO WORRY?! I splashed TOILET WATER into the face of one of the greatest scientists of ALL TIME!!

Leader: (*laughs*) I'm not saying that you just ignore the bad stuff, but what I AM saying is that you can give it all to Jesus and He will fill you up with his perfect peace! It's a peace that says "I've got you. Everything's going to be okay!"

Tic Toc: So, if I have Jesus in my heart I can just pray to Him and...He'll give me peace?

Leader: Exactly.

Tic Toc: (*shouts with joy, wraps the leader in a giant bear hug*) Oh, THANK YOU! I haven't felt this good since Martha Washington complimented me on my shoes!

Leader: (*gently squeezes their way out of the bear hug*) I'm glad you're doing better, Tic-Toc, but you need to stop with this silliness. You're NOT a Time Traveler! If you were, where's your Time Machine??

Tic Toc: I couldn't POSSIBLY tell you that! But...I'll give you a clue. It involves a hollowed out pumpkin... and a pony named Clarence.

Leader: That doesn't make ANY sense!

Tic Toc: Who says it has to? I'll see you later boys and girls! I'm Tic Toc and I'm OUTTA TIME! SEE YA!
(*bear hugs the leader and skips away as her theme music plays*)



GAME ON!

“Circle Of Peace”

Items Needed For Game:

“Lesson 3 Game Intro” Video; two hula hoops

Preparation:

Play Agent Bowow’s “Lesson 3 Game Intro” video.
Choose six boys and six girls to compete in this game.

How To Play:

Have each team stand in a circle facing inward while holding hands. Have two players let go of each other’s hands while you place the hula hoop between them. Then, they can grab each other’s hand again as their arms are now going through the hula hoop.

The goal is to get the hula hoop all the way around the circle without anyone letting go of their partners’ hands. They will have to put their entire bodies through the hula hoop to do this. The first team to get the hula hoop all the way around the circle wins.



Bible Story

“Jesus Promises Peace”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 3; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in John 16:31-33; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

We’ve been learning about the events that happened in the last 24 hours of Jesus’ life on Earth. You might remember that we last left off with Jesus and the disciples all having a meal many call “The Last Supper.” Jesus had talked to them about serving each other and the fact that He was about to leave Earth to go to Heaven and prepare a place for them to meet Him one day.



(*show pic*) Towards the end of the meal, Jesus began to talk about something very different. He said, “In this world you will have many trials and sorrows.” The disciples were probably a little shocked. (*show pic*) Why would Jesus be telling them this? If this was His last big speech before He went to Heaven, shouldn’t it be a little more encouraging? Why would Jesus want to predict that things were going to get hard for the disciples?



The reason Jesus did this is because He knew the future. The disciples were about to face tremendous difficulties. They would be hated, beaten, jailed, and some would even be killed for telling the world that Jesus was the Savior. Jesus knew this was coming, so He didn’t want the disciples to be surprised when it did happen.



Then, after letting them know that life was going to get hard, Jesus shared something incredible. (*show pic*) Jesus said, “But, take heart, for I have overcome the world.” Jesus was telling the disciples that they could have courage and peace. They didn’t have to worry and freak out! Jesus was promising that He would take care of the disciples. Nothing can stop the power of God!

Today, you are going to learn the same lesson that the disciples learned. You are going to learn that, although this world can be very difficult sometimes, Jesus will give you the peace you need in the midst of trouble.



Call To Action

“When Things Go Wrong”

Materials Needed:

The Data CD; The DVD

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Three,” begin with the slide titled “When Things Go Wrong”; play the “Lesson 3 Call To Action Intro” Video before you begin; cue the video titled “A Perfect Christian Day”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have nothing bad ever happen to you? What if nothing ever went wrong? You had all the coolest stuff, no one you knew ever got sick, and you had all the candy you could ever want and never got a single cavity? Maybe it'd be like this. *(Play “A Perfect Christian Day” video)*

Is this what life is really like being a Christian? *(allow response)* No, of course not. Life isn't perfect and without trouble or problems. The sad thing is, some people believe that life as a Christian should be perfect. They believe that becoming a Christian will make all the troubles in life disappear. That's not the way it is. Jesus taught us...

Life Is Full Of Hard Times *(slide)*



When Jesus was sitting at the table with the disciples He didn't say, “Guys, nothing bad will ever happen to you.” Jesus said, “In this world you will have many trials and sorrows”. So, why did Jesus feel the need to tell the disciples that life is full of hard times? Up to this point, everything had been pretty good for the disciples since they decided to follow Jesus. They had seen many miracles. But, they didn't know what was about to happen. Jesus was preparing them.

Have any of you ever had anything bad ever happen to you? We all have. You might have had a family member that died. Maybe you got really sick and were put in the hospital. You might have been bullied at school. Hard times aren't fun. We don't like it when bad stuff happens. We all wish we could just go about life like the person in our video a moment ago - with nothing bad ever happening. But, following Jesus doesn't mean life is going to be easy. Even when you are following Jesus bad things will happen. But, the good news is: because you follow Jesus...

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Call To Action

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You Don't Have To Worry (slide)



Jesus said, “But take heart” after He told the disciples there would be many trials and sorrows. Do you know what “take heart” means? It means, “Have courage.” Don’t be afraid. Don’t worry! Do you know why we don’t have to worry? Because...

Jesus Gives Me Peace (slide)

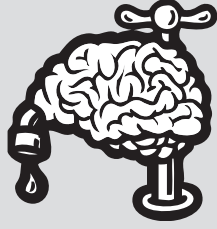


Jesus overcame the world. Because He did, we can have peace. In the part right before our Power Verse in *John 16:33*, Jesus said, “*I have told you these things so that you may have peace in me.*” When someone in your family dies, you can have peace in Jesus. When you get sick, you can have peace in Jesus. When you’re getting bullied, you can have peace in Jesus. We might have hard times in our lives as followers of Jesus, but we can also have peace because we follow Jesus.

Could you imagine living life without Jesus? Do you know what would happen if you didn’t have Jesus? You would still have hard times and trouble. The problem is, you’d have hard times *without* the peace of Jesus. If you’re going to have difficulty in your life, wouldn’t you rather go through it with Jesus? We don’t know what’s ahead. We don’t know when bad things will happen. But, we can have peace because we follow Jesus. He’s the one who knows what’s going to happen before it ever does. And, He is always by our side.

ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Pray with those children who are experiencing difficulty in their lives right now. Pray for sickness, sadness, conflict, etc. Pray that God will bring peace through Jesus into their lives.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Three,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “No Matter What Happens – Jesus Gives Me Peace!”

2. What did Jesus say this world was full of?

Answer: trials and sorrows

3. Were the disciples surprised to hear that they would face trouble?

Answer: yes

4. Jesus said that the disciples could take heart because He had _____.

Answer: overcome the world

5. Will Jesus give us peace during our troubles?

Answer: Yes

6. What does Tic Toc think she is?

Answer: Time Traveler

7. According to our lesson today, “Life Is Full Of _____.”

Answer: Hard Times

8. According to our lesson today, “You Don’t Have To _____.”

Answer: Worry

9. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Gives Me _____.”

Answer: Peace

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: John 16:33

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