



Unit Theme: Faith Over Fear

PETER GETS OUT OF THE BOAT

SEPTEMBER 13TH

WORSHIP

Join the Elementary in the Clubhouse for a time of Worship!

Song # 1: No Fear in Love!

Song #2: Walk on Water

Song #3: Grateful!

Song # 1: Nothing is Impossible!

Song #2: Wave Walker

Song #3: The Stand

AGREEMENTS

Make a verbal agreement together to follow the following guidelines:

#1 - I can LISTEN

#2 - I can LEARN

#3 I can STAY SAFE

#4 I can SHOW RESPECT

#5 I can PARTICIPATE

DECLARATIONS

Take time to declare out loud the following Biblical Truths together as a class:

#1 - Nothing is Impossible with God!

#2 - We Walk by Faith and not by Sight!

#3 - Faith Helps us Overcome Fear!

#4 - By Grace, I am saved through Faith!

MISSIONS FOCUS

-Location: Colombia ((Find Location on globe))

-LifePointe Missionaries: The Castillo Family
(Show photo of Missionary)

-Offering: (Explain why we give to God our tithes & Missions Offerings)

-Pray: (Ask a child to help you pray over the nation, missionaries, and bless the offering!)



BIBLE VERSE

Today's Verse:

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1

Show your kids how to find the verse together in the bible. Demonstrate as you search for the Book, Chapter, then Verse. Then, pick a portion of the verse to memorize. Say that part of the verse together and make up motions to go with each key word! Lastly, take time to discuss what Truths they can take away from the verse.

TRUTH

Today's Truth: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight!*

(Say it to the kids & have them repeat after you. Come up with original motions or use ASL & Repeat this Truth all morning long!)

BIBLE STORY

Today's Bible Story: Queen Esther Helps Save God's People! (Utilize Bible Story Pictures as you Read)

It had been a very long day. Jesus and his disciples had been out teaching about God and performing miracles. Many people followed them and Jesus spent the rest of the day teaching and feeding five thousand people. When the day was over and the crowds were leaving, Jesus told the disciples to go find their boat and go back to the other side of the lake. When everyone left, Jesus went up to the mountainside by himself to pray. You see, Jesus needs to pray and have alone-time with God, just like us. When Jesus had finished praying, it was very early in the morning. He came to the shore where the disciples had left sometime earlier. He could see the boat but it was quite far away, the wind had taken them faster across the lake than usual. To get to the other side of the lake, Jesus decided to walk on the water towards their boat in order that He could teach the disciples an important lesson on overcome fear with faith!

Jesus walked and walked and finally was close enough to the disciples that He could see each of them on the boat. All of a sudden one of the disciples said, "What is that!" He pointed out into the water and all the disciples turned around to see what was out there. "I think it's a ghost, what else could it be!" A few of the disciples said terrified. Jesus could see and hear the confusion, he shook His head and called out, "It's alright. I am here, do not be afraid." The disciples looked at each other and felt silly they had thought that their Teacher was a ghost. Then Peter replied, "Lord if it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come." Jesus said with His hand reaching out to him. The disciples watched as Peter carefully got out of the boat and began to walk on water towards Jesus. Peter watched Jesus at first, but then started noticing the wind and the small waves on the water and looked around with worry. As soon as Peter started to be scared he started to sink, and he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him before he was totally covered with water.

"You have such little trust for me Peter," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" Peter walked to the boat with Jesus by His side and wondered to himself why he got so afraid. He knew that Jesus could do anything, it seemed that as soon as he took his eyes off Jesus he started to think about other things and that is when he began to sink. As soon as Jesus got into the boat the wind stopped and the water was calm. Then everyone in the boat worshipped Jesus saying, "Truly you are God's Son!"

Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, we walk by faith and not by sight! We can have confidence in Jesus and put our hope in him no matter how the situation looks.

DISCUSSION TIME

Allow the kids time to ask Discussion questions and reiterate Today's Truth from the Bible Lesson!

REAL LIFE APPLICATION

Share a personal story or testimony of a time when God gave you faith to overcome your fears! Explain what you saw from YOUR perspective and what God showed you from HIS perspective.

PRAYER & MINISTRY TIME

- Prayer for healings (Practice using their authority in Christ to proclaim healing in Jesus' name!)
- Prayers of Encouragement (Practicing sharing God's loving thoughts to one another!)
- Prayer Requests (Give everyone opportunities to share)
- Pray together (Encourage a child to help you pray aloud)

TESTIMONIES / PRAISE REPORTS

Allow the kids time to testify to what God has done! Once they have shared what God did for them, have the rest of the family say together, "DO IT AGAIN GOD, DO IT AGAIN!" Then, ask that child to tell you who God revealed himself to be in that testimony. Give them suggestions, (ie. God is my Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) Then, ask the rest of the family if they want to experience God in that way too! Then, have that child release that testimony over the rest of the family and pray you all could experience God as our (Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) as well!

