

“Trust in the Lord”

Bible Truth ~ Keep your eyes on Jesus, he is with you always.

Bible Verse ~ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
Matthew 14:27

~ Note this is right after Jesus Feeds the 5000, some of the people wanted to make Jesus their earthly king. Jesus, came to be our heavenly King, our Savior from sin.

~ This story shows that even the disciples occasionally doubted. Do you have doubts and fears in your life? No one’s faith is perfect. If you do stumble, if you ever have a doubt talk to Jesus about it.

~ Lots of situations are too big or too scary for us to handle, but nothing is too big for Jesus! What a blessing you have! You are a child of the creator of the universe who has power over all things.

Read the Lesson ~ “Jesus Walks on Water”

The Bible ~ Matthew 14:22-32, Mark 6:45-52 (www.biblegateway.com/)

The Story Bible ~ pg. 342

ASK:

- ◆ How did Jesus get to the boat?
- ◆ What did Peter do?
- ◆ Like Peter we all have times when we doubt. How did Jesus help Peter when he doubted? How will Jesus help us?
- ◆ At first Peter kept his eyes on Jesus then he got scared and took his eyes off Jesus. What happened? How can we keep our eyes on Jesus?

DO:

~ Fill a container with water find items that sink and some items that float. Put them in the water. What happened when Peter walked on water?
~ Talk about times when you were afraid or when your family faced hardship and despair. Who was there? What happened?
Add to your prayer journal, jar, or basket .

PRAY:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being there for Peter when he started doubting. Thank You for being there for me when I get scared. Make my faith strong to know You will always be here for me. Amen

Key Point of the Lesson

We need to trust our heavenly father even when we face hardships and are afraid.

Law / Gospel

God made the earth and sky , day and night. Jesus helped Peter even when he doubted, when we cry out Jesus hears us.

Take heart!

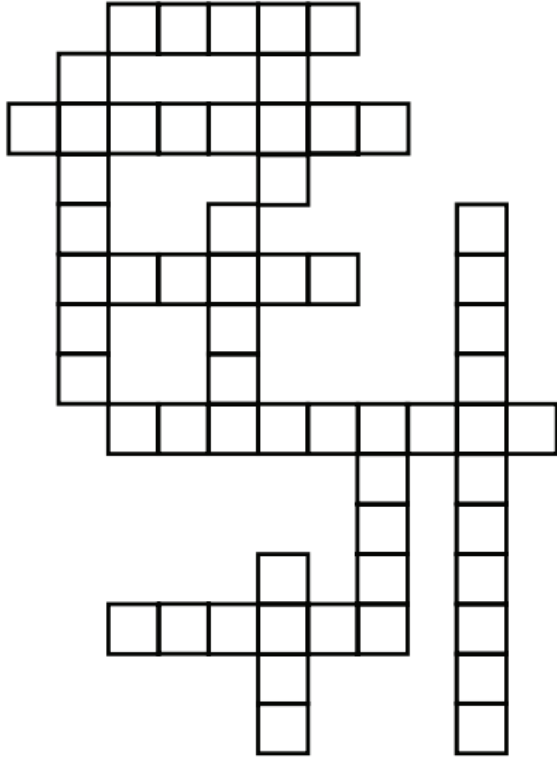
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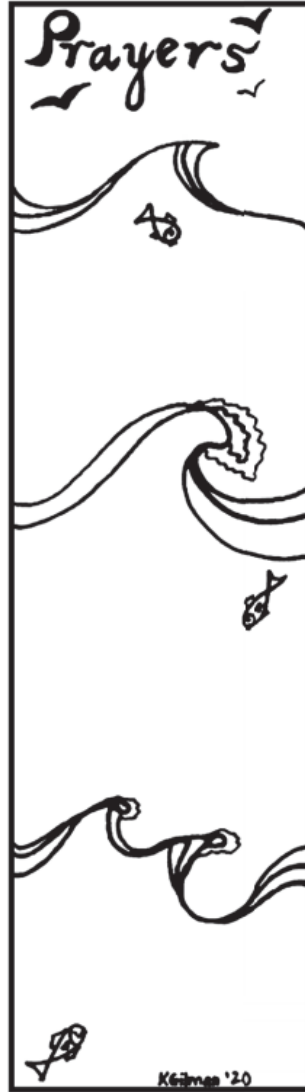
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Fill-In Word puzzle



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| CORNERSTONE | AFRAID | WALK |
| MOUNTAIN | WAVES | |
| JUSTIFIED | DOUBT | |
| COURAGE | FAITH | |
| PREACH | BOAT | |



Draw a picture about today's lesson.



Who can you pray for this week?

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)**

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: **And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: **And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Songs of the Day: "All Good Gifts" www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBklIr1cOuM

Devotional Talk: *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

Trust in the Lord

Matthew 14:25-33

Could there be anything more powerful than an earthquake, tornado, floods, winds, and other disasters. Yes even Covid-19! -

