PLAY IT

STAYING AFLOAT

Supplies

Towels
Large bucket 2/3 full of water
Wide range of objects such as coins, toys, keys, a raw egg, an apple, a naval orange, a peeled naval orange, cans of soda (both sugared and sugar free) an almond, a wax candle, a ballpoint pen, paper clip, a dollar bill, leaves and other objects from nature, various balls—include a bowling ball if you have one

Directions

1. Gather players around the basin.
2. Before gently placing each object on the surface of the water, ask players to declare if they believe the object will float. Remove each object after testing it.
3. Finish the tests by pulling off one shoe and asking if players think your foot will sink or float. Then find out!

After the activity, talk about this:

- When Peter stepped out of the boat onto choppy water, how do you think the other disciples voted when it came to him sinking or staying afloat? Why?
- Our experiences inform what we think is possible and impossible. How has Jesus surprised you by doing what's not possible—except that He could do it? What's that say about His power and authority?
- Doubt and fear pulled Peter's focus off Jesus. When do doubt and fear do that in your life? What would help you keep your eyes on Jesus?

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