

Why Do You Doubt?



Lesson 4
June 27, 2021
Matthew 14:22-33

get excited (5 minutes)

Watch the object lesson on faith.

key verse exercise

Write the rhyming word in the Word Box to

Jesus immediately _____ out his
rhymes with bleached

_____ and caught [Peter]
rhymes with land

_____ to him, "You of little
rhymes with playing

faith, why did you _____."
rhymes with clout

WORD BOX

saying reached doubt hand

Scripture Summary Matthew 14:22-33

After Jesus finished feeding the crowd of more than 5,000 people, Jesus sent the disciples to the other side of the sea while he dismissed the crowd. Then Jesus climbed up a mountain to pray alone. Jesus prayed very late into the night. Early the next morning, Jesus did not have a boat, so he started walking on the water toward the disciples. The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost and were terrified until Jesus let them know, "It's me." Peter asked Jesus to call him to walk on the water, too, to prove it was really Jesus. Peter's walk on the water started out okay, but Peter began to sink when he looked down at the waves, lost his nerve, and started to lose faith in his ability to do so. Jesus reached out his hand to save Peter. The disciples were amazed and even more convinced that Jesus was the Son of God.

Verse to Remember

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught [Peter], saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

Instructions and answers can be found in the Teacher's Guide at cedamezion.com. Click on the "resources" tab, then click CSL, then click the appropriate Quarterly.

read and learn (10 minutes)

ADVENTURES OF THE FAITHFUL FIVE

EPISODE 4: TAJ'S TESTIMONY

"Mom, can I go over to Sam's house?" asked Taj.

"Have you finished your homework and your chores?" his mother **inquired**.

"Yes, ma'am," said Taj.

"Okay," his mother agreed. "You can go for a couple of hours. Be home by 3:00."

"Thanks, Mom," Taj replied as he walked toward the front door. Taj paused for a moment before opening the door. Then he said, "Mom, can I talk to you for a minute?"

"Sure. What's on your mind?" his mother replied.

Taj was a little nervous. "Something happened over Sam's house yesterday that I didn't tell you. The police kicked in their door. They told everyone to freeze and don't move. I was so afraid. Sam was afraid, too. I was crying and praying softly to myself at the same time. I prayed the way you taught me to pray. The more I prayed, the more I calmed down. I told Sam that Jesus would take care of us. Mom, I know Jesus kept us safe. The police apologized after talking to Sam's guardians and getting more information. They admitted they had the wrong house. The next day, the Police Department made sure Sam's door was repaired. I'm not afraid anymore, but I couldn't leave without telling you what happened."

Taj's mother was amazed by how her son handled the situation. "I am glad you told me about this **unfortunate** incident. I know you thought I would not let you go back to Sam's house if you told me what happened, but

you must promise to never keep anything away from me. Sam's aunt left a message for me to call her. I have not had a chance to call her back. This is probably what she wanted to tell me."

"You're right Mom," said Taj. "Sam is my best friend. I didn't tell you because I thought you wouldn't let me go back. I promise to tell you everything from now on."

His mother gave him a hug. "Now you have a personal **testimony** of the Lord's goodness. You were very honest with me, so I believe you will keep your promise. And don't forget..."

"I know," Taj interrupted. "Be home by 3:00."

key words

inquired

put to a question

unfortunate

something unpleasant

testimony

a way to share with others how God changed your life

rise up! (30 minutes)



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It's time to work with the Faithful Five on this week's **Superhero Challenge: "NO NEED TO FEAR."** Help the Faithful Five express their fears by creating an acrostic using **FEARS**.

what do you think?

Why did Peter start to sink?

What was Mekhai's testimony?

time to create

Make a "Have Faith" sign.

time to pray

Dear God, thank You for giving us the opportunity to share how good You are. Help us to put our faith over our fear. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.