

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of February 5, 2023



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging activities, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week.

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### Welcome to Wonder

**Wonder Table** - Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.

### Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story – Mark 6:45-52.

Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout.

### WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you to access 1000's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to

make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

### This week's video is Celebrate Wonder Winter 2022/2023 Session 9 Jesus Walks on Water.

**SAY:** This month we are learning about people who believed. In today's Bible story, Jesus walked on water. The disciples were scared, but Jesus reminded them that he was with them.

**WONDER:** What do you believe? Can you walk on water? Did Jesus walk on water? How?

**PRAY:** Dear God, help us believe even when it's hard and scary. Amen.

### Walking on Water

**Supplies:** Page 9A, crayons, scissors

In the Bible story, Jesus walked on water. Can you walk on water?

- Color the page.
- Cut it out and fold the booklets.
- Use the booklet to help you retell the story.

### Don't Be Afraid – Labyrinth Prayer Activity

**Supplies:** Page 9D, crayons or colored pencils

In today's Bible story, the disciples were scared, but Jesus reminded them that he was with them.

What makes you feel scared or afraid?

- Move a finger through the labyrinth on page 9D. As you move your fingers, silently say a prayer or recite the Bible verse on the page.
- Color the page.

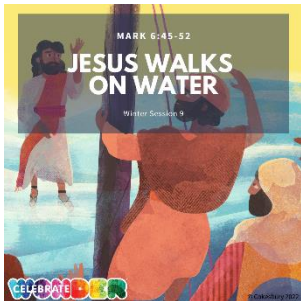
A labyrinth is a tool that helps us pray.

A labyrinth is NOT a maze. There is one path from the start to the center and the same path leads you from the center back out of the labyrinth.

### We Believe

**Supplies:** Page 9F, pencils, colored pencils.

As a family, write down important things you believe together. These can be morals, values, family rules, or important beliefs about your faith. When you are done, have a conversation about your faith. Display the page where everyone in the family can see it.



# Believe

To know in your heart  
what is true about God  
and faith.



## SHARE the Faith Word: BELIEVE

Our faith word is BELIEVE: To know in your heart what is true about God and faith.  
What do you think the word believe means? What is something you know about God?  
WONDER together:

- Have you ever been in a storm? What did you feel?
- What did you learn from the Bible story?
- What makes you afraid?
- How do you know God is with you?

SAY: We can always walk with Jesus when we are afraid.

## Examine the Bible Verse

This month's Bible verse is John 6:14b. Let's find it in our Bibles.

ASK: Is the Book of John in the Old or New Testament? (New).

Where is the Book of John located in the New Testament? (fourth book)

In what chapter of John is our verse located? (16)

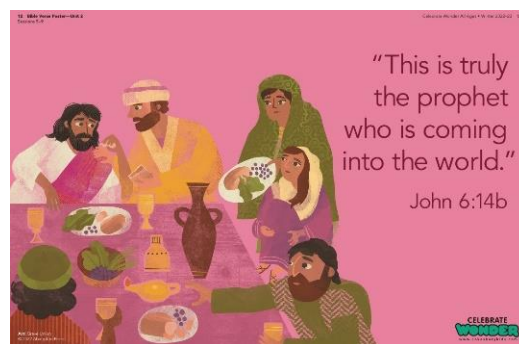
What is the verse number? (4)

SAY: The Bible story is found in the Book of John, which is one of the Gospels.

• Read the Bible Verse together.

SAY: Jesus' baptism is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus is a prophet for God.

ASK: What is a prophet? Why do we believe in Jesus?



## Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- Don't Be Afraid Labyrinth, Walking on Water, We Believe, Believe Coloring Page

## Spiritual Practice – Exploring Belief Through Connection

Supplies: water, towels, bowl, pitcher

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us be present with God. This month, we are going to practice encouraging one another in our beliefs.

SAY: Today, we have been learning about believing. ASK: What does it mean to believe? What do you believe?

- Guide the children through a spiritual practice: ASK: Can you hold water in your hands?
- Have the children cup their hands. Place a bowl under the child's hands.
- Go to each child and pour water into their hands. Let the excess water drip into the bowl.
- As the water drips say to the child, "We can't hold everything, but Jesus is there to help us believe."

## FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 6:45-52

Read the story of Jesus walking on water together. Find a place in your home where you can reenact the story. Have members of your family play Jesus, the disciples, and the storm.

**Wonder:** Have you ever been afraid? What did it feel like? Is it easy to hear or recognize God's voice when you are scared?

**Do:** As a family, take a walk or hike near a body of water. Imagine what it would have been like to be in a boat and see Jesus walking towards you. As you walk, pray for Jesus to be with you.

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank you for calming the storms in our lives. Help us not to be afraid. Amen.

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## Liturgical Calendar Prayer Beads

A Liturgical Calendar is a calendar focused on special worship experiences.

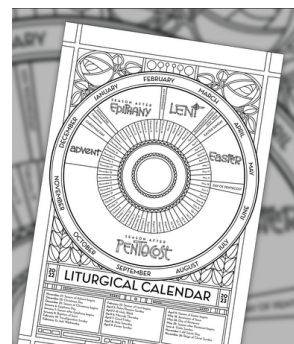
The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Christian Year.

The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and lasts for 12 days.

The Day of Epiphany is January 6. The Baptism of Jesus is remembered on January 8.

Stop by the church on Sunday or Wednesday to add your beads to your liturgical prayer beads!

Contact Kathy Schmucker or Kristin Krach for more information!



## Jesus Walks on Water – Mark 6:45-52

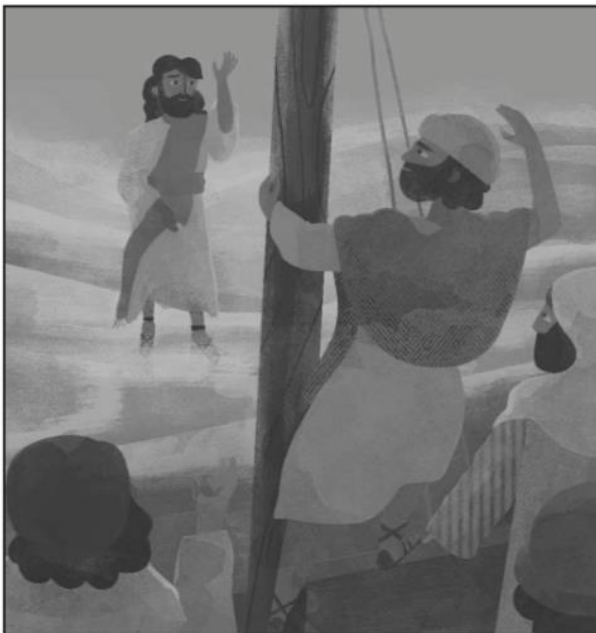
After a long day of preaching to crowds of people, Jesus was tired. He needed time to rest and spend time with God.

He sent the disciples on a boat across the lake while he said goodbye to the crowd. Then, Jesus went to pray.

After praying, Jesus saw the disciples in the middle of the lake. There was a storm coming, so the lake had big waves and big winds.

Jesus knew he had to help the disciples, so he decided to go to them. Jesus walked across the water towards the disciples, but the disciples did not recognize Jesus. They thought he was a ghost and screamed!

But Jesus told them to not be afraid. Jesus climbed into the boat and winds stopped blowing. The disciples were stunned! How could Jesus do this? They did not understand this miracle.



