

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Wow!
Jesus has the power to save.

BIBLE

Jesus Walks on Water:
Matthew 14:22–36; Mark 8:31–38

QUESTIONS

- **How did the disciples respond when they first saw Jesus walking on water?** *They were afraid! They thought he was a ghost.*
- **What did Peter ask Jesus to do in order for him to step out of the boat?** *Peter asked Jesus to tell him to come out onto the water, too.*
- **Why did Peter begin to sink?** *He began to doubt and became afraid.*
- **Read Mark 8:35. What do you think Jesus means when he says that we will save our life when we lose it?** *When we live our lives for God rather than for ourselves, we can count on Jesus to save us.*
- **What are some things that may cause you to be afraid or to doubt?**
- **Why do we need Jesus to save us?**
- **Whom can you tell about the power of Jesus to save us?**

ACTIVITY

Have kids make kaleidoscopes by cutting up mirrored sheets to create a triangular prism to place inside a cardboard tube. Have kids cut a circle out of white card stock and design each quarter of the circle differently, using keywords from each of the four Big Ideas in this series (*heal, calm, provide, save*). Poke a hole in the middle and slide it down the long end of a bendy straw, with the short end acting as a stopper. Attach the straw to the length of the tube so that you can see the designs through the other end of the cardboard tube. Spin the card stock to see the cool shapes! (**Scan QR code** for a worked example.)



The powers of science, technology, engineering, and math each play a role in creating a device like a kaleidoscope. Let's keep these little inventions close by so we can always be reminded of how Jesus is always ready to heal, calm our fears, provide, and – most importantly – save. Wow!

MEMORY VERSE: "In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." – 1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

