

Q5

LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Walks On Water

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Invite 4 kids up to the front. Put a blindfold on two of the kids. Then, have the other two kids lead the blindfolded kids around the room. Once they make it back the front safely, ask the blindfolded kids how they felt walking around the room without being able to see. Ask how it felt to the kids who could see. Have the kids sit down. Briefly explain why it wasn't scary to the kids who could see but it took courage for the blindfolded kids to trust their partner to lead them safely since they couldn't see where they were going.

Before we jump into our lesson I have a question for you guys! When you're scared or worried, what do you usually do in those situations? (allow kids to answer). Yeah, maybe your stomach feels sick and you want to hide in your closet or you hope your parents will say that you don't have to do it. It takes courage to face the things we fear. (If you used the leader tip, remind the kids that the blindfolded kids had to have courage to trust the kid who led them around the room.)

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn how to be brave no matter what from a pretty crazy story that includes Jesus and his disciples!

But, before we get into the story, let's stand and sing.

Song

Jesus Freak

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can be brave no matter what. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who came walking toward the disciples on the water? (Jesus)
- Why did Peter start to sink? (he took his eyes off Jesus)
- True or False: With Jesus, we can be brave no matter what! (T)

Jesus is always there for us to help us to be brave, but we have to keep our eyes on him. In the story, Peter was doing great when he trusted Jesus. He stepped out of the boat and walked on the water! How cool is that?! But, once Peter looked down and realized that he was in a storm with waves all around him, he started to sink. He let his fear and worry take his attention away from his trust in Jesus.

This can be true of us, too. When we're faced with scary things, we can let our fears overtake us, too. We can let things like our big class presentation, or moving to a new neighborhood, take our eyes off of Jesus! But just like Jesus was there to pull Peter out of the water, he's there to pull us out of our scary situations too.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Don't be afraid," he said. (shake finger "no") "Take courage. (stand triumphantly with hands on hips) I am here! (point up)" Matthew 14:27 (Repeat)

This verse tells us exactly what we need to remember when we're afraid or worried. Jesus says, "Don't be afraid!" You know why? Because Jesus is right there with us! Isn't that cool? No matter what you face in life, Jesus is right there ready to help. Here's what you need to do. Stop worrying, remember who Jesus is, and that he has the power to do anything and then pray and ask him for help. It's that easy!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Everywhere I Go

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can be brave no matter what. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.