

JESUS IS BETRAYED BY PETER JOHN 18:10-27

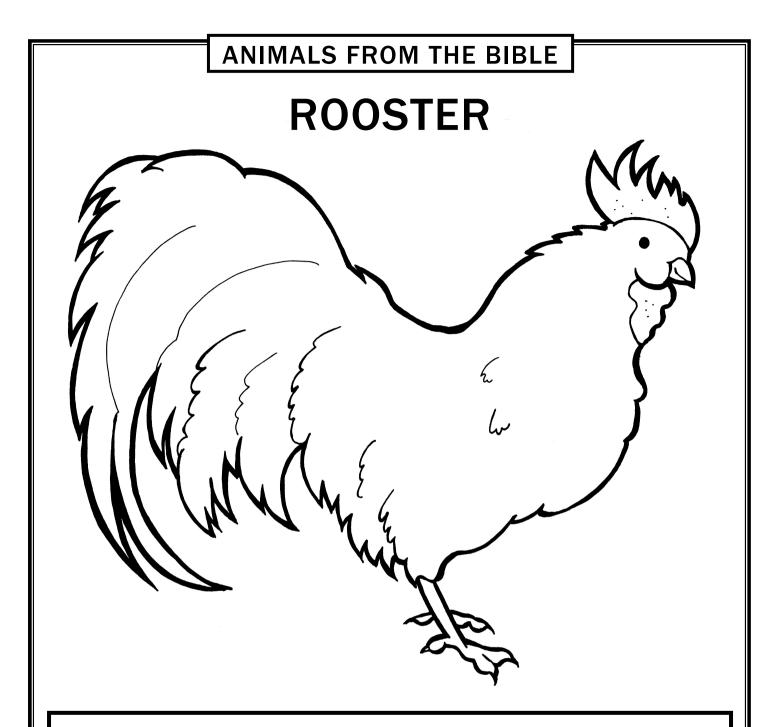
Peter was a disciple (follower) of Jesus. Because Peter often thought he knew better than Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Before he rooster crows two times tonight, you will three times say you do not know me." Jesus had told all of His disciples not to follow him when the soldiers took Him away. But Peter thought he knew better. Peter was able to get into the courtyard where Jesus had been taken. A servant girl from the high priest's house came. She looked at Peter and said: "You were with Jesus." But he answered, "I don't understand what you mean?" and the rooster crowed, once. Then Peter went over to a campfire to warm himself for the evening was cold. Another servant saw him and said: "You surely are one of them. We can tell by *your talk.*" Then Peter started to swear and he said: "I don't know this man Jesus that you are talking about." No sooner had he spoken that when the rooster crowed for the second time. What a bad thing to say. Peter was telling a lie because he was afraid the other people would hurt him if they knew he was Jesus' friend. Soon Jesus passed by and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had warned him to watch and pray. Peter felt so sorry that he had done such a bad thing that he went out and cried.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to watch and pray because we do not want to do bad things. When we do wrong, help us to ask for forgiveness and know that Jesus will accept our prayer. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize: ROMANS 12:14

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not."



The rooster is a male chicken. He walks around the farm like he owns it, as he watches over the other chickens. The rooster makes a loud call (*cock-a-doodle-do*) just to tell everyone how he is the master of the farm.

It was the rooster's call that Jesus was talking about when He said, "Before the cock crows two times you will deny me three times."

