



BIG IDEA

We can pray every day.

GOD STORY

Jesus Prays and Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22–33)

KEY VERSE

Never stop praying. (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NLT)

MUSIC

“Pray Every Day” (*The Meeting House Kids*)

1 | Start

WATER PLAY SUPPLIES

- Water in a large container, sink, or tub
- Toy people and boat

TIP

- Be sure to use toys that float (i.e., plastic).

WATER PLAY INSTRUCTIONS

- Place a toy boat in the water.
- Hold up one of the toy people and tell the children that it represents Jesus.
- Find out whether he sinks or floats in the water.
- Walk Jesus across the water to the boat.
- Explain that Jesus prays in today’s story. Then he walks on water to join his friends on a boat!
- Emphasize that **we can pray every day**, just like Jesus did.
- Have fun playing with the floating toys!

MAZE SUPPLIES

- Maze
- Pencil

MAZE INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask the children to help Jesus get to his friends on their boat by taking him through the maze. (They could use a pencil or a finger.)
- Remind them that **we can pray every day**.
- Explain that Jesus is praying at the beginning of today’s story from the Bible.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

TIP

- Make sure the children know that prayer means more than talking to God. It includes speaking AND listening to him!

INSTRUCTIONS

- If possible, take a walk together outdoors.
- Chat about the people, places, and things you see, and pray as you go!



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Jesus Walks on Water activity pages
- Blue sequins
- Glue sticks
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page, about 15 sequins, and a glue stick.
- b. Place the colouring supplies where they can be shared easily.
- c. Direct the children to decorate their pages by gluing the sequins onto the water and colouring the picture.
- d. As they work on their crafts, emphasize the Big Idea (**We can pray every day**) and review the Bible story.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse words attached to craft sticks

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Hold up the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17 one at a time and read them aloud for the children.
- b. When everyone is familiar with the Key Verse, encourage the children to take turns holding up and saying the words in order.