



For Toddlers

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Pre-Video Discussion:

Tell me about a time that you have been very afraid.

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

Why did Jesus walk on the water?

*To show Peter and the others that he truly is the Son of God.

What happened when Jesus called Peter out onto the water?

*He walked on the water until he became afraid and doubted. Then, he sank.

How did Jesus rescue Peter? How did he rescue us?

*He held out his hand and saved Peter from sinking. He rescued us by dying on the cross for our sins.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea: Stick Puppet Theatre

Today we're going to make a stick puppet theatre of Jesus walking on the water! Either print off [this image](#) or grab a piece of paper and draw your own. The sky's the limit here! You'll also need: something to color with, glue or tape, popsicle sticks, and scissors. Draw and color Jesus and the disciples in a boat, then cut it out. Attach popsicle sticks to the back of the Jesus cut out and the disciples cut out. Then color some waves on a second piece of paper. Cut along the line of your waves. Fold the edges in about an inch on both sides and stand up your waves. Now you can hold up your puppet stick figures behind it and recreate today's bible story.

In-Person Activity:

8:20: "Walking on Water" Activity: Children will take turns walking across blue streamers on the floor, so they can "walk on water" to remind them of today's lesson and Jesus's power.

9:45: Walk on Water Sticker Craft: Children will make a sticker scene of Jesus walking on the water today to remind them of Jesus and how mighty he is to walk on the water.

For Elementary

Topic:

Jesus Walks On Water

Lesson Overview:

This summer we have seen Jesus perform many miracles that showed his power as God's son. Just last week we saw Jesus calm a terrible storm that popped up while Jesus and his disciples were sailing in a boat. In today's story, Jesus once again shows that he has power over all things including the sea. During another terrible storm, the disciples see someone walking toward them on the water. They think it is a ghost, but quickly realize that it's Jesus.

Key Scripture:

Matthew 14:22-36

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for, rescues and protects his people.

Memory Verse:

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Follow-Up Activity: Sink Float Game

After reading the story in Matthew 14:22-36, gather a tub of water and 4-5 household objects that you don't mind getting wet (coins, paperclips, corks, popsicle sticks, silverware, bath toys, etc...) Take turns predicting whether or not you think the object will sink or float and test out your predictions. If you climbed into a pool of water would you sink or float? Why was Jesus able to walk on water? Why was Peter?

- **Intro Video Link:** <https://vimeo.com/444927542>
- **Bible Story Podcast Link:**
<https://www.tvresources.net/resource-library/podcasts/5-jesus-walks-on-water/>

Post-Video Discussion Questions: First, read Matthew 14:22-36.

- **What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?** (*Sail across the sea.*)
- **What did the disciples see?** (*Someone walking on the water.*)
- **How did that make the disciples feel?** (*Afraid! They thought it was a ghost.*)
- **Who was walking on the water?** (*Jesus*)
- **What is it called when God does something amazing that doesn't normally happen to show his power?** (*A miracle*)
- **What did Jesus tell Peter to do? Did he?** (*Walk on the water; Yes!*)
- **What happened when Peter got scared and forgot that God is in charge of everything? Did Jesus save him?** (*He started sinking; Yes!*)

Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

Read Matthew 14:22-36. Can you think of a time where, like Peter, you forgot that God is in charge of everything? Why is it difficult to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus when our circumstances are difficult or scary? How does this story encourage us to trust Jesus even when we face the storms of this life?

In-Person Activity:

2-3rd Grade: Jesus Walks on Water Craft-kids will complete this craft of Jesus walking on the water to the disciples to help remind them of the lesson.

4-5th Grade: No activity today