

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHATE YOU NEED:

- **Verse Cards** #20 cards (Located in day 2 bag)
- **Music** (available on the children.ccm.com/2022vbs website)

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Peter Walks on Water
Matthaew 14:22-33

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus invited people to follow Him.

KEY QUESTION

What makes Jesus worth following?

MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHATE YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Verse Card." and tell them to keep it a secret until the music plays.
- Begin playing the music and prompt kids to say the verse on their card over and over again.
- Direct the kids to find the other kids saying the same verse. (There are four verses. The kids will end up in four groups of five kids.)
- After the kids find the others saying their verse, stop the music, and gather the cards.
- If time allows, shuffle and re-deal the cards.
- Instruct the kids to find the other kids who are saying their verse even faster.
- When the kids have found the other kids saying the same verses, ask the following discussion questions:
 - **How did you find the person saying the same verse?** (Ephesians 5:1, Psalm 119:166, Mark 1:17 & John 10:27)
 - Did the music help or was it a distraction?
 - Was it easier the second time?
 - **What do all of these verses have in common?**
 - What word is repeated in most of these verses? (That's right, "follow.")
- In today's story, Jesus asked Peter to "come" to him while he was standing on the water. (Essentially, Jesus was asking Peter to "follow" him.)
- How would you have felt if you were Peter—scared, excited, brave?
- What do you think the other disciples felt when they saw Peter standing on the water near Jesus? (They might have been Jealous, or relieved that it wasn't them out there.)
- What's one way you have chosen to follow Jesus in your life?
 - Have you been kind to someone when it wasn't popular?
 - Have you helped someone who couldn't do the same for you?
 - Have you put others first, even if it was hard?

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Prayer Card: Day 2** (Located in kids' bags)
- **Pencils** (Located in kids' bags)
- **Ocean Wave Sounds** (Available on the children.cccm.com/2022vbs website)
- **Pins** (If you haven't already, pass out pins for day two and attach to lanyards)

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure kids have a pencil, prayer card, and pin for day two.
- Ask: Why do you think there is a wave on today's prayer card and pin? (*Waves remind us of the water Jesus walked on, the water Peter stepped out of the boat onto.*)
- Say: "Waves follow each other—you never see one wave without another following right behind it! Jesus started this great ripple movement in the way we treat others and show God's love. We can follow Him and continue the movement of waves that He started."
- Invite the kids to turn over their prayer cards and write down one reason they know Jesus is worth following.
- As they think, play wave or ocean sounds in the background.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us who You are. Please help us to follow Jesus and make waves in our families, schools, and communities. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."