

Parent Pro Tips

- This Faith Family Experience should take between 15-30 minutes, depending on your activity choices. You choose what fits your family best.
- Your kids will have more fun and be more engaged if you let them take charge of choosing the activities, read the Bible stories, etc.

WORSHIP TOGETHER:

On Sundays, we gather to give God worship together. Even though we are not at the church building, we can still BE the church! Let's stop and worship God together.

Introduce your kids to some of your favorite worship songs or use these Cherry Hills favorites below:

PRESCHOOL FAVORITES:

This Little Light of Mine by Listener Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>

Fruit of the Spirit by Uncle Charlie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rezg4jYFoj0>

ELEMENTARY FAVORITES:

My Lighthouse by Rend Collective: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Superhero from Mannahouse Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32onYUCR5UE>

Who you Say I am from CrossRoad kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PpjinOTszs>

BIBLE STORY:

Every story from our Bible is true. As we dive into God's Word, we know that God has a truth to teach us today. Read **Matthew 14:22-33** or find the story in your Beginner's Bible on page 364.

Watch the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nraQQimQuN4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVy9HGr3Qig>

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What was Jesus doing while His friends were in the boat? (*praying by Himself on a mountain*)
- What did the friends see out on the water in the middle of the night? (*Jesus walking*)
- Who wanted to walk on the water with Jesus? (*Peter*)
- When did Peter begin to sink? (*when he saw how windy it was and became afraid*)
- What did Jesus do when Peter cried, “Lord, save me!”? (*reached out and grabbed Peter*)
- What does this story teach me about God?
- What does the story teach me about being afraid?
- What is God teaching me right now in my life?

BIBLE TRUTH:

Read this verse aloud together. Hang it up & challenge each other to memorize it this week.

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

bonus ACTIVITIES: (choose 1, none or ALL the fun!)

The Memory Verse Challenge: Memorize Psalm 56:3. Video yourself saying it using a funny filter and post online. Tag Cherry Hills Children’s Ministry and we’ll share on our story. Let’s spread some truth from God’s Word to combat fear this week.

Staring Contest: Peter walked on water while he kept his eyes firmly on JESUS! Have a staring contest showdown with your family. Only one rule, don’t blink!

Art Gallery: Get out paper and crayons/markers/colored pencils (whatever you have at home). Have each family create art inspired by today’s story. Hang them up like an art gallery and use them as a reminder this week of Jesus’ power over ALL!

Stormy Bath: Have a little fun at bath time! Fill the tub with bubbles, find a toy boat and a couple of action figures to act out the story of the storm! You could even blink the lights for lightening.

Walking on Water: Take the pillow or cushions from the couch and play a game trying to cross the room by jumping from pillow to pillow without falling off and “sinking” like Peter.

Paint with Water: Give your child a piece of construction paper, a cup of water, and a q-tip. Let them paint a picture using only water.

Trust Walk: Have one family member close their eyes, while the other walks them around the room, steering them clear of all obstacles. What did it feel like to trust that person to keep you safe? Switch places, and play again.