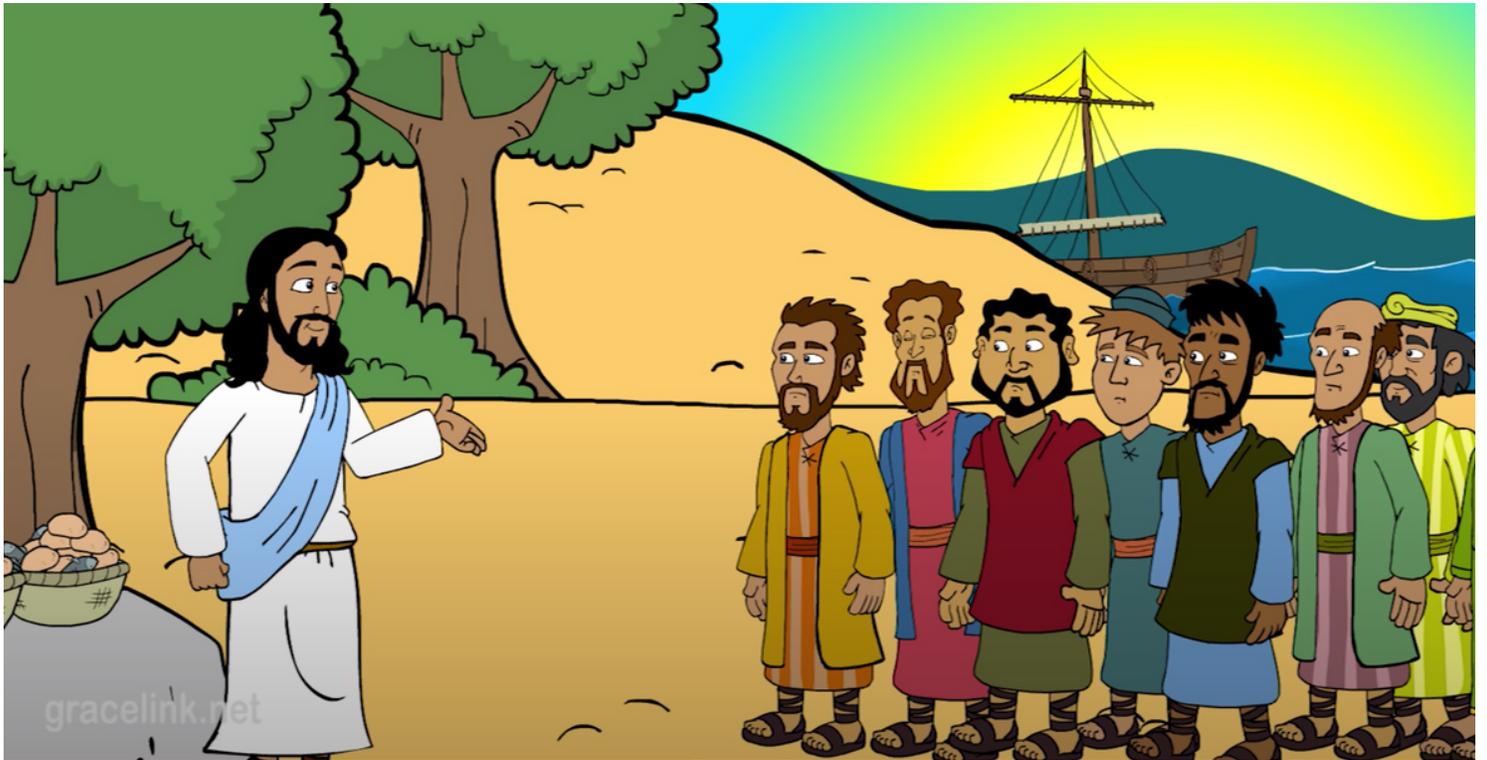
ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Option #1: LISTENING TO GOD ACTIVITY PAGE and/or COLORING PAGE!

Option #2: BIBLE STORY VIDEO! Watch together and discuss! -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVvy9HGr3Qig>

Option #3: FELT BOARD BIBLE STORY! Read the Bible Story & Use the felt board to show visuals!

Option #4: ACT IT OUT! Assign each person a role from today's story and act it out together. Get creative with props!