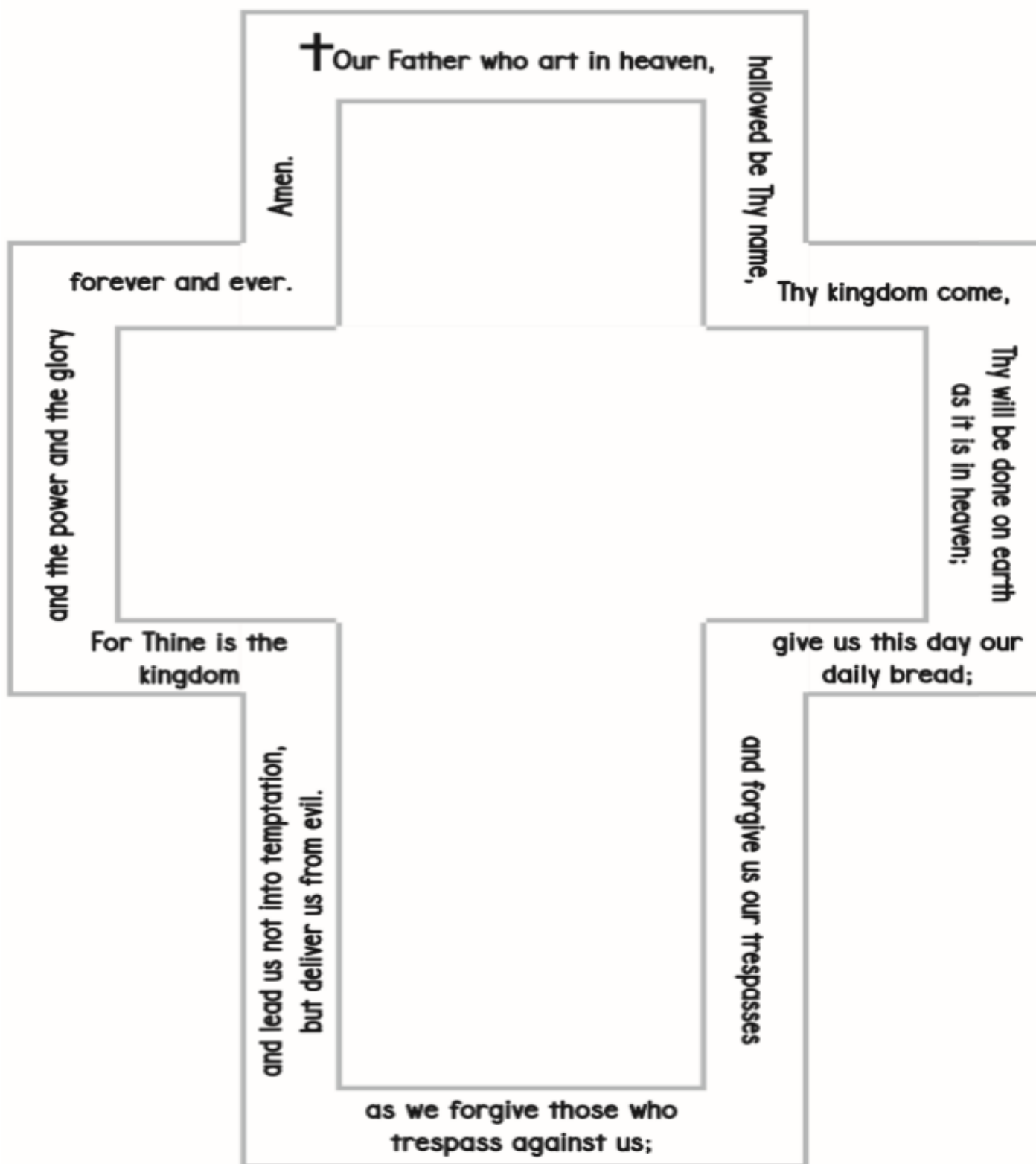
Yes. The power of God. God is powerful enough to shake the heavens and the earth. He is powerful enough to create our world and each of us in it. His love for us is powerful enough to move God to send His Son, Jesus, to die and rise in triumph so that our sins are forgiven.

The God of all power has chosen you to be His child. He sent His Son to defeat our greatest enemies-sin, death, and the devil. He gives you the power to face the things that may cause you to be afraid.

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus walked on the water. When Peter saw Jesus, he made his way to Jesus after Jesus called him out of the boat. When Peter kept his focus on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water. When Peter focused on his own fears and insecurities instead of Jesus, he began to sink and drown.

This happens in our lives too. When things are going well in our life, it is very easy to keep our eyes on Jesus and float along. However, when the winds of life interfere with what we're doing, it isn't as easy to stay focused on Jesus. We find ourselves terrified and panicked by the problems that we have in our lives, just like Peter did. It is only through the Holy Spirit's action that we are called by the Gospel and lifted up so that we can float once more. When Jesus is kept as our center, we do not risk sinking but stay afloat.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, help us trust in You, even when we face hardships. Help us to remember that we can face the problems that we have and overcome them with the help of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We will never be alone because we know that You are always with us, guiding and keeping us afloat, even in the heart of the storm. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



Tracing the Lord's Prayer

Use your finger to trace the shape of the cross
as you pray the Lord's Prayer.

The TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Making and using a pray jar, journal, etc.



These are examples of some fancy prayer jars, but they can be as simple or as complicated as you want. If you made a basket in VBS you can use that or some people use a notebook to record their prayers. The important thing is how you use it.

Gather some scraps of paper and write, specific prayers, positive sayings, things to be thankful for, or names of community groups you would like to pray for. You can even write Bible verses to remind you of why we pray.

Examples:

- Name a positive event that happened to you this year
- Share one prayer you have seen answered
- Give an example of a blessing God has given you
- Pray for a family member in need

Place in your Prayer Jar.

When you need help with your burdens or feel very blessed go to your prayer jar or journal and remember the blessings God has given you. Pray and place the burden or the blessing in your jar.

SOME BIBLE VERSES

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)