

Obeying Jesus: Walking on Water

Lesson Theme: We must always keep our eyes on Jesus.



Materials:

- Eyes on Jesus craft page (make 2-sided copies)
 - Sunglasses or paper glasses (these may be found at the dollar store)
 - Smiley-face stickers
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Bible Character: Peter



Bible Verse

"Jesus said, 'Come.' And Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus."
Matthew 14:29 ICB



Bible Story

My First Study Bible, pp. 328–33, "Jesus Walks on the Water"

Story Application:

- When Peter was looking at Jesus, he could walk on the water. When he stopped looking at Jesus and looked at the waves, he got scared and sank.
 - We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and follow Him. When we do, we will be able to do all God wants us to do. When we start looking at other people, we will start to "sink," too.
 - How do we keep our eyes on Jesus? When we come to church, read the Bible, pray, sing songs to God, worship, and talk to Christian friends and family, we are focusing our eyes on Jesus. Another way to focus on Jesus is to obey His teachings. For example, Jesus taught us to be kind to one another. When we obey Jesus and are kind, we are showing God how much we love Him, and we don't sink by being "mean."
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Craft

Today we are going to complete an "eyes on Jesus" activity. On one side, we are going to draw pictures of ways we can keep our eyes on Jesus. (go to church, read the Bible, pray, spend time with friends) On the other side, we are going to draw pictures of things that take our eyes off Jesus. (TV, shopping, fighting)

When they are finished, have the children put on their new glasses and focus on the side of the paper that will help them look toward Jesus. Give each child a smiley-face sticker to put on the Jesus side of his or her paper.



Closing Prayer

Dear God, please keep my eyes focused on You!

Things that keep my eyes on Jesus.

Things that take my eyes off Jesus.



Parent Page

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Dear Parent,

Today your child heard the story of Peter walking on the water to Jesus.

We learned that when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can do more for God's kingdom.

This week try these fun activities with your child:

1

Help your child realize when she is "keeping her eyes on Jesus" by helping others, obeying her parents, and reading the Bible.

2

As a family, talk about what you think Jesus would do in the situations you face daily.



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Learn Today's Verse:

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