



SEPTEMBER 2024

September 22

I Am Known

1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Peter walked on Water- Matthew 14:22-23

**Bottom Line:** God knows my real fears.

**Leader Context:** In Matthew 14:22-33, we read the story of Peter walking on water. Peter and the other disciples were caught in a storm while out to sea. Suddenly, Jesus came to them- walking on water! Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the storm raging around him, he grew afraid and began to sink. Jesus didn't stop the wind but reached out and reminded Peter that He was there. When kids are asking, Where is God when I'm afraid? We get to teach them that God is always with them. He knows their real fears, and He offers them love, care, and security.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, blue tablecloth (1 per group)

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

### Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

#### Bible Story Recap- Say This!

What a great true story! Thanks, Super Crew and Bark!

In our Bible story today, Jesus invited Peter to walk on the water with Him, but as soon as Peter became afraid of the wind, he started to sink. Just like Jesus was there to help Peter, God sees our fears and knows what is really happening around us. He is with us and can help us when we are afraid.

Today's Super Clue is a flashlight. A flashlight helps us see what is happening and what is there. In a similar way, a flashlight gives me peace when I am in the dark because I know there is light, and I can see what is going on around me and do not have to worry. God knows my fears and gives me peace. God is always with us and helps us have the courage to trust Him when we are afraid. *Leader Tip: Share an age-appropriate story about a time when God helped you when you were afraid.*

Let's take a moment to pray. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's close our eyes so we can focus on talking to God and not get distracted by other things. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

*God, thank You for knowing everything about us. Help us remember that when we are afraid, You are always with us. Thank You for knowing us and loving us always. Amen.* 

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Guess Who! (Put both hands up to the side and wiggle fingers.)

God Knows Me (Point to yourself.)

and You! (Point to someone.)

Social

Videos

**Peter Walked on Water(20 minutes)**

**Preschoolers will make a craft of Peter walking on water. Help preschoolers remember the Bible story.**

**What You Need:** Parachute OR Sheet or tablecloth (1 per group; optional), Ball pit balls (several)“Peter Walked on Water” printable (1 Peter per kid printed on cardstock and cut out), Uncoated paper plates (1 per child), Craft sticks (1 per child), Crayons (several), Tape (1 per group), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only) *Print and cut out “Peter Walked on Water” printables on cardstock, one per child. Precut slits in the center of paper plates, wide enough to fit a craft stick, one per child.*

**What You Say :** I loved learning about Peter in our Bible story with you today. When Peter got out of the boat to walk on water, he must have been so brave! Let’s all stand around this parachute to play a game to help us remember what happens next in our story. Does everyone have a handle? Great! While Peter was walking on the water, he noticed the wind and the waves all around him and got scared. Let’s wiggle our parachute up and down and pretend that we are the wind and the waves. *(Wiggle the parachute for a minute.)* Woah! That was wild. Now let’s add the ball pit balls and see if we can keep them on the parachute. *(Add the ball pit balls.)* When Peter became afraid, he began to sink. Hurry! Let’s put our parachute on the floor! Jesus knew Peter was afraid and was quick to rescue him. Let’s lift the parachute back up and wiggle it around.

**Keep It Going:** After you tell the story, play with the parachute more by adding more ball pit balls in the middle. Try to keep them on the parachute, then try to shake them all out.

**Loud And Clear:** That was loads of fun! We can remember that just like Jesus rescued Peter in our story, God knows our fears even when we can’t see what is going on around us. He is with us and helps us have the courage to trust Him when we are afraid.

**Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print and cut out “Peter Walked on Water” printables on cardstock, one cutout per child. Precut slits in the center of uncoated paper plates, wide enough to fit a craft stick and move it back and forth, one per child.
2. Give each preschooler a “Peter Walked on Water” figure and invite them to color it.
3. Give each preschooler an uncoated paper plate and invite them to color it blue.
4. Assist each preschooler in attaching Peter to a craft stick with tape and putting the craft stick in the slit on the paper plate.

**What To Do:** Let’s make a craft to help us remember today’s Bible story. All of you have a picture of Peter in front of you. You will color the picture of Peter and color the paper plate blue. When you have finished coloring the picture, we will help you tape the picture to a craft stick. Once the picture of Peter is taped to the stick, you can place the stick inside the slit on the paper plate and pretend that Peter is walking on water.

**Keep It Going:** Encourage preschoolers to use their crafts to retell the Bible story.

**Loud And Clear:** Great job making our craft! This craft will help us remember how Jesus rescued Peter when he was afraid. God knows everything about us, even when we are afraid.  
**God knows my fears.** Let’s say that together. **“God knows my fears.”** Great job! God is with us and helps us have the courage to trust Him when we are afraid.

## Small Talks

Talk with preschoolers and review the Bible story by asking the following questions. This is a time for side-by-side learning, where all preschoolers have the opportunity to connect and participate.

1. Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? *(a flashlight)*
2. What does a flashlight help us remember? *(A flashlight helps us see what is happening and what is there. Just like a flashlight shows what is there when we can't see, God knows our fears even when we can't see what is going on around us. He is with us and helps us have the courage to trust Him when we are afraid.)*
3. What was your favorite part of Large Group today?
4. **God knows my fears.** What can we remember when we are afraid? *(Remember that God is with us and can help us when we are afraid.)*
5. What did you learn about God today?
6. When our friends or family are afraid, how can we help them?
7. Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. *(Use motions below as you say the Big Deal.)* Ready? Guess Who! *(Guess Who!)* God Knows Me and You! *(God Knows Me and You!)*

**Keep It Going:** Say the Big Deal as fast as you can, then say the Big Deal in slow motion.

## Big Deal Motions:

Guess Who! *(Put both hands up to the side and wiggle fingers.)*

God Knows Me *(Point to yourself.)*

and You! *(Point to someone.)*

Flashlights can help us see what is happening and what is there. Just like a flashlight shows what is there when you can't see, God knows our fears even when we can't see what is going on around us. He is with us and helps us have the courage to trust Him when we are afraid.

## Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.