

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: JULY 13-14

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

**Big Idea:** I can be confident when I stay focused on Jesus

**Memory Verse:** "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

**Life App:** Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

### Bible Story Summary:

**Read and meditate on Matthew 14:22-23.**

Confidence comes from understanding how God sees us. God created us, and God loves us. Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And, when you put your confidence in Jesus, you can truly see yourself how God sees you.

For week two, we head to **Matthew 14:22-33**. Peter and the rest of the disciples were out on the Sea of Galilee when they noticed a figure walking on the water's surface. When they finally realize that the figure is Jesus, Peter called out and asked Jesus to invite Him onto the water. Jesus did, and Peter took a stroll on top of the waves. However, only when Peter focused on Jesus was he able to stay afloat.

**I can be confident when I stay focused on Jesus.** Putting our confidence in Jesus, we find the courage to make the wise choice in a difficult situation. Jesus may not be asking us to walk on water, but He does ask us to trust Him. We hope kids start to understand some practical ways to focus on Jesus and what He wants for their lives.



Have you ever started something big and then got nervous in the middle? It's often easier to talk yourself into avoiding something hard than to complete it. But you don't have to do it on your own! Jesus is always with you, and you can live with confidence that He's got this. Pray for each other, that you will keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and ask for His help along the way.

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# WEEK 2

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ** "You have been raised up with Christ. So, think about things that are in Heaven. That is where Christ is. He is sitting at God's right hand." *Colossians 3:1 (NirV)*

**Find a way to set a timer for one minute and write down as many things as you can think of that start with the letter 'M.'**

You probably came up with quite a list! Why? Because you were super focused on the letter 'M'!

Whatever we focus on is going to be at the front of our hearts and minds all day long. This verse tells us to set our sights on Heaven and on Jesus. This week, try to turn your thoughts to Jesus as much as you can. Think about His love for you. Think about how He made the sky, the flowers, and even the little bugs. Think about how strong He is. Think about the fact that He is always with you. The more you focus on Him, the more He will naturally come to your mind throughout the day.

**KNOW** that you can be confident when you focus on Jesus

# DAY 2

**READ** "Hebrews 12:2-3 (NirV)

These verses talk about the journey of faith Jesus had while He was on Earth. His journey wasn't easy. He was able to go through all of that because He kept His focus on the joy that was to come later.

**Head outside with a friend or family member and make a starting line and a finish line. Together, come up with at least three different versions of how to get from the starting line to the finish line. It could be walking in zigzags, walking backwards, hopping on two feet, or racing with your eyes closed. You decide! When you have come up with your three versions, do the races to get to the finish line three times.**

How did it go? Did you get to the finish line each time? It's a lot easier to focus on the finish line when there aren't any distractions.

It's easy to switch our focus to things other than Jesus. When we focus straight ahead on Jesus, remembering the cross, we win the race! Take some time to think through the things that distract you from Jesus.

**THINK** about the things that keep you distracted from Jesus

# DAY 3

**READ** "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

This is the memory verse for the month of July! This month we are learning about confidence. Having true confidence means you can see yourself the way that God sees you.

When it comes to confidence, we base it on what we do well or what a teacher or parent might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something that lasts forever. We think that's found in understanding how God sees us.

Memorizing Philippians 1:6 will help you remember that God is always with you.

With a family member, start in one room of your house and walk in and out of all the rooms while saying the memory verse until you get back to the room you started in. How many times did you say it? Write your answer on this line. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE** the memory verse as a reminder that you can be confident when you focus on Jesus

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

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Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

## parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in UpTown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



# DAY 4

**READ** "When you look for me with all of your heart, you will find me." *Jeremiah 29:13 (NirV)*

Find your way through the maze.



God promises that we can find Him when we focus on Him and look for Him. That is an awesome promise! As you go throughout your day today, look for God. Maybe it's reading the Bible. Maybe it's praying more. Maybe it's putting on some worship music. Remember, when you really focus on finding God, you'll find Him!

"Dear God, Thank you for always being with me. Help me to look for you in everything I do. I know that when I focus on Jesus, I will have more confidence. Help me stay focused on Jesus this week. I love you God, Amen!"

**PRAY** that God can show you how you can make a difference and give you confidence this week.

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

July 20-21	Kindergarten
July 27-28	4th Grade
August 3-4	3rd Grade
August 10-11	2nd Grade
August 17-18	1st Grade



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_