



Preschool

“The Gospel Project”

Jesus Walked on Water

August 16, 2020

Unit Key Passage: *“Lord my God, you have done many things—your wonderful works and your plans for us; none can compare with you.” Psalm 40:5 (CSB)*

Bible Passage : Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6

Main Point: Jesus walked on water.

Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.*

1 Getting Started

9:30-10:00

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent’s security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child’s name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

2 Create the Story

10:00-10:15

Activity: “Sink or Float”

Supplies: “Sink or Float” activity page, crayons/markers

Directions: Lead children to cross out items they think will sink in water. Then encourage children to circle the items they think will float in water.

Say: Good job deciding what would sink and what would float. Today’s Bible story takes place on the sea where Jesus’ disciples were in a boat. One of Jesus’ disciples began to sink in the water, but Jesus rescued him. Listen to the story to hear which disciple Jesus rescued from the water.

3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

Supplies:

- ❖ Bible story pictures- (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
 - Jesus Fed a Crowd
 - Jesus Walked on Water
- ❖ Other templates-
 - **Key passage:** Psalm 40:5
 - **Main Point:** Jesus walked on water.
 - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.*
- ❖ “The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson: “Jesus Walked on Water”

Review:

- **Say:** Who remembers what we’ve been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? *(Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures):*
 - Last week, we learned how Jesus fed a crowd of over 5,000 people. The next day, Jesus would say that He is the bread of life.

Today’s story:

- **Say:** The Bible is God’s Word, and God’s Word is true! Today’s true story about Jesus comes from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John. Let’s hear what happened.
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Christ Connection:** The disciples looked out from their boat and saw Jesus. **Jesus walked on water (*Show the Main Point template*)!** Peter wanted to walk on the water too. Jesus told him to come. Peter started walking on the water toward Jesus (*Show the picture of Jesus Walked on Water*). But then Peter saw how windy it was, and he was afraid. Peter began to sink, but Jesus reached out and saved Peter. When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. Jesus showed that we can trust Him. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin.
- **Big picture question: Jesus walked on water.** People cannot normally walk on water. They would sink if they tried! Walking on water is a miracle. *Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.* We can trust Him to save us from our sin.

- **Review key passage: (*Show key passage template*)** “*Lord my God, you have done many things—your wonderful works and your plans for us; none can compare with you.*”
Psalm 40:5 (CSB)

Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)

4 Snack & Life Group

10:45-11:00

IMPORTANT!!!! Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

Snack: Cheerios & bananas

As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.

Life Group Questions:

- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do while He went to pray? (get into a boat, go to the other side of the sea)
- In the middle of the night, who did the disciples see? (Jesus)
- What was Jesus doing? (Jesus walked on water.)
- Who also wanted to walk on water? (Peter)
- Who saved Peter when he sank? (Jesus)
- **Main Point: Jesus walked on water.**
- **Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.***
- Our key passage reminds us that God does many wonderful things. He made the world and everything in it, including the sea. He is able to do things we could never do, like walking on water or calming a storm.
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids:** “*Lord my God, you have done many things—your wonderful works and your plans for us; none can compare with you.*”
Psalm 40:5 (CSB)

5 Craft

11:00-11:15

Craft #1: Rip and Tear Waves

Supplies: Black construction paper, blue and green pieces of construction paper to tear, glue, chalk

Directions: Distribute a sheet of black construction paper to each child. Show them how to tear long strips of blue and green construction paper to make ocean waves. Encourage the children to glue their waves onto the black construction paper. Help them to draw a simple sailboat above their waves with chalk. (A half circle for the boat hull, straight line for the mast, and triangle for the sail works well.) Suggest they add stars to their art as well.

Say: Jesus told His disciples to get into a boat while He went to pray. In the middle of the night, **Jesus walked on water** toward His disciples. Peter asked if he could walk to Jesus on the sea, and Jesus told him to come. But Peter saw the wind and the waves, and he became very afraid and began to sink in the water. Jesus reached out and grabbed Peter. “Why didn’t you trust Me?” Jesus asked. Jesus showed that we can trust Him. His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin.

Craft #2: “Jesus Walked on Water” color page

Supplies: “Jesus Walked on Water” color page, crayons/markers

Directions: Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today’s story.

Say: **Jesus walked on water.** He also allowed Peter to walk on water. Walking on water was a miracle—something only God could make happen. Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.

6 Games/Activities

11:15-11:30

OPTION #1: Take a Trust Walk

Supplies: None

Directions: Invite children to sit in a circle. Choose a child and tell him to shut his eyes or if he wishes, you may cover his eyes with a blindfold. Take the child’s hand and carefully lead him around the room and back to his place in the circle. Repeat with each child as time allows.

Say: You had to trust me in order to go on a walk with me around the room. In today’s Bible story, Peter had to trust Jesus in order to take a walk on the water.

OPTION #2: Make Waves

Supplies: Towels or sheets, Optional: foam balls

Directions: Form pairs. Give each pair a beach towel and show them how to hold a corner in each hand. Guide preschoolers to make waves by moving the towel up and down. Lead the children to make big waves and small waves by moving the towel up and down quickly or slowly. For added fun, toss foam balls on the towels and challenge preschoolers to bounce a ball up and down while keeping it on the towel.

Say: We made big and little waves with our beach towels. The disciples were in a boat at night on the sea. The wind started to blow, and the waves tossed the boat up and down. At midnight Jesus came walking toward the disciples on the water, and He didn't sink. When Jesus saved Peter and got into the boat with him, the wind and the waves stopped. Jesus can do things no one else can do. ***Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.***

7 Closing Activity

11:30-11:45

Closing Activity- Journal page

Supplies: Journal page, crayons/markers

Directions: Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of a boat. Talk about how the disciples were in a boat on the sea when they saw Jesus walking on the water. They were afraid, but Jesus showed that we can trust Him. His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is. When we trust Him, He will save us from our sin.

- **Pray:** Thank you Jesus that we can trust you! Jesus you are our Savior, and you will save us from our sin. Amen.

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Main Session Teaching: (Use if DVD is not available)

Jesus had been teaching people by the sea. It was getting late, so He told His disciples to get into a boat and go to the other side of the sea. Jesus went up on a mountain to pray by Himself.

That evening, the boat was far from the shore when the wind started to blow. Big waves tossed the boat up and down. Jesus was still on the mountain alone. In the middle of the night, **Jesus walked on the water** (*Show the Main Point template*) toward His disciples. When the disciples saw Jesus, they were very afraid!

“It’s a ghost!” they cried.

Jesus spoke to them right away. “It’s Me,” He said. “Don’t be afraid!”

Jesus’ disciple Peter said, “Lord, if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water.”

So Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter got out of the boat (*Show the picture of Jesus Walked on Water*). He started walking on the water toward Jesus. But then Peter saw how windy it was, and he was afraid. Peter began to sink into the water.

“Lord, save me!” Peter cried.

Jesus reached out and grabbed Peter. “Why didn’t you trust Me?” Jesus asked. They got into the boat and the wind stopped. Everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus. “You really are the Son of God,” they said.