

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. FINGER PUPPET PETER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Finger Puppet Peter" and "Finger Puppet Peter Label" Activity Pages; cardstock; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; paper plates; blue tissue paper; utility knife; scissors; glue sticks; and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Finger Puppet Peter" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Cut out the two finger holes for each puppet. Copy "Finger Puppet Peter Label" on label paper, one per child. Write child's name on the back of their plate.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children tear pieces of tissue paper and glue to their plate. Add the label. Show children how to slip their fingers through the holes and make Peter walk across the water.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "What a great story we learned about Peter walking on water. Let's make a finger puppet Peter to help us tell the story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "The first thing we need to do is make the water. Tear up the tissue paper and glue it to your plate. (Pause.) Nice job! Now add your label to the water. (Pause.) Pick up your Peter puppet. See the two holes at the bottom? (Pause.) Put these two fingers (*hold up pointer and middle finger*) into the holes to give Peter legs. (Pause.) Walk Peter across the water. (Pause.) Awesome!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard another story about how God loves us and is always with us. It started when Peter and some of the other disciples were in a boat out in the water. They saw someone walking toward them, and they were afraid! They had never seen anyone walk on water before! The person told them not to be afraid, that He was Jesus. Peter wasn't so sure.

"HE told the person to call him out on the water if He was really Jesus. Well, Jesus called him out on the water. Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on water, too! But Peter heard the wind and it scared him. He was afraid he would sink. But Jesus grabbed his hand, and they got in the boat together. Jesus showed Peter and the disciples that we can trust God, even when things are scary. **Who can trust God? I can trust God.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus shows us
we can trust God.

PETER WALKS ON WATER MATTHEW 14:22-33

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can trust God?

BOTTOM LINE

I can trust God.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

**6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Proverbs 3:5, journal, and fun-shaped pen

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j"Today, we'll make a list of our favorite shoes. It can be running shoes, ballet shoes, rainboots, flip flops, or sparkly shoes—whatever shoes you want. You can even say that barefoot or 'no shoes' are your favorite shoes!

"So, think about it. When I say your name, tell me your favorite shoes, and I will write them in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

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"I wonder what kind of shoes Peter had on when he walked on water to Jesus. Hmm. It doesn't matter what shoes you wear, as long as you trust God with all your heart! Right? *(Pause.)* Right! Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us that we can trust You. Jesus did so many amazing things that only He can do to show us that You sent Him and You have the power to do anything. Help us remember that no matter where we walk in our *(name the shoes listed)* shoes, we can trust You with all our hearts. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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