

## City LG—May 22nd-24th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Whatcha Say (Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah) • *Matthew 16:13-20*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Practice talking about God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises to help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

### **Pre-Service Activity: Duck Race Video (VIDEO on Computer)**

### **Supplies Needed: Blue, Yellow, Pink Sticky Notes**

**Give each kid a sticky note (be sure not to use the same color for all kids). That is the Duck they will cheer for. Encourage the Kids to Cheer on their Duck throughout the video.**

**NOTE: Begin this Activity 5 minutes before your Start Time.**

WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Superhero Cards and Large Posters

**CG:** Superhero Images FRONT and BACK

Hey Parkview Kids! All this Month, we are celebrating some of our Missions Partners here at Parkview that show their commitment and love for Jesus by sharing the Good News of Jesus all over the world. Let's meet our Superheroes we'll feature today!

(Read the Cards BACK and let the Kids know that they will be getting their Superhero Cards today)

At the end of our talk today, we'll also have a Superhero Race! Stay tuned! Let's get started!

**SLIDE: "Pick That Emoji!"**

"Hello, everyone, and welcome to the game show . . . Pick That Emoji! That's right! I thought it would be fun for us to play a game show as we check out today's Bible story. (*Hold up Bible.*) It's called 'Pick That Emoji!' because we'll answer a series of questions using emojis!

"Let's start today's show with an easy question: How are you feeling today?"

**SLIDE: Question 1**

"Are you feeling:

- a) happy (smiling emoji),
- b) joyful (laughing emoji),
- c) silly (tongue-out face emoji), or
- d) like a puppy (dog emoji)?

"You can answer by acting out whichever emoji you want. Go ahead and show me how you're feeling today. (*Pause for response.*) Okay, cool! The correct answer for that one is . . . any of them! You can feel any of those emotions—and I think I even saw a puppy out there!

**SLIDE: "Pick That Emoji!"**

“Let’s jump into today’s story, shall we? This was a conversation Jesus had with His friends, the disciples, after they had traveled from Galilee to a city called Caesarea Philippi.”

“Jesus asked His friends this question.

*Open the Bible to Matthew 16:13 (NirV) and read.*

“*Who do people say the Son of Man is?*”

“Now, Jesus’ friends knew that when He said ‘the Son of Man,’ He was really talking about Himself. So it was like He said, ‘Who do people say I am?’ What do you think the disciples said in return?”

**SLIDE: Question 2**

“Did they say:

- a) a prophet (judge emoji),
- b) John the Baptist (swimmer emoji),
- c) Elijah (old man emoji), or
- d) Jeremiah (old man emoji)?

“Show me which emoji you think is the right answer. Go ahead and act it out. *(Pause.)* Okay, cool! Very creative!

“Let’s look in the Bible and see how the disciples answered Jesus. Remember, Jesus had just asked them who people said He is.

*Open the Bible to Matthew 16:14 (NirV) and read.*

“*They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist. Others say Elijah. Still others say Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.’*”

“The answer is . . . all of them!

“I know this can be a little tough for us to understand. I mean, why would the people say that Jesus was someone other than Himself? Well, if you think about it, they had seen Jesus do amazing miracles. They had heard Him talk confidently about God. The only other people who had done that before had been people like John the Baptist, Elijah, and other prophets of God. So the people were basically saying that Jesus was LIKE those other prophets. They could see that He was VERY special.”

**SLIDE: “Pick That Emoji!”**

“Jesus then asked His friends another question.

*Open the Bible to Matthew 16:15 (NirV) and read.*

“*‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’*”

“Peter spoke up. What do you think He said?”

**SLIDE: Question 3**

“Did Peter say that Jesus was:

- a) a prophet (judge emoji),
- b) a teacher (apple emoji),

- c) a regular guy (man emoji), or
- d) the Son of God (cross emoji)?

“All right—see if you can act-out the emoji you think is the right answer. *(Pause.)* All right, cool!

*Open the Bible to Matthew 16:16 (NirV) and read.*

*“Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah. You are the Son of the living God.’*

*“If you made a cross emoji, then you’re right! Peter spoke up and told Jesus what he believed: that Jesus was the Savior, the Son of God.”*

**SLIDE: “Pick That Emoji!”**

“Jesus was very happy with Peter for telling the truth so boldly. He then blessed Peter in an interesting way. He gave Peter a nickname!

“Can you guess what that nickname might have been?

**SLIDE: Question 4**

“Was it:

- a) The Rock (rock emoji),
- b) The Sparrow (bird emoji),
- c) The Cobra (snake emoji), or
- d) The Thunderbolt (lightning bolt emoji)?

“Act-out the emoji you think is correct. Ready, go! *(Pause.)* Okay—let’s find out what Jesus said to Peter.

*Open the Bible to Matthew 16:17-18 (NirV) and read.*

*“No mere human showed this to you. My Father in heaven showed it to you. Here is what I tell you. You are Peter. On this rock I will build my church.*

“If you guessed ‘rock,’ you’re correct! Jesus told Peter that he would be the rock, or the strong foundation, on which God would build His church.

“Thanks, everyone, for playing ‘Pick That Emoji!’ Give yourselves a big hand! Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)**

“Peter had the courage to speak up about what he believed. He declared what’s true about Jesus—that Jesus really is the Son of God. And just like Jesus said, Peter went on to be an important leader of the church. He boldly told other people that Jesus is the Savior God had promised.

“There’s a lot that we can learn from this conversation between Jesus and His friends. We can talk about what we believe, just like they did. In fact, that’s an important part of our training plan.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Practice talking about God.**

“We can talk with our friends and family about what it means to follow God. We can ask questions when there’s something we don’t understand. As we do, we’ll get to know God better and better. We’ll grow stronger in our relationship with Him.

“Let’s ask God to help us TALK more about Him.”

**PRAY:** “God, it’s so cool to hear about the conversation Jesus and His friends had that day. We know that when we talk about You, it can help us grow stronger in our relationship with You. Help us be brave like Peter. Please give us the courage to talk about You and ask questions about You so we can know You better. Help us talk about You with other people so they can know how much You love them, too. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“You know what I think is one of the greatest gifts God has ever given us? I’ll give you a hint. Look around the room. Look at all these friends you have here at church. Look at your small group!

“God has given us the gift of other people—people who love Him and want to talk about Him. And there are also people in our lives who DON’T yet know how much God loves them. God has given us the chance to talk about what we believe, so we can encourage each other and help each other grow closer to God every day.

“Remember, Jesus asked questions to help His friends understand Who He really is. And Peter had the courage to share what He really believed: that Jesus is the Son of God.

“Whether we’re at church, at home, or hanging out with our friends, we can do this.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Practice talking about God.**

“That’s why we have small groups here in Parkview Kids. It’s a chance for us to talk with each other about God and about all that He is doing in our lives. When we decide to talk and ask questions about God, we can learn more about Him together. We can talk about what it means to live His way . . . and we can help each other in any situation.

“Before we head to Small Groups, let’s cheer on our Superheroes in Another Race! If you brought an Offering, you can bring it up at any time. Here we go!”

**It’s time for Week 4 of our Superhero Races. This week’s race pits Tom from England vs. Lauren from The Middle East! Who do you think will win? Let’s find out!**

**CG: Superhero Race 4**

**NOTE: Be sure to hand out this week’s trading cards to your kids at a time that seems appropriate to you.**

**CG: Summer Palooza SLIDE**

**One FINAL Announcement Parkview Kids! Coming up real soon is an exciting event we’re pumped to bring back....Summerpalooza! There will be games, prizes, competitions, and more! Be sure to invite your friends. June 2nd weekend!**

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*