



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 10: Denied

Suggested Week of Use: May 9, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 22:54-62

News Story Summary

A Border Patrol official reported finding an abandoned 10-year-old boy left behind by the group he was traveling with. The boy was sobbing and saying he didn't know where the group had gone. The native of Nicaragua approached Border Patrol officers on a rural road near La Grulla, TX. He had fallen asleep and when he woke up, realized he had been left behind.

For more about this story, search “Abandoned Child asks Border Patrol for Help”.

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin and Respond ideas under Focus Attention, invite the group to share times when they felt abandoned or alone. After most have arrived, share the story of the abandoned child. Encourage them to focus on the emotions of the boy as opposed to the political issues that may associated with the story. Ask: *What one word would you use to define the emotions of feeling abandoned?* Complete the step by following the Transition suggestion, calling attention to the opening paragraph at the beginning of the session.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Respond idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group of the abandoned child. Lead the group to identify how the group the boy had been traveling with may feel knowing they abandoned the child. Guide the group to define the feelings felt by Peter when he realized he had abandoned Jesus. Complete the step as written, directing the group to review Luke 22:54-62, looking for how the passages relates to the session Summary Statement.