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Title: Safe in Jesus

Theme: We are safe from the devil when we are “in Christ.”

Object: Wooden pencil; stainless steel tube labeled “Jesus” into which the pencil can fit.

Text: 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Did you hear that? The Bible says you have a great enemy, the devil.

And he’s prowling around like a hungry lion looking for someone to eat.

Now the devil doesn’t look like a lion, and he really doesn’t eat people.

What Peter is saying here is that the devil goes around trying to destroy people by keeping them away from Jesus.

The devil knows that if people love Jesus and trust in Him to forgive their sins, they’ll end up in the kingdom of God with their Friend Jesus.

But the devil is going to end up in the lake of fire, and he wants us to end up there with him.

That doesn’t sound good, does it: the kingdom of God or the lake of fire…duhhhh…I’m taking the kingdom of God, how about you?

But the devil is always prowling around trying to get us to turn our back on Jesus.

This morning I’d like to pretend that you are like this pencil.

If a lion came along, do you think he could break this pencil in his jaws?

If you were this pencil and a lion chomped it with his teeth, you’d be a goner.

But you know what? Listen! God has made a way for us to escape the jaws of the lion.

He’s given us His own dear son … Jesus.

So this morning, I’d like to pretend that this piece of stainless steel pipe is like Jesus.

So here we have the pencil (that’s like you and me), and here we have the pipe (that’s like Jesus).

And the devil is like the roaring lion coming to take a bite out of the pencil.

How can we escape the jaws of the lion? Where can we go for protection?

Ahhh! The pencil fits in the pipe!

When the lion comes along to break you and me, he’ll break his teeth on Jesus instead.

Listen kids! When you accept Jesus as your Savior, it’s like putting the pencil in the pipe.

When you make Jesus your Savior, the Bible says “Your life is hid with Christ in God.” (Col 3:3)

It’s just like we hid the pencil in the pipe.

Satan can never destroy us as long as we stay in Jesus.

And we stay in Jesus by making Him our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend.

Is Jesus your Friend? Are you talking to Him every day? Are you singing songs about Jesus?

Would you like to have Jesus protect you from the devil? Let’s ask Him right now!