

# 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.



## 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. With the help of a parent, 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** "Lord, you will give perfect peace to those who commit themselves to be faithful to you. That's because they trust you." *Isaiah 26:3 (NIRV)*

**Have a parent help you match the following activities with their results.**

**If you focus on . . .**

Practicing  
Being kind  
Exercising  
Jesus

**You'll likely have . . .**

Peace  
Strength  
Friends  
Better athlete

Yes, God promises us peace if we focus on Jesus! No matter what hard thing you are facing today, if you focus on Jesus, you can find peace.

**THANK** God that Jesus is always with you

# DAY 3

**READ** the Big Idea for this week *"I can be confident when I stay focused on Jesus."*

Get ready to practice the Big Idea by doing some movements. Make sure you have some space to move or head outside if the weather is nice!

Split up the Big Idea into three parts and practice the motions for each part of the Big Idea. Do this two or three times until you know the motions for the Big Idea. You can even practice the Big Idea and the motions throughout the rest of the week!

**"I can be confident"** – Put both of your arms up to show your muscles

**"when I stay focused"** – Point to your eyes with one finger from each hand

**"on Jesus."** – point one finger from one hand up in the air.

**PRACTICE** the Big Idea as a reminder that you can have confidence when you focus on Jesus.

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

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Parent signature

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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: \_\_\_\_\_