

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 14:22-33

SESSION SUMMARY

Once again, the disciples were caught in the wind and waves on the sea. Jesus had sent them ahead of Him after feeding the five thousand, and all night they battled the storm while Jesus was alone on the mountain, praying. But He hadn't forgotten His disciples, and He showed up in the most unexpected way: He walked on the water to meet them in the middle of the stormy sea. And He invited Peter to join Him by stepping out in faith to walk on the water too. Through this passage, we see that because of Jesus's authority, we can take bold steps of faith. Here are the key takeaways:

- Jesus moves first (Matt. 14:22-26).
- Jesus calls us to walk boldly (Matt. 14:27-33).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has our family been afraid and felt like Jesus was distant? What happened when we recognized His presence in our lives, even in that tough time?
- Peter only sank when he shifted his focus from Jesus to the wind. How can we keep our eyes on Jesus, no matter what's going on in our lives and around us?
- Why does trusting Jesus matter so much in difficult situations? Where does our family need to reaffirm our trust in Him now?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Jesus invited Peter to step out in faith. Consider where God might be inviting your family to step out in faith—as a whole and for individual members of your family. Spend some time praying together for God's wisdom and direction, and the boldness to step out in faith wherever He calls you.