



FACT SHEET COURTYARD

Luke 22:54-57

Read It:

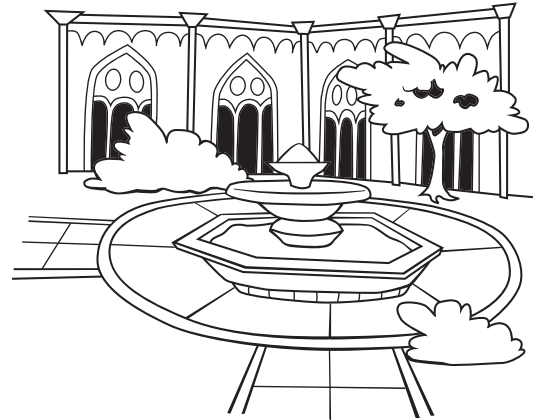
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Talk It:

How can you take a stand for God?

Know it:

The courtyard was at the outer edge of the temple. It was the place where sacrifices were prepared and where the women were allowed. When Jesus cleaned out the temple earlier in His ministry, it was in the courtyard. This was a place to get their minds and hearts ready to worship. It was a place where one was to lay down other thoughts and concerns and get right with God. Yet it was in this very place that Peter had trouble taking a stand for God. In this holy place, Jesus was on a fake trial by the religious leaders who did not like His message of repentance. Peter was nearby, watching in disbelief, hurt that his friend and savior was being treated this way. Things were not going the way he thought they were supposed to! Jesus was supposed to rise to power and lead a rebellion against the evil Romans, and here He was, on trial and maybe about to be killed!



What had gone wrong? He went from feeling safe and loved to suddenly in danger. His world was falling apart. He had trusted Jesus, but nothing was going right. So when he was asked if he knew Jesus, he got scared, and he did the worst possible thing a disciple of Jesus could do – he lied, three times! He said he never knew Jesus. And then Jesus looked at him, and he knew he had failed his best friend and savior in a terrible way.

Go Do It:

It's easy to stand up for Jesus at church, but what about at other places? What about at the store or at school? When you are asked if you know Jesus, are you ready to take a stand? In your classroom or sports activity, will you stand up for Jesus or deny you know Him?