

# Lesson 12

## A Confident Confession Matthew 16:13–23

### ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

#### Who Am I?

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Challenge older children to write their own confession of the faith. Students could use one of the creeds as a model for developing their personal confession.



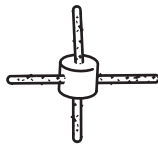
#### Key Rubbings

Show children how to place white cardstock over a key and rub the side of a crayon over it to make a key rubbing. Cut out the key, punch a hole through the top, and thread ribbon through the hole. Write the Bible Verse or “Forgiveness” on the key. Say, **Keys unlock doors. God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus opens the door to heaven for you.**



#### Pretzel Cross Snack

Give each child four stick pretzels and a strawberry or marshmallow. Have children insert the pretzel sticks into the strawberry or marshmallow to make a pretzel cross. Ask, **Who is Jesus? He is the Son of God and our Savior!**



#### Rock Decorating

Jesus named Simon Peter “Cephas,” which means “rock.” Peter’s declaration was the rock that Jesus would build His Church on, but it was hidden to other people. Have children use permanent markers to decorate rocks and write the name of your church or a Bible verse on each one. Hide the rocks (but not too well), maybe on the church grounds or a public park, for others to find.

