



Wednesday

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

- Matthew 22: 36, 37

[Opening Worship Video](#)

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Consider:

- When you have something that needs to be done, do you ever get distracted (find something else to do)?
- What are some activities or stunts that require you to stay focused? (ex. tight-rope walking)

Walking on Water - Matthew 14: 22-33

²²Right away Jesus made the disciples get into the boat. He had them go on ahead of him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Then he sent the crowd away. ²³After he had sent them away; he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone. ²⁴The boat was already a long way from land. It was being pounded by the waves because the wind was blowing against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to the disciples. He walked on the lake. ²⁶They saw him walking on the lake and were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said. And they cried out in fear.

²⁷Right away Jesus called out to them, “Be brave! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸“Lord, is it you?” Peter asked. “If it is, tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” Jesus said.

So, Peter got out of the boat. He walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰But when Peter saw

the wind, he was afraid. He began to sink. He cried out, "Lord! Save me!"

³¹Right away Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "Your faith is so small!" he said. "Why did you doubt me?"

³²When they climbed into the boat; the wind died down. ³³Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus. They said, "You really are the Son of God!"

Discuss:

- Why do you think Peter asked Jesus to let him walk on the water?
- Who saved Peter from sinking? How quickly was he saved?
- In what ways do we get distracted from being a disciple?
- How can we do a better job of keeping our eyes on God's will?

[Pre-K Bible Lesson Video](#)

[Craft Video – God's Eyes](#)

For each person:

- 2 popsicle sticks (Other types of sticks can be used. This craft is much easier if the sticks are first glued together into a "+")
- 5 yards of yarn or twine (a thicker string is better, but others can be used)

[Game – Straight Ahead](#)

There are many distractions that tempt us every day. As disciples we work at looking only to Jesus, so we do not get led astray.

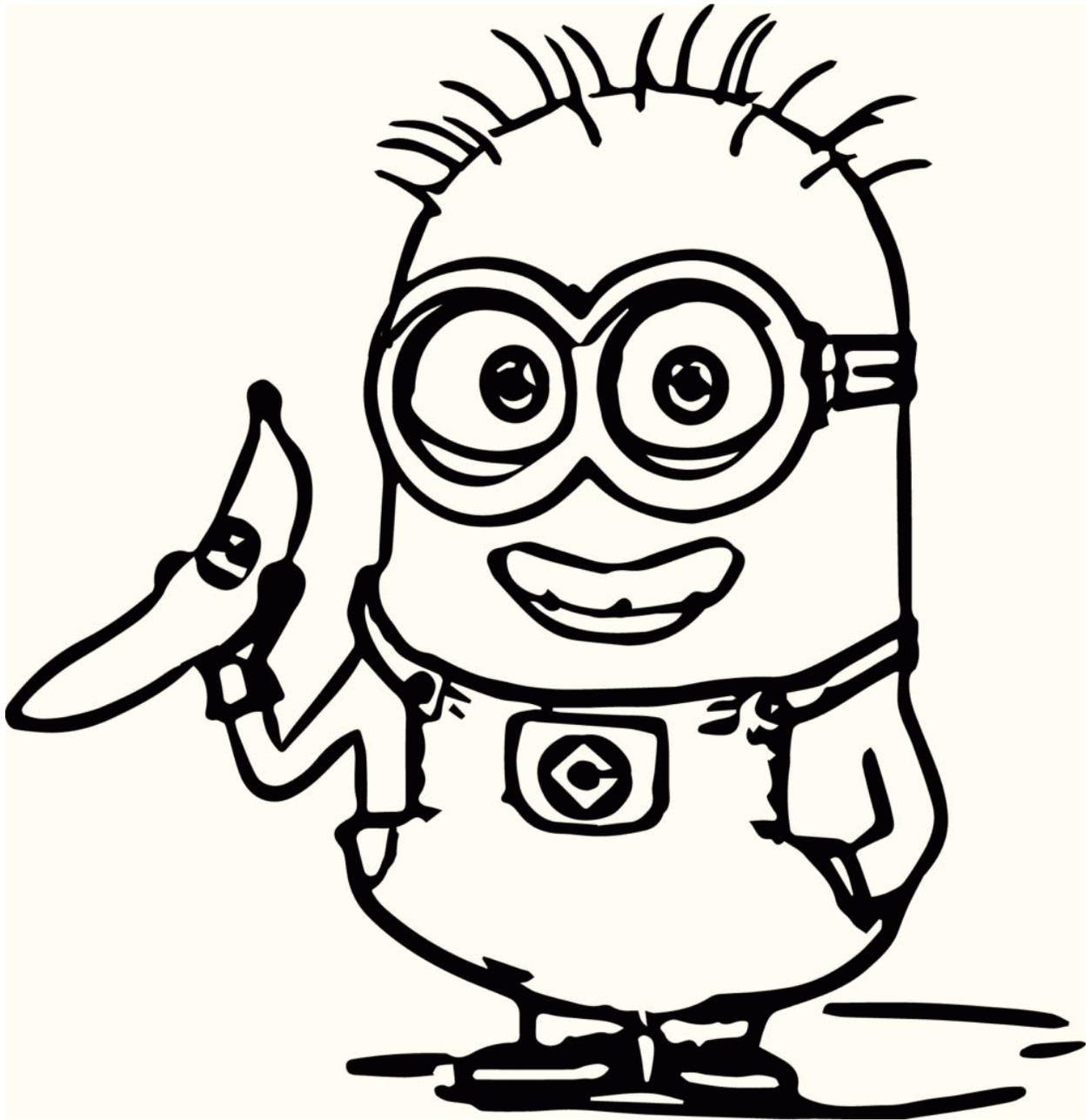
This game will be played outside. You will need a balloon or beach ball. Work together to choose some distractions. Perhaps you can set up the sprinkler or have music playing. Have fun choosing things that you think would cause people to lose their focus (but not their footing, keep it safe). Now establish start and finish lines.

The first person will have to walk from the start to the finish without the balloon touching the ground. Those not playing will do what they can to distract them. If the balloon is dropped, they must go back to the beginning. Once the finish line is reached, they shout, "I kept my eyes on Jesus!" Play continues until everyone has had a turn.

Skit Video – Don't Look Left or Right

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we want to always be focused on you, but we get so easily distracted. Help us as we try again. We love you, Jesus. Amen.



Jesus wants us to keep our eyes on him.