

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**One Step at a Time**  
Peter Walks on Water  
Matthew 14:22-33

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Stay focused on Jesus.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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he who began a good work in  
you will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 1:6, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see  
yourself the way God sees you

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - CONFIDENCE
- NEXT WEEK -- BACK PACK DRIVE - Check out video announcement -- collecting items to fill backpacks... and also distributing back packs THIS WEEKEND

#### WORSHIP:

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GOOD GRACE

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MIN

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## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "I'm so happy to see all of you! I'm ready to sing and dance as we worship God. I love these words to God from Psalm 71:8: 'My mouth is filled with praise for you. All day long I will talk about your glory.' (NIV) Let's praise God as we sing.

**AUDIO: THE BEST IS YET TO COME**

**AUDIO: GOOD GRACE**

*Host enters.*

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hey, everybody! It's so great to be back together again. And if you're new here, welcome! All summer, we're talking about confidence. Here's what true confidence is all about.

**SLIDE: LIFE APP**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP**

**"Confidence is learning to see yourself the way God sees you."**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME**

"Remember, God LOVES you, more than you know! He's always with you, no matter what. With His help, you can take on any challenge that stands in your way.

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"We've got a super-fun game to kick things off today. For this one, I need all of our leaders to join me on the stage. (to leaders) Leaders, I hope you're feeling extra-confident. (to audience) Everyone else, your job is to cheer and clap for your leader, okay?"

*Leaders come on stage. Space them out, facing the audience, so they have room to move.*

*Worship Leaders enter to help with the game.*

"This game is a lot like the game Bop It!<sup>®</sup> (to leaders) There are three motions we'll do: clapping (*demonstrate*), stomping (*demonstrate*), and snapping (*demonstrate*).

"I'll do a series of those three motions. Then I'll point to you all and say, 'Ready, GO!' You'll try to repeat those motions in exact order. Our friends, [Worship Leaders' names], are here to watch and be our referees. If you get all the moves right, you're still in. If you mess up, you're out, and you stand over here on the side. (*Point to an area on the side of the room.*) The leader who lasts the longest is the winner! Ready? (to audience) Are you all ready to cheer for your leaders? (*Pause for response.*) Here we go!

*Do various combinations of the three motions, using the list below. The Worship Leaders should have a printed list as well, so they can easily tell what the moves are supposed to be as they watch the leaders. Do the moves slowly and deliberately to give the leaders the best chance of success.*

*After each round, let the Worship Leaders call out those who are out, and give the kids a chance to cheer for all the leaders.*

Combinations:

1. Clap, Stomp, Snap
2. Stomp, Stomp, Snap, Clap
3. Clap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp
4. Snap, Stomp, Snap, Stomp, Clap
5. Snap, Clap, Stomp, Stomp, Snap
6. Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp, Clap, Clap
7. Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Clap, Snap
8. Clap, Clap, Snap, Snap, Stomp, Stomp, Snap
9. Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Stomp
10. Clap, Stomp, Snap, Stomp, Clap, Stomp, Snap

*Go through as many combinations as you need to until you have a winner (or winners). If the game goes really quickly the first time, play a second round, picking up where you left off on the list. Have everyone applaud then send the leaders back to their seats.*

(to audience) "Now let's see all of YOU try. Jump on your feet. Can you repeat after me?"

*Do the last combination that you got to on the list. Give the kids a chance to try it.*

"Wow—you're really good at that! That was a fun game."

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

### STORYTELLER:

"Peter was able to do something that seemed impossible—all because he kept his focus on Jesus. When he kept his eyes on Jesus, he could stay above the water. But when he took his focus off of Jesus, he began to fall.

"We need to keep our focus on Jesus, too. We need to remember that He's with us through anything we might face in life. That will help us stay strong in any situation.

### SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

#### "Stay focused on Jesus.

"Peter must have been super-focused on Jesus to be able to step out of the boat. But then he got distracted and put his focus on the blowing wind . . . and that's when he started to sink.

"Isn't that kind of what happens to us? When something happens that makes us feel nervous or afraid, we focus on what's going wrong. We get worried about what might happen next. In those moments, we can choose to put our focus back where it belongs. We can choose to focus on Jesus and remember that He's right there with us, through it all.

"After all, Jesus is the Son of God! He is strong, and He is steady. When things happen to us that FEEL like big, scary storms, we need to remember to focus on Jesus. We need to put our trust in Him and remember that He'll never leave us alone.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

### SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and our Friend. We can see how Peter was able to do something amazing when he kept his focus on Jesus. Please help us do that, too. Help us stay focused on Jesus and remember that He's with us through everything that happens in our lives. Thank You for the truth that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

"In Small Group, you'll get to talk some more about how you can stay focused on Jesus. I know it'll be awesome! Have fun, and I'll see you next time!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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