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Big Point: Incredible Faith Defeats Fear!

God's Word: Jesus calls Peter to Walk on Water (Matthew 14: 22-33)

Memory Verse: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Life Question: How to defeat what I am fearful of?

Kids spot

INTRO

Welcome children and start by asking if they remembered what they learnt on Sunday about faith.

GAME

Start with sharing about the different fears and have kids talk about the things they are fearful about.

Adults can share one of your fears when you were a child too. When I was younger, I used to be afraid of _____. Also share how you overcame that fear.

If you search the Bible, the word "Fear" is mentioned 326 times. Over and over again, God says, "Do not be afraid." How is it possible to not be afraid? Let's take a look at one story in the Bible.

LESSON

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAM1jyzqSH0>

REPEAT: Trust Jesus!

Read Matthew 14: 22-33 together with sound effects for participation.

Tell the kids you need their help telling the story. I want you to act out what I am reading. If I say that the winds are blowing, make sounds like the wind. (As you read the story, make sure you are prompting the kids with the sound effects and actions).

<p>²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.</p>	
<p>²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.</p>	<p>Make sound effect for wind</p>
<p>²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.</p>	<p>Make exaggerated shouts of "It's a ghost! It's a ghost!"</p>
<p>²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."</p> <p>²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."</p> <p>²⁹ "Come," he said.</p>	
<p>Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"</p>	<p>Make sound effect for wind again and frantic waving of arms as if sinking</p>

<p>³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”</p>	
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What can we learn from the story of Peter walking on water?

Fear enters when we take our eyes off Jesus. When Peter got out of the boat, he was walking on water as commanded by Jesus. But as soon as he saw the wind and took his eyes off Jesus, fear entered his heart and he started to sink.

In verse 31, it says that “Immediately, Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.”

Jesus loves us more than we can imagine. He wants us to feel safe and secure. Jesus calms our fears because of his love. Whenever we’re afraid, we can ask Jesus to be with us, to comfort us, and to calm us. Jesus will be with us just as he was with the disciples when they were scared. All we have to do is to keep our eyes on Jesus and remember that he is bigger than all our fears.

How to defeat what I am fearful of?

- Keep our eyes on Jesus. He is bigger than our fears

Craft

Fold a boat origami and write the memory verse on it.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Video instructions - <https://mycrafts.com/diy/how-to-make-a-paper-boat-origami-tutorial-5/>



Activity for 6 years and below

Colouring

<https://cdn.ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/jesus-walks-on-water-coloring.pdf>