

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE FOR US

Peter learned a great lesson in the story today, and so can we. When Peter put his faith in Jesus, he did the impossible! He walked on water! Jesus called Peter out of the boat, onto the water, and into the storm. But as soon as Peter looked at the storm and waves around him, he started to sink! When we face troubles, it's easy to focus on the problem instead of praying for Jesus to help us through that problem. Today's story teaches us that Jesus loves us and will always be there to rescue us!



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 14:22-32; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:16-24 in the NIV Bible.
Pages 318-323 in the Read With Me Bible.

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Drawing Board - Week 5



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: Staring Contest

Materials: None

Have a staring contest with your family members. Choose two people to be the first contestants. When you say "go," they must stare at each other until one person looks away or giggles. After they have been staring for a few seconds, start to do things to distract them--make noises, drop something, make a funny face or noise, etc. You could repeat the activity with other pairs.

Wrap it up: A staring contest is hard enough without a lot of distractions, isn't it? What was distracting during our contest today?

A distraction is something that takes our attention away from something that we should be paying attention to. For example, a TV program you really like might distract you from finishing your homework.

Hebrews 12:2 says that we should keep looking to Jesus. What are some things in our lives that could distract us from loving and obeying Jesus?

In our story today, when Peter kept his focus on Jesus, he did something impossible! He walked on water! But the moment he took his eyes off Jesus, he sank!

Let's take some time to pray that God will help us recognize the distractions in our lives and that we can keep our eyes on Jesus and remember that he is always there for us!



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FOR ALL KIDS: Peter's Faith

Materials: ½ Cup of Corn starch, shallow bowl, 4 Tablespoons of water

Preparation: Mix corn starch and water. It will be very thick.

Have you ever been to the beach and walked along the edge of the water? As you are walking, you stay on top of the sand. But when you stop, and the waves come crashing around your feet, what happens? Your feet start to sink into the sand!

In our story today, when Peter kept walking toward Jesus, he could do the impossible! He walked on top of the water! But the minute he stopped and looked around at the waves, he started to sink. Jesus was right there the whole time, when Peter was walking AND when he was stopped. Jesus reached out his hand and pulled Peter to safety. Jesus is always there for us, too!

Let's do an experiment to help us remember today's story.

Tell your family members to use their fingers and "walk" across the corn starch. The corn starch will remain hard, and your fingers will stay on top of the corn starch. When you stop, though, your fingers will start to sink! Give each person a chance to test it out!



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