

City LG—July 10th-12th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: One Step at a Time (Peter Walks on Water) • *Matthew 14:22-33*

Today's Bottom Line: Stay focused on Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

Ice-Breaker Video: Marble Race 3

NOTE: Videos will play where 4 Marbles will race down a track until a winner is declared. Play the video to begin your Time together and to get the kids energized and excited before worship..

Keep the energy high by encouraging kids to cheer on their Marble of Choice

WORSHIP: We are Royals and Look to You

"Hey everyone! We've got a super-fun game to kick things off today. For this one, I need all of our leaders to join me on the stage. *(to leaders)* Leaders, I hope you're feeling extra-confident. *(to audience)* Everyone else, your job is to cheer and clap for your leader, okay?"

Leaders come on stage. Space them out, facing the audience, so they have room to move.

"This game is a lot like the game Bop It!® *(to leaders)* There are three motions we'll do: clapping *(demonstrate)*, stomping *(demonstrate)*, and snapping *(demonstrate)*."

"I'll do a series of those three motions. Then I'll point to you all and say, 'Ready, GO!' You'll try to repeat those motions in exact order. If you get all the moves right, you're still in. If you mess up, you're out, and you stand over here on the side. *(Point to an area on the side of the room.)* The leader who lasts the longest is the winner! Ready? *(to audience)* Are you all ready to cheer for your leaders? *(Pause for response.)* Here we go!"

Do various combinations of the three motions, using the list below. Do the moves slowly and deliberately to give the leaders the best chance of success.

After each round, give the kids a chance to cheer for all the leaders.

Combinations:

- 1. Clap, Stomp, Snap*
- 2. Stomp, Stomp, Snap, Clap*
- 3. Clap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp*
- 4. Snap, Stomp, Snap, Stomp, Clap*
- 5. Snap, Clap, Stomp, Stomp, Snap*

6. *Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp, Clap, Clap*
7. *Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Clap, Snap*
8. *Clap, Clap, Snap, Snap, Stomp, Stomp, Snap*
9. *Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp*
10. *Clap, Stomp, Snap, Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Snap*

Go through as many combinations as you need to until you have a winner (or winners). If the game goes really quickly the first time, play a second round, picking up where you left off on the list. Have everyone applaud then send the leaders back to their seats.

(to audience) “Now let’s see all of YOU try. Jump on your feet. Can you repeat after me?”

Do the last combination that you got to on the list. Give the kids a chance to try it.

“Wow—you’re really good at that! That was a fun game. Let’s keep the fun going with our Bible Story Video! Let’s watch!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“The disciples worshipped Jesus, saying, ‘*You really are the Son of God!*’” (Matthew 14:33, NIV)

“Jesus and His friends landed on the shore at Gennesaret—after a night they would never forget! Peter was able to do something that seemed impossible—all because he kept his focus on Jesus. When he kept his eyes on Jesus, he could stay above the water. But when he took his focus off of Jesus, he began to fall.

“We need to keep our focus on Jesus, too. We need to remember that He’s with us through anything we might face in life. That will help us stay strong in any situation.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Stay focused on Jesus.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and our Friend. We can see how Peter was able to do something amazing when he kept his focus on Jesus. Please help us do that, too. Help us stay focused on Jesus and remember that He’s with us through everything that happens in our lives. Thank You for the truth that **we can trust You no matter what**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Wow! Can you imagine what that must have been like for Peter? Walking on water? And he was able to do it because he kept his eyes on Jesus.

“That’s what we need to do, too. We need to . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Stay focused on Jesus.

“Peter must have been super-focused on Jesus to be able to step out of the boat. But then he got distracted and put his focus on the blowing wind . . . and that’s when he started to sink.

“Isn’t that kind of what happens to us? When something happens that makes us feel nervous or afraid, we focus on what’s going wrong. We get worried about what might happen next. In those moments, we can choose to put our focus back where it belongs. We can choose to focus on Jesus and remember that He’s right there with us, through it all.

“After all, Jesus is the Son of God! He is strong, and He is steady. When things happen to us that FEEL like big, scary storms, we need to remember to focus on Jesus. We need to put our trust in Him and remember that He’ll never leave us alone.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri
New Lenox: Daniel
Homer Glen: Victor

Dismiss kids to their small groups.