



The Word @ Home

Week of August 9, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Gathering

Begin your devotions by doing something to mark this time as “God time,” like lighting a candle or singing a song.

Prayer of the Week

God, when we look at the trouble all around us, we often become afraid. Please give us faith like Peter’s and beyond. Reach out and catch us when we fall. Amen.

Daily Check-in

When have you been afraid, anxious, or nervous today?
When have you been confident?

Daily Bible Readings

Read aloud the Daily Bible Reading on the right. If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children’s Bible you are using may not include the story selected. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

Discussion Starters

Peter had such faith in Jesus that he was willing to get out of the boat in a high wind. Why do you think Jesus said that he had little faith?

Praying Together

Ask each person to name something that they are afraid of in the future and something they are confident about. Pray for these things.



Blessing for the Week

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person’s forehead or hand with their permission and saying: **Take heart, and do not be afraid.**

Sunday

Read Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water.
Imagine that you do not know this story, and you are in the boat with the disciples. How would you feel?

Monday

Read Psalm 18:1-6

David is in danger.
In a time when you were scared, did you pray to God? What happened?

Tuesday

Read Psalm 18:6-19

God arrives to rescue David.
Why do you think David described God rescuing him this way? [None of the stories in 1 Samuel describe this.]

Wednesday

Read Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus calms the storm.
Pretend you are in a boat in a storm by making sounds and motions. Stop when the youngest person says, “Stop!”

Thursday

Read Psalm 67

May God bless us.
Say to each other, “may God bless you.”
Each person responds, “Praise God.”

Friday

Read Acts 14:19-28

Paul and Barnabas travel.
Where have you traveled to?

Saturday

Read Matthew 14:34-36

Jesus heals many.
What would you tell other people if you saw Jesus?