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- WEEK 1 -

BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

The Most Important Commandment

READ

MARK 12:28-34

REFLECT

- Why is this man asking what the most important commandment is?
- Jesus replied with two commandments that are “equally important”. Which one is easier for you?
- What does Jesus mean when He says “You are not far from the Kingdom of God”?

ACT

Play a game but try to let someone else win. How does this change the game?

CHALLENGE

Think of someone who is having a hard time right now. How would you want others to treat you in that situation? Is there something you can do to be loving toward them?

REMEMBER

MATTHEW 7:12A NLT

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.

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- WEEK 2 -

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Jesus Calms the Storm

READ

MARK 4:35-41

REFLECT

- How are the disciples feeling in this story?
- Can you remember a time that you felt afraid?
- How can Jesus help you next time you are feeling scared or worried?

ACT

Take all Week 2 elements and combine them into the water bottle. As you read the part of the story about the storm, have children shake their bottles fiercely. After you read the part about Jesus calming the storm, have the children stop shaking and watch their bottle waves calm.

CHALLENGE

Next time you feel afraid or worried, say this prayer:
*Jesus, I'm feeling _____ because _____ .
Help me to remember that you are with me and that
you will keep me safe. Amen.*

REMEMBER

1 PETER 5:7 NLT

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

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- WEEK 3 -

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

The Miraculous Catch of Fish

READ

JOHN 21: 1-14

REFLECT

- Why do you think the disciples went fishing?
- How do you think Peter felt once he realized he was speaking to Jesus? How did he react?
- Did the disciples have their needs met when they followed Jesus' directions?

ACT

Play a game of Simon Says. What do these rules have in common with the disciples' obedience to Jesus?

CHALLENGE

Tie the wooden dowel to the string to make a fishing rod. Attach the magnet to end of the string and 'fish' to pick up metal objects. See what is the heaviest thing you can pick up. How does this relate to Jesus' miracle with the fish?

REMEMBER

PSALM 23:1 NLT

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

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- WEEK 4 -

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Feeding the Five Thousand

READ

LUKE 9:10-17

REFLECT

- Why did the disciples want to send people away?
- How many loaves of bread and fish do you think it would take to feed 5,000 people?
- Jesus takes the little things we have to offer (like fish and bread) and turns it into more than enough. What is a little gift (time, talents, energy, etc.) that you can give to serve others?

ACT

Choose a day to go to the grocery store and select a few items to bring to a food pantry or a friend/neighbor in need. How does this small act of kindness have a big impact?

CHALLENGE

Make your favorite baked good. Discuss how the ingredients work together to transform into something larger. This demonstrates how combining many small items together can produce a more substantial meal to eat and share with others.

REMEMBER

JOHN 6:35 NLT - Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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- WEEK 5 -

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Walking on Water

READ

MATTHEW 14:22-33

REFLECT

- How would Peter have felt when he stepped out onto the water?
- What does it mean that Peter “doubted” Jesus?
- Think of a situation where you would have a hard time trusting God.

ACT

- Younger children: Fill a bathtub or sink with water. Find different sized objects around the house. Ask children if they think the objects will sink or float.
- Older children: Try to make a raft out of straws. Put a rock or small marble on the raft and see if it will sink or float.

CHALLENGE

Practice trust falls. How do you feel as the person falling versus the person catching? *For an extra challenge, try this blindfolded

REMEMBER

NAHUM 1: 7 NIV

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him

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- WEEK 6 -

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Jesus Heals the Sick

READ

MATTHEW 8:1-3, JOHN 9:1-7, LUKE 8:43-48

REFLECT

- What do these three stories have in common?
- Think of a time when you were sick. How would it feel if you could have been healed in an instant?
- How did the people in the stories react to these miracles?

ACT

Draw a picture while blindfolded. See if everyone can guess what you have drawn.

CHALLENGE

Talk as a family about someone you know who is sick. Pray for that person everyday this week. Draw a picture or write a letter to send to them to encourage them that they are loved.

REMEMBER

PROVERBS 3:5 NIV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding