

JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA

Matthew 14:22-33



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Peter walked on water to greet Jesus.■ Sometimes we live through a situation that causes us to doubt our faith.■ We do not need to be afraid. Jesus is always close and willing to help us.
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Jesus went up a mountain to pray. He sent His disciples on ahead of Him and told them to sail home in their ship across the sea.

It was already dark. A strong wind came up, and the waves tossed the boat. All at once, the disciples saw a figure walking across the water.

The disciples were terrified. They all screamed, "It is a ghost!"

When the figure spoke to them, they realised right away that it was Jesus walking across the water. Jesus said, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter answered, "Jesus if it really is You, let me come across the water to You."

And Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter climbed out of the ship and started walking across the water towards Jesus. When he realised how strong the wind was, he started to sink.

Jesus asked, "Why do you doubt?" He grabbed Peter by the hand and helped him climb into the ship. Then the wind slowed down.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Have the children act out what a storm would sound like.

Provide disguise / fancy dress. Have eleven children sit one behind the other on the floor like in the boat and the twelfth, Peter, balances on a bench.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why can Peter walk on the water? (Jesus calls him. He trusts Jesus completely.)
- Why does Peter sink? (He becomes afraid. He doubts.)
- Why can Jesus walk on the water? (He is the Son of God. He is almighty.)

Have the children repeat...

- Peter walked on water to greet Jesus.
- Sometimes, we live through a situation that causes us to doubt our faith.
- We do not need to be afraid. Jesus is always close and willing to help us.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Peter trusted in Jesus.
- After Peter doubted, Jesus was there to help Peter.
- Whom do we trust? (We trust in God, our parents, our teachers etc.)

Repeat the Message
When we believe in Jesus, we have nothing to fear.