

SOAP – Let's Dive In!

THE BIG CATCH: Re-tell Mark 6:45-51 drawing it out on butcher paper.

DEEP DIVE:

- 1. Why was Jesus not in the boat with the disciples? (he wanted to pray alone)
- 2. When the disciples first saw Jesus walking to their boat on the water, what did they think they were seeing? (a ghost)
- 3. What did Jesus say to the disciples when they saw Him? ("Take courage, it is I")
- **4.** What did you learn about Jesus from this story?
- 5. What did you learn about people from this story?
- 6. What do you think it would feel like to walk on water?
- 7. What makes this event such a miracle?
- 8. What is a storm you may encounter during your life.
- 9. Who is there with you in every storm?

MAKING WAVES:

Snack: Gushers

Game #1: Sink or Float

Have kids take turns putting an object of their choice into the tub of water and guessing to see which objects will sink or float. Count together to see how long it takes for them to sink.

God's love never sinks – He is always there to pull us back up in just the right time.

Game #2: Balloon Races (all these are timed or to see who is the fastest)

1. **Balloon Foot Pass Relay –** Divide students into teams. Students will lay on the ground in a line, with the foot of one student just above the head of the next. The student at the end of the line grips a balloon between their feet. To move the balloon

- along the line of students, that person must lift their feet up and over their head, holding this position so that the next person in line can grip the balloon between their feet, before passing it in the same manner to the next student in line. The first team to get their balloon to the end of their line are the winners.
- 2. **Balloon Waddle** Set up teams into relay formation. Give the first contestant in each team a blown up balloon. Team members must race with the balloon located between their legs (waddling or jumping usually) and then pass the balloon to the next racer. Should the balloon be dropped, that team member must return to their starting positions to complete the race.
- 3. **Balloon Face Race** For this race team members must work in pairs to transport a balloon placed between the foreheads of the two team members. Should the balloon fall, that pair must return to their starting position to repeat their run. First team with all the pairs across the finish line is the winner.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, you are amazing! How you can do all things is beyond what we could ever imagine. Help us to learn to call out to you in our storms knowing that you will always be with us and help us so we can remain steady. Amen