



Under Construction: God at Work

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LESSON - JESUS BUILDS my Faith!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! Last week, we learned that Jesus called Peter to follow Him. Peter said "yes" and began learning from Jesus every day. This week, we're going to hear about a time when Peter learned that he could always trust Jesus, even when he was afraid.

SAY IT: Jesus is with me!

DO IT: Give yourself a hug!

One night, Peter and the other disciples were in a boat when a big storm came. The wind blew, and the waves crashed all around them. Then they saw Jesus walking on the water! Peter said, "Jesus, if it's You, tell me to come!" Jesus said, "Come." Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus.

SAY IT: I can trust Jesus!

DO IT: Put both hands over your heart.

Peter kept his eyes on Jesus and walked on the water. But then Peter looked at the wind and the waves. He became afraid and started to sink. Sometimes we feel afraid too, but Jesus is bigger than anything that scares us.

SAY IT: Jesus helps me!

DO IT: Reach one hand up like Jesus is helping you.

Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" Right away, Jesus reached out His hand and helped Peter. Jesus didn't leave Peter alone, and He doesn't leave us alone either. When we are afraid, worried, or need help, we can pray and ask Jesus to help us. Just like a builder keeps working until a building is finished, Jesus keeps helping us grow every day. He is always with us, and He isn't finished building us yet!

Today we learned that Peter trusted Jesus, Jesus helped Peter, and Jesus helps us too. We can trust Jesus because He is always with us, building our faith.

SAY IT: Jesus Builds My Faith!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for always being with us. Help us trust You when we feel afraid. Thank You for loving us, helping us, and growing our faith every day. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did Jesus walk on water? **(Yes)**
2. Did Peter step out of the boat? **(Yes)**
3. Did Peter stay on top of the water? **(No)**
4. Did Jesus help Peter? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. What happened while the disciples were in the boat? **A storm came**
2. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? **Come**
3. What did Peter say when he started to sink? **Lord Save Me**
4. Who helps us when we are afraid? **Jesus**



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ACTIVITY 1: EYES ON JESUS

Items Needed: Commands

Connection: Peter was able to trust Jesus when he kept his eyes on Him. Jesus helps us when we focus on Him instead of our fears.

Step 1: Have all the children spread out so they have plenty of room to move.

Step 2: Tell the children, "We're going to pretend we're Peter in the middle of the storm. Listen carefully and do the action I call out!"

Step 3: Call out the following actions, allowing the children to act each one out:

- "Look at Jesus!" – Smile, point up, and say, "I trust Jesus!"; "Big waves!" – Sway from side to side; "Strong wind!" – Blow the wind and gently wave your arms; "Walking on water!" – Carefully march in place; "Oh no, Peter is sinking!" – Slowly crouch down; "Jesus helps me!" – Reach both hands up high and stand back up.

Step 4: Repeat the sequence several times, gradually speeding it up to make it more exciting.

ACTIVITY 2: BIGGER THAN THE STORM

Items Needed: None

Connection: Jesus is bigger than anything that scares us.

Step 1: Have all the children stand in an open area.

Step 2: Explain that you are going to name two things. If they think the first thing is bigger, they should stand. If they think the second thing is bigger, they should sit. Read the pairs one at a time:

Mouse or Elephant?, Ant or Dog?, Cup or Bathtub?, Ball or Playground?, Toy Car or School Bus?, Kitten or Horse?

Step 3: End with the most important question: "What's bigger...the storm or Jesus?" *Children should excitedly stand and shout, "JESUS!"*

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

CRAFT 1: LORD SAVE ME CRAFT

Items Needed: 3D Jesus & Peter Walk on Water Floating Craft Kit

Connection: Jesus walks on water and tells Peter to come

Step 1: Distribute craft kits.

Step 2: Help the children assemble them.

CRAFT 2: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS COLORING SHEET

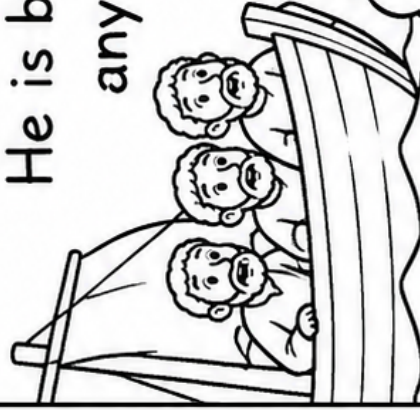
Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: We must learn to keep our eyes on Jesus to trust him

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON! JESUS!

He is bigger than
any storm! ♥



When Peter
took his eyes
off Jesus,
he became
afraid and
began to sink.
Jesus reached
out His hand
and saved him. ♥

“Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him.”

♥ Matthew 14:31 ♥