


Christian Living (Lesson 2)

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

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LESSON OBJECTIVE
Topics:

Christianity, Choices, Faith, Self Control, Stand Firm, Temptation, Worry

Children will discover the importance of keeping their eyes on Jesus, and their faith in Him to avoid falling into trouble.

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 minutes)
What can you see? (Activity) [Click Here](#)

Give each child a copy of the activity sheet to enjoy while waiting for others to arrive. The famous name is that of Jesus. And the picture you can see when you close your eyes is the face of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)
MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 NIV

Write the entire verse on the board, but instead of some key words, leave a space. Write these key words on index cards. Have the kids read the verse several times, then close their Bible. Next, randomly show the cards one at a time and have the kids tell you where that word should go. Tape each word in its appropriate place, until the verse is complete. Following is an example of the verse as it might appear on the board:

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SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)
Introduction:

Have you ever been caught in a fierce thunderstorm? Thunder and lightning can be very scary. Especially when there are no grown-ups around. We may pull a cover over our eyes, or hide in the basement. Today's story is about a man named Peter, who was out in a boat during a storm and was very afraid of the wind and waves. But for a short while, he had no fear at all. As we read our story, see if you can tell how Peter got his courage.

Matthew 14: 22-32 (Peter Walks on Water)
Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Jesus late getting to the boat? (He was up on a mountain praying)
2. How did Jesus get to the boat? (Walked on water)
3. When the disciples saw Jesus, what did they think? (They were afraid and thought He was a ghost)

4. What was the weather like when Jesus came to them walking on the water (large waves and wind)
5. When did Peter start to sink? (When he looked away from Jesus and looked at the wind)
6. When Peter cried out, Lord help me, what did Jesus do? (He reached out and caught him)
7. Have you ever seen something that made you afraid? What?
8. What can we do when we are afraid?

CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)

Distractions (Activity) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

Forgetful Pedro (Story) [Click Here](#)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

As we try to keep our eyes on Jesus, the devil will do his best to distract us any way he can. He wants us to look away. But when we do, we risk giving in to temptation. The temptation may be pride, worry, selfishness, or fear. When Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he began to fall into the water. He became afraid of the storm and the sea. The lesson we learn from this is not that we can walk on water, but that when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we will be able to do whatever He wants us to do.

NEXT WEEK

What do you see when you look in the mirror? If you don't see a foot washer, you will want to come back next week.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)