### Family Spiritual Practice

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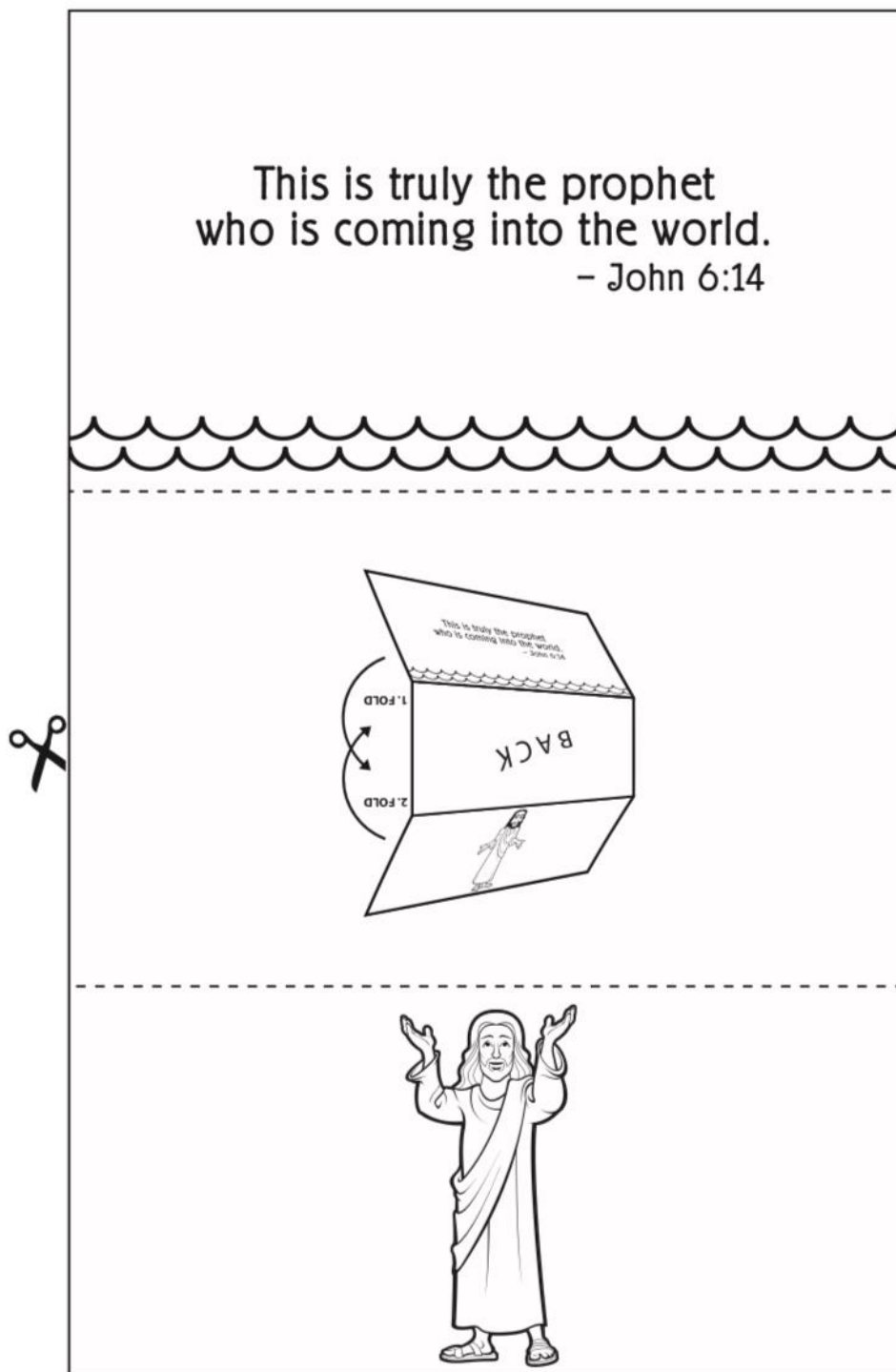
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**Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank you for calming the storms in our lives. Help us not to be afraid. Amen.

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## Walking on Water – Coloring Page

In the Bible story today, the disciples were amazed to see Jesus walking on water! Color the page. Cut out the page and fold the page on the fold line and see Jesus walking on water.

