

BIBLE STORY

**Peter Says That Jesus
Is the Messiah**
Matthew 7:24-27

MEMORY VERSE

**"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is
the one who started this journey
of faith. And he is the one who
completes the journey of faith."**
Hebrews 12:2a, NIV

BOTTOM LINE

**You can TALK with others
about what you believe.**

PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Focus Notebooks (with 3D glasses) OR index cards;
markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to write on the top of page 11, "I believe . . ."
- Encourage kids to finish the sentence with what they believe about Jesus.
 - Prompt them by asking what adjectives would you use to describe Jesus or what stories they know about Jesus.
 - Give kids the freedom to use words or drawings to finish the sentence.
- If time allows, challenge kids to write (in their Focus Notebook) questions they may have about Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Maybe you have questions about what you believe or maybe, like Peter, you believe Jesus is your Messiah and you have asked Him to be your rescuer, and you know you are connected with God now and forever. It is important to remember as you learn more that **you can TALK with others about what you believe.** Let's pray.

"God, thank You so much for this story about Jesus. Jesus encouraged Peter to talk about what he believed, and You want us to talk about You, too. We know when we talk with others, we can get a closer look and discover who You are and all that Jesus did for us. We know, like Peter, we are not perfect. There are times we don't do what You want and we don't listen to You. We are so thankful You sent us Jesus to be our rescuer. And when we believe in Jesus, we can be with You now and forever! Thank You for loving us so much You want to be with us. Amen!"