

Dig Deeper



Find this passage
in your own Bible:

Hebrews 12 v 1-3

Hebrews is in the New Testament. It is an epistle (letter) written to new believers in the early days of the church. Hebrews is believed to have been written by Paul.

Paul talks about "a great cloud of witnesses"; people who are an example of speaking about Jesus.

- Who is somebody you know who is a great witness for Jesus?
- How would you like to follow their example more?

In **verses 2** and **3**, Paul encourages his readers to reflect on Jesus and all that he went through for us.

- Did you think of anything that surprised you?
- Why do you think Paul wants his readers to focus on Jesus?

Take a moment to pause and pray asking God to help you learn and grow as you read the passage.

If there is a word you don't understand look it up, try to work it out from the words around it or ask somebody for help!



Paul says to throw off anything that might slow or trip us up.

- What are some of the things which get in the way of you living for Jesus?
- Are there any behaviours which you know don't please God which you want to try and remove from your life?

Paul writes that Jesus went through suffering, shame and the cross because of the joy that would result from those challenges. That joy is... relationship with **you!**

Pause and chat to God, asking him to tell you what about being your friend most brings him joy!



Faith at Home

The Disciples – Week 8 - Inspired

This week we read

Matthew 14 v 22-36

We learned that when Peter saw Jesus walking on the water he wanted to do the same. We can be inspired by Jesus' example and ask for help in living like Jesus on the earth today.

Family Challenge

Peter had to take a big step of faith, out of the boat and onto the water. Following Jesus can be exciting but also sometimes a bit scary. We need to be brave and trust God to help us.

Set up an obstacle course to complete, then take it in turns to be blindfolded and get somebody else to guide you through!

Family Chat

Use these questions to spark a conversation this week.

A question to ask each other
What thing that Jesus did would you most like to be able to do?

A question to ask each other
What thing that Jesus did do you think would be the most useful thing to be able to do today?



Go Deeper...

Fill a bowl or container with water. Think about the water and the waves in the story.

- Move your hands slowly closer to the water till your palms rest on the surface connected with their reflection. Ask God to help you connect with Him more.
- Splash the water around together as you chat to God about any challenges you are facing at the moment.
- Wash your hands in the water as you say sorry to God for any mistakes you have made this week.

Challenge yourself

Use the space below to reflect on the story of Peter stepping out of the boat and walking towards Jesus!

Draw something new you would like to be brave and try.

Draw somebody you can go to for help when things are difficult or scary.

Draw somewhere that you feel happy and safe.

Draw something that makes you scared or worried. Pray and chat to God about it.

Bible Challenge

Can you find today's passage in your own Bible?

Find the book of Matthew in the New Testament.

Find the big number 14 and read verses 22-36.

- What miracle had Jesus performed the day before?
- What did the disciples think Jesus was at first?

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- What made Peter scared?
- Where did they come to shore?

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Memory Verse Challenge

Can you learn the memory verse?

John 13 v 35

All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.