



Week 3



Day 1: Jesus Sees You

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-48a & Psalm 139:3

Devotional:

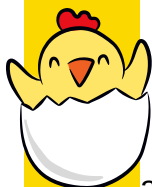
After Jesus fed over 5,000 people, He told His disciples to get into the boat and go ahead of Him across the lake. Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. Later that night, the disciples were far out in the middle of the lake, and the wind was blowing hard against them. They were rowing and rowing, but it was tough! Even though Jesus wasn't with them in the boat, He saw them. From far away, He could see they were having a hard time. He didn't forget about them. He didn't say, "Well, they'll figure it out." He cared about what they were going through. Sometimes we might feel like no one notices when we are having a hard time—when we are sad, scared, or even angry. But Jesus always notices. His eyes are on you all the time. You are never invisible to Him. In the "storms" (i.e. family disagreements, being bullied, struggling in school, etc.) of life we can choose to have peace and trust that God knows what storms we are facing and that He sees us.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think it's important that Jesus could see them even from far away?
2. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus always sees you?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You that You always see me and know what I'm going through. Help me remember that You are watching over me and I am never alone. Amen.



Welcome to week 3 of our On The Farm devo!! This week we are focusing on the fruit of the Spirit... peace! Peace is a wonderful fruit of the Spirit; God's peace gives us strength even in the hardest of times. Peace gives us victory over anxiety!



Day 2: Jesus Comes Close

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:48b-50 & Isaiah 41:10

Devotional:

The disciples had been fighting against the wind for hours. It was dark. The waves were rough. Then, they saw something—someone—walking on the water toward them! They thought it was a ghost, and they were terrified. But it was Jesus! He had left the shore and come to them, walking right across the waves. This shows us something amazing about Jesus: when we are struggling, He doesn't stay far away. He comes close. Even if we don't recognize Him right away—like the disciples didn't—He's still near, ready to help. When you feel scared—whether it's about a test at school, a bad dream, or being somewhere new—Jesus comes close to you. He doesn't wait for you to get strong first. His presence brings peace, even before the problem goes away. Jesus not only has the POWER to address your needs and "storms" but He has the heart to truly care for you amidst your need. He is close and near. Even when we don't feel Him or feel close to Him; He's there. He wants to be near to us, especially when we are hurting and in need.

Discussion:

1. What are some situations that make you feel nervous or afraid?
2. How does knowing that God is near to you help in those situations?


Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You come close when I am scared. Help me to remember You are with me and I can trust You. Amen

Day 3: Jesus Speaks Peace

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:50-51 & John 14:27

Devotional:



The disciples were shaking with fear. But Jesus immediately spoke to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Just hearing His voice must have made their hearts feel calmer. And when He climbed into the boat, the wind stopped. Jesus didn't just stop the storm—He spoke peace into their hearts first. Sometimes the storm outside might keep going for a while, but Jesus can give you peace inside. When you read the Bible, pray, or remember His promises, it's like hearing Him say to your heart, "It's Me. Don't be afraid." The more we listen to Jesus' words, the more our fear fades away. His words are stronger than our worries. When you are scared or anxious isn't it comforting to have someone you love and trust tell you that they are there for you and that you aren't alone? That is exactly what Jesus does. We can memorize Bible verses that will remind us of His peace when we are scared and anxious.

Discussion:

1. What are some things Jesus says in the Bible that can help us when we're afraid?
2. How is peace different from just "feeling happy"?


Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for Your words that bring peace. Help me to listen to what You say instead of my fears. Amen.

Day 4: Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:28-31 & Isaiah 26:3

Devotional:



In Matthew's version of this story, Peter called out to Jesus, "If it's really You, let me come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come!" Peter stepped out of the boat and actually walked on the water toward Jesus! But then Peter saw the big waves and felt the strong wind. He got scared, and he started sinking. Jesus reached out and caught him. Peter was fine when he was looking at Jesus, but when he focused on the storm, he started to sink. That's just like us—we have peace when we focus on Jesus, but fear takes over when we focus on the problems. Keeping our eyes on Jesus means thinking about who He is, remembering what He's done, and trusting that He is with us.

Activity:

1. Make a "peace bookmark" by writing your favorite verse about peace and decorating it with waves, a boat, or a cross. Keep it in your Bible or a book you read often.
2. Play a game with a friend where you walk in a straight line while keeping your eyes fixed on a picture of Jesus (or a cross). Then try again while looking all around. Talk about how keeping your eyes on Jesus keeps you steady.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to keep my eyes on You instead of my worries. Thank You that You are bigger than my problems. Amen.

Memory Verse

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

