

Devotion for Friday, March 27, 2020

A devotion for you to share as a family:

Verse of the day: Matthew 14:31 says "Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'"

As the disciples were fishing, they saw Jesus walking towards them – on top of the water! Peter stepped out of the boat to try walking on water too. But he was scared, and when he looked away from Jesus, Peter started to sink! Jesus helped Peter and asked him to trust. Peter and the disciples believed and told others about Jesus, God's Son.

Questions to ask:

1. When is it easy to trust?
2. When is it hard?

In this time on unknowns, it can be hard to trust when we lose sight of Jesus. There is a great song from the band Casting Crowns that talks about this. Part of the lyrics:

If your eyes are on the storm

You'll wonder if I love you still

But if your eyes are on the cross

You'll know I always have and I always will

Jesus will never leave us and he will always love us. Hold tight to that promise as we navigate these times.

An activity to do together (if you have the supplies/time): Draw a cross on the left side of an index card and a dot on the right side. Hold the card in your right hand at eye level. Cover your left eye and focus on the cross. Slowly move the card away from your face. What happens to the dot? Remember this: Focus on Jesus!

Take time to pray together. Ask for prayer requests from each other and pray for them. Or recite the Lord's Prayer together. You can also use this prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to always keep my eyes on you – not on my fears. Amen.

You can read the whole story in your Bible in Matthew 14:22-33 and in the Spark Story Bible on page 262 (Walking on Water).