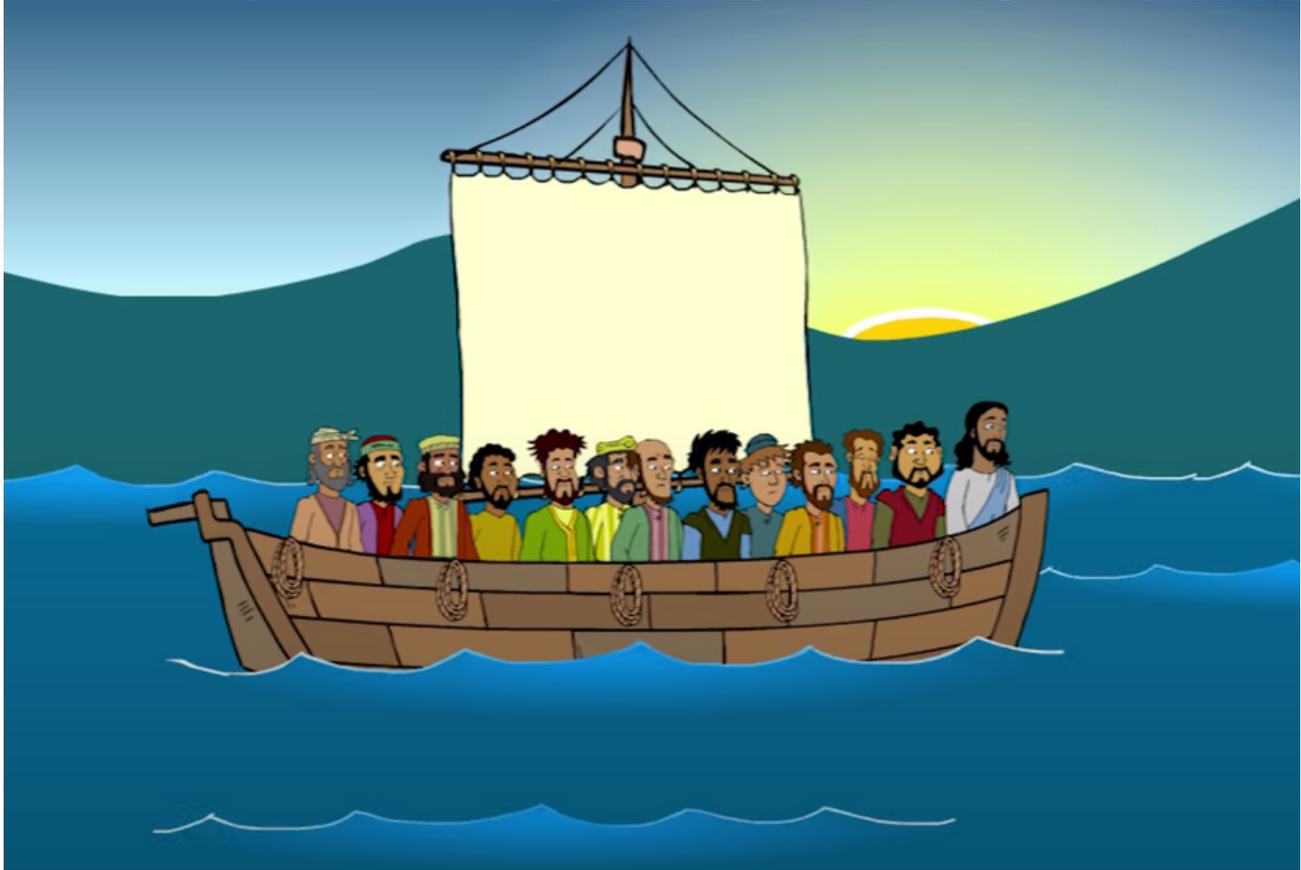
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Discussion Questions!

- Why didn't Jesus get on the boat with the disciples?
- When Jesus finished praying, where were the disciples?
- What was the weather like?
- What did Jesus do?
- What did the disciples think they saw at first?
- What did Jesus say?
- How did Peter respond?
- Did Peter walk on water at first?
- Once Peter took his eyes off Jesus what happened?
- What did Jesus say once Peter started sinking into the water?
- What can we learn from Peter's experience?

Take time to pray together and thank God for the gift of Faith! Take time to talk about what fears that each of the kids deal with when stepping out of their comfort zone for Jesus (ie. Fears what other people will think, fears of praying and not seeing someone healed, fear of failing, etc?) Then, pray that God would give them faith to overcome those fears with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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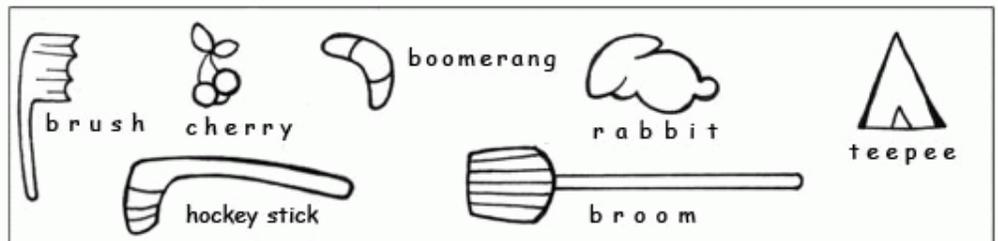
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Follow Up: Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, we walk by faith and not by sight! We can have confidence in Jesus and put our hope in him no matter how the situation looks.

Close your eyes, ask God & Listen: #1 - God, will you bring to mind any fears that have been keeping me from stepping out of my comfort zone with faith? #2 God, will you give me faith to overcome those fears and believe you for a miracle!

Ask this child, "What did God show/tell you!" Then, write down their response below.

Find & Circle the Hidden Objects in the Picture!



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