

PARENT GUIDE - June 27

Elementary Bible Story: Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Preschool Bible Story: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Materials Needed: Something that can be used as a blindfold



LET'S PLAY

Use this time to gather together those in the family who want to participate and get everyone relaxed and talking. THE GOAL is to simply connect and have fun as a family!

- Blindfold one family member. You can use a bandana, scarf, eye mask, tie, or whatever you have on hand.
- After that person is blindfolded, set up a safe and age-appropriate obstacle course in your home.
- Guide the blindfolded family member as they *slowly* walk through the obstacle course.
- After the blindfolded family member has successfully made it through the trust walk, allow another family to put on the blindfold and be guided through the obstacle course.

LET'S WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on our website or on our YouTube channel. Then, print the Coloring Pages and download the Activities to complete as you discuss the message as a family.

PARENT TIP: As you discuss the message, keep your kids engaged by coloring, playing Legos, playing basketball, etc., as you have a conversation.

Preschool Discussion:

- If you're scared, should you hide and cry or stop and pray? (*Stop and pray*) Yes! You can trust that Jesus will hear you and help you.
- Does Jesus want us to feel all alone or trust that He is with us? (*Trust that He is with us*)

Elementary Discussion:

- What were Peter and the disciples scared of when they were in the boat? (*The stormy winds, crashing waves, they thought Jesus was a ghost*)
- What can you do to show Jesus that you trust him? (*Pray and talk to Him when you're worried, thank Him for all that He has done, sing worship songs to Him, choose not to be afraid because you know He is in control*)

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LET'S READ

Together, look up the series verse in a Bible or using a Bible App.

PARENT TIP: Take this time to teach your child how to look up a book, chapter, and verse in the Bible. Show them the table of contents to help learn the order of the books in the Bible.

SAY: Let's look up and learn this verse together!

Preschool: Mark 1:17a

Jesus said, "Come follow me."

Elementary: Mark 1:17 (NirV)

"Come and follow me," Jesus said. "I will send you out to fish for people."

As a family, have everyone sit in a circle and put their "fins" (feet) in the center. Going around the circle, tap each person's "fin" each time they say the next word in the memory verse (end the verse with "Mark 1:17"). Whoever's "fin" is tapped on "17" is out. Continue playing until only one "fin" remains.

SAY: Jesus wants us to trust that He is always with us and He will always take care of us, even when we can't see what He has planned!

LET'S PRAY

As a family, take time to share what you would like prayer for. Talk about what or who you are each thankful for and thank God for them. THE GOAL is for your family to freely share in struggles and thankfulness. Then, together, you can humbly take it all to God in prayer.

PARENT TIP: Keep it short and sweet for your preschoolers. If your child is not ready to share or pray, take this time to model prayer to them.

Preschool Prayer:

Jesus, we're so thankful we can trust You! Remind us of how much You love and care about us, especially when we're worried or scared. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Elementary Prayer:

At this age, encourage your child to tell God whatever is on their heart. Encourage them to speak to God in all circumstances and know that God will always love and listen to them.