

THE ACTIVITIES BELOW WILL HELP YOUR CHILDREN REMEMBER AND APPLY THE LESSON THEY LEARNED THIS WEEK. PLAN SOME TIME TO DO EACH OF THESE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.

Bible Story:

John 18:15-18, 25-27 and John 21:1-19

Together as a family, read the story of Peter's denial of Jesus and Jesus' forgiving Peter. Talk to your child about how it would feel to realize you had completely denied knowing Jesus. Then talk to them about how it would feel to have Jesus completely forgive them.

My Heart

This week we have been learning that Jesus Will Forgive Me. Use a dry erase marker and draw a big heart on a white board or a window. Talk to your child about different sins, such as lying or disobeying. As you describe the sin scribble a grey or brown splotch on the heart. When the heart is covered with dark spots, ask them if the heart can ever be clean again. Then explain that Jesus is the only one who can really clean your heart by forgiving you. Pray and ask Jesus for forgiveness for the sins on the heart. After the prayer, wipe off the sin squiggles to show that Jesus forgives us and wipes away our sin. Say, "When Jesus forgives you, He lets you start all over again with a brand new clean heart."

Help your children remember what they learned today by using the motions below.



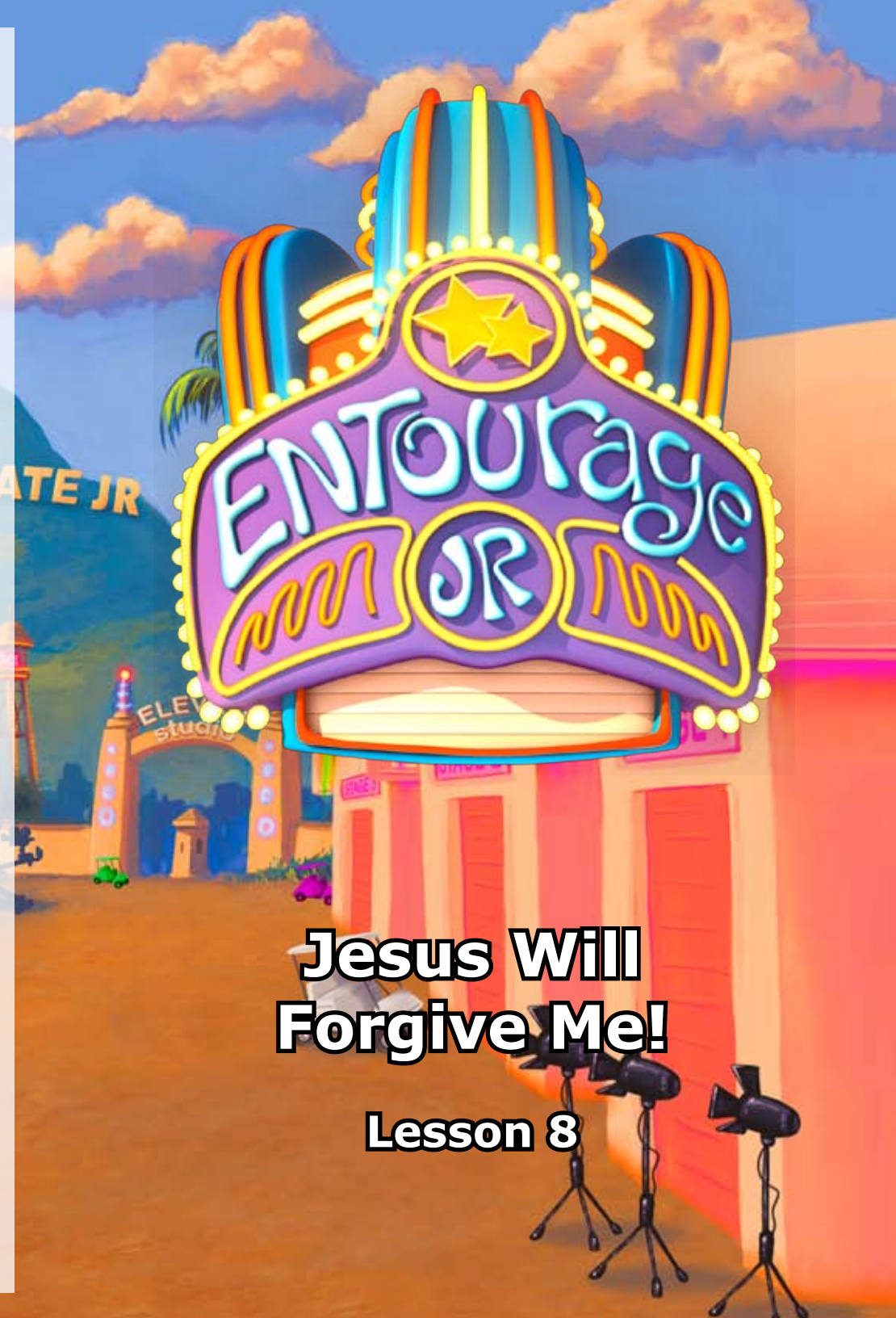
JESUS



WILL FORGIVE



ME



Jesus Will Forgive Me!

Lesson 8

Use the pictures and text below to retell the Bible Story to your children.

Color A Picture Of The Cross



Peter and Jesus

Peter was one of Jesus' followers. He told Jesus that he would stay with Him always – even if it meant that he would die. Jesus knew that Peter would deny Him.

Jesus arrested

One day, some men who didn't like Jesus came to arrest Him. Peter followed the men, but he didn't want anyone to know that he was with Jesus.



Peter with girl

Peter didn't tell the truth when people asked if he was with Jesus. He did this three times. That night Jesus was arrested, a girl come up to Peter and asked if he was with Jesus and Peter lied. He said he didn't know Jesus. Another girl told her friends that Peter was a follower of Jesus and Peter told them that he wasn't. Then later some people said the same thing and he got angry.



Sad Peter

Right after Peter lied about knowing Jesus the third time, a rooster crowed.

Peter remembered that Jesus told him that he would deny him three times before the rooster crowed and it happened just that way. Peter was sad because he knew that telling people he didn't know Jesus was wrong. It made Peter cry!



The cross

The men who arrested Jesus had him hung him on a cross and He died. After three days, Jesus was alive! Later Jesus showed up to see His followers. The people were happy to see Him. Before Jesus went to heaven, He talked to Peter. Jesus was nice to Peter and forgave Peter for lying. Jesus even told Peter to take care of His other followers.