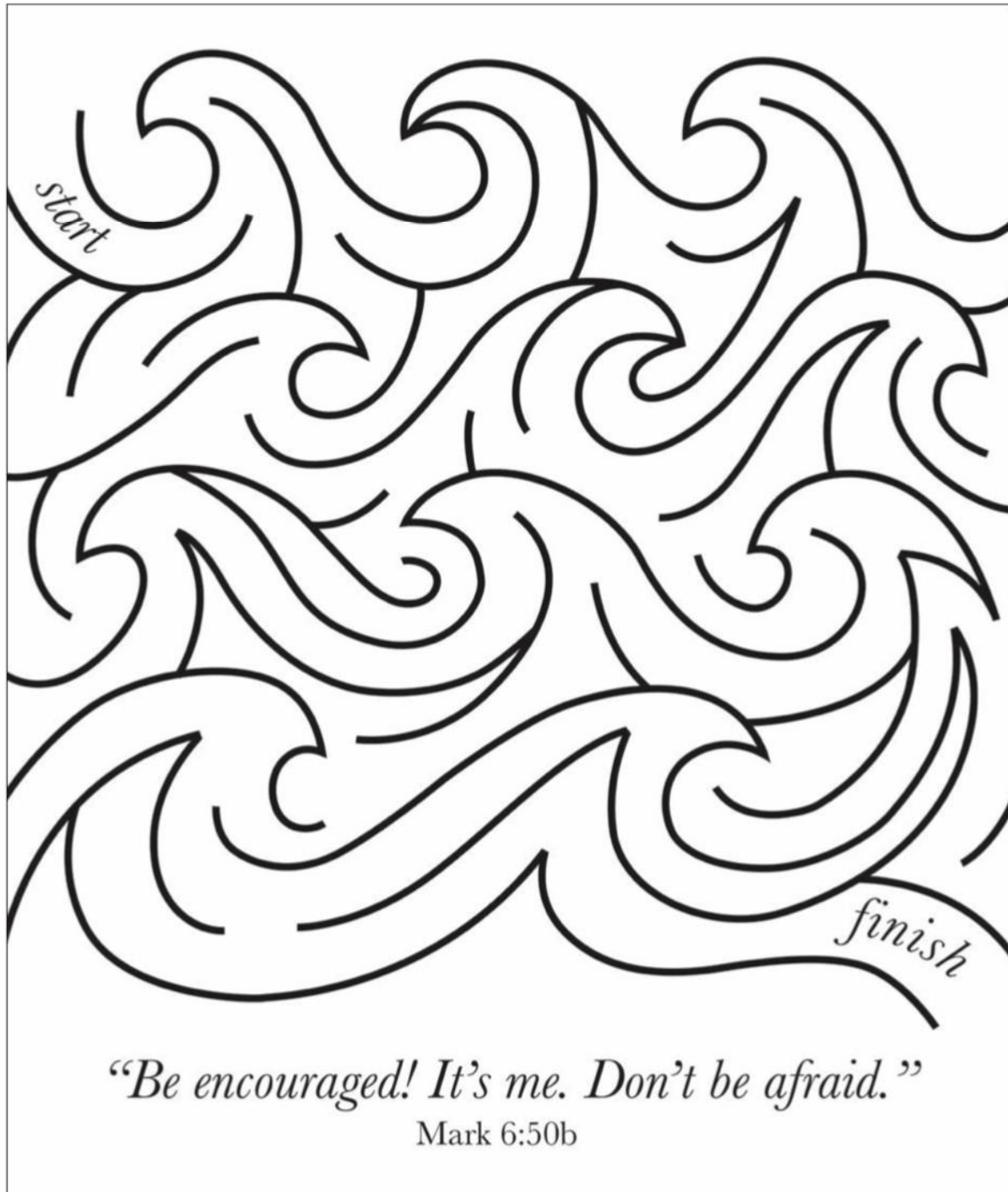




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## Don't Be Afraid – Prayer Activity

Use the labyrinth by moving your finger around the waves. As you move your finger say a prayer to God to help you have a strong faith and not to be afraid. If you can't think of a prayer, you can recite the Bible verse on the page. Color the page.



## We Believe – At-Home Activity

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As a family, write down important things you believe together. These can be morals, values, family rules, or important beliefs about your faith. When you are done, have a conversation about your faith. Display the page where everyone in the family can see it.



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## Believe – Faith Word Coloring Page

Our faith word for this month is *believe*. Believe means to know in your heart what is true about God and faith. What do you know in your heart about God? Think about the word *believe* as you color the page.

