

*Biblical Drama based on 2 Peter 1:1-21**Character Parts: Narrator 1-3, Pastor, Woman, Man, Girl, Boy*

Narrator 1: People in the early church lived in a time before newspapers, before radio and television — even before the internet! So when there was important news to share, they wrote letters.

Narrator 2: Many of these letters written by the followers of Jesus can be found in the New Testament. Let's listen in as one of those early congregations hears it for the very first time.

Pastor: People of the church, gather around. I need to read a letter from the apostle Peter.

Woman: Where is he?

Pastor: I'm not sure. The last I heard, he was on his way to Rome. But wherever he is, he is still preaching and teaching about Jesus!

Man: Go on. Read the letter!

Pastor: Peter starts by greeting all of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Then he says, "God's power has given us all things we need for life and godliness —"

Girl: Um, what does that mean?

Pastor: He wants us to know that God will help us with everything we're called to do.

Boy: Even with being nice to sisters, or cleaning our rooms?

Pastor: Yes! God's grace will help us live good lives. That includes obeying household rules and caring for one another! Peter says we should live with virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance and godliness. He also says we should show one another brotherly kindness and love.

Man: Wow! That's a long list! I hope I can remember everything.

Pastor: That's why Peter says he is writing. He says he wants to remind us of these things in a

letter so we'll be able to remember them later, after he's gone.

Woman: Gone? Oh, dear! I don't want to think that Peter may die! What would we do without his guidance?

Pastor: Our future is in God's hands, and there's no safer place for it to be! No matter what the future brings, we'll face it with faith — just as Peter taught us to do.

Man: Does Peter say anything more?

Pastor: He wants us to remember that our faith is not based on silly myths and made-up stories. Peter reminds us that he and the other apostles were eyewitnesses to great things that Jesus did.

Girl: They saw it all, firsthand?

Pastor: Yes, indeed. And everything they saw is backed up by what is written in the Bible! Peter says that we should pay attention to God's Word "as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

Girl: God's Word? But I thought people wrote the Bible.

Pastor: People did put things down on paper, but God was the source of the message. God used people as his instruments to write the Bible — but all of Holy Scripture comes from God.

Boy: I have an idea! Let's read the letters from the apostles in church each week, along with the other Bible readings. That way, we will get to hear both the Old and the New! What do you say to that?

Everyone: Amen!

Narrator 3: We still do this today. When we come together as the Church, read and study the Scriptures together to learn from God's Word!