



Week 3 & 4



Day 1: Trusting Jesus Even When We Are Afraid

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-27

Devotional:

The disciples were in a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee when a strong wind began to blow. The waves crashed against the boat, and the disciples struggled through the storm. Then, in the middle of the night, they saw something that frightened them even more, a person walking on the water! They thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus then spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Jesus knew they were scared, and He came to them in the middle of their storm. Sometimes we face storms too. We may feel afraid about school, friendships, family situations, or things we do not understand. When we are afraid, it can feel like we are all alone. But just as Jesus came to the disciples, He is with us when we are scared. Trusting Jesus does not mean we never feel fear. It means we remember that Jesus is bigger than whatever is making us afraid.

Discussion:

1. What are some things that make you afraid?
2. How does trusting in Jesus make us less afraid?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being with me when I am afraid. Help me remember that You are bigger than any fear. Amen!

Welcome to our Dive In devo for weeks 3 & 4! Over the next several weeks, we are taking a look at the life of Peter, and what it means to follow Jesus everyday. These weeks, we are learning to Trust Jesus through the story of Peter walking on water. Let's *Dive In*, we hope you will learn so much!

Day 2: Trusting Jesus Enough to Step Out

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:28-29

Devotional:

When Peter realized it was Jesus, he said, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus answered with one simple word: "Come." Peter had a choice. He could stay safely in the boat, or he could trust Jesus and step out onto the water. Peter chose to trust Jesus. Can you imagine what that must have felt like? Water is not something people normally walk on! Yet Peter stepped out because he believed Jesus would help him.

Following Jesus often requires trust. Sometimes He asks us to do things that feel difficult or uncomfortable. He may ask us to be kind to someone who is lonely, stand up for what is right, or try something new that feels scary. Peter experienced something amazing because he trusted Jesus enough to take that first step. When Jesus calls us to follow Him, we can trust that He will help us every step of the way. Be sure to listen for His voice and His call this week!

Discussion:

1. Do you think Peter trusted Jesus when he asked him to step out of the boat?
2. What is one way you can trust God this week?

Prayer:

Lord, help me trust You enough to take steps of faith. Give me courage to follow You wherever You lead. Amen!

Day 3: Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:30-31

Devotional:

Peter was actually walking on water! As long as he focused on Jesus, he was doing something *impossible*. But then Peter looked at the wind and the waves. He noticed the storm around him and became afraid. When his focus moved from Jesus to his problems, he began to sink. Have you ever been distracted by a problem? Maybe you worried about a test, a difficult situation, or something that seemed impossible. When we focus only on our problems, they can seem bigger and bigger, sometimes they seem even bigger than God. Peter did something very important when he began to sink. He cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and caught him.

Trusting Jesus means keeping our eyes on Him, especially when life feels difficult. And when we stumble, Jesus is always ready to help us. No matter what challenge you face, Jesus is never far away.

Discussion:

1. What caused Peter to begin sinking?
2. How can you keep trusting in Jesus even when life’s problems begin to distract you?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me keep my eyes on You. When I feel worried or afraid, remind me to trust You and ask for Your help. Amen!

Day 4: Jesus Is Worthy of Our Trust

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:32-36

Devotional:

When Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat, the wind stopped. The storm that had frightened everyone suddenly became calm. The disciples were amazed. They realized that Jesus was not just a teacher or a miracle worker. He was the Son of God. The people in Gennesaret then brought their sick friends and family members to Jesus. Everyone who came to Him in faith was healed. Throughout this story, we learned that Jesus can be trusted. Peter trusted Jesus enough to step out of the boat. The disciples trusted Jesus when the storm stopped. The crowds trusted Jesus to heal them. We can trust Jesus too. Even when we do not understand what is happening, we can trust that Jesus is good and that He is with us.

Activity: “Trust Jar”

Use a jar, cup, or small container and label it “**Ways Jesus Has Helped Us.**” Then take turns as a family writing down one way Jesus has answered a prayer, provided for a need, or shown His love to you. We encourage you as a family to keep up with this activity periodically throughout the Summer. And pull out a few of the notes and read them together when someone is needing a reminder of why we trust Jesus.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for loving me and caring for me. Help me trust You in every situation and remember that You are always with me. Amen!

Memory Verse

“Come and follow me’, Jesus said.
I will send you out to fish for people.”

Mark 1:17

