

## JESUS WALKED ON WATER | Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6

**Memory Verse:** <sup>25</sup>“All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**JOHN 14:25-26**

**Big Picture Question:** Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

**Bottom Line:** I know that Jesus is who He says He is.

**Christ Connection:** Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.

### 10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Throw Throw Burrito

**What You Need:** Game box, foam balls or bean bags (2 per group)

**What You Do:**

- Follow directions in the game box.

**What You Say** ” That was so much fun. You guys are really good at playing games together. In our stories coming up we are going to talk about things Jesus did well. He was a good teacher, shepherd, and miracle worker. Let’s get our stuff cleaned up and get ready to watch our video today.”

### 10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

### 15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD’S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

#### SERIES THEME

In this series, we are looking at what we can learn about Jesus from His miracles.

#### TODAY’S BOTTOM LINE

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#### CONTEXT

Jesus had just fed more than five thousand people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. After sending away the people and directing His disciples to go back across the sea, Jesus went to a mountain to pray. It was late, and He sought to be alone with His Father. Jesus was preparing to fulfill His Father’s plan. Before long, He would die on the cross and rescue people from sin.

While Jesus prayed, the disciples struggled to cross the sea. A storm came and tossed their boat up and down. They didn’t make any progress against the waves. Then, in the early morning hours, they saw a figure walking toward them on the water. They thought it was a ghost, but it was Jesus!

Peter asked Jesus to command him to come out on the water, and Jesus called to him. Peter walked on the water too- until he remembered the storm. Peter took his eyes off of Jesus, and he began to sink. Peter cried out to Jesus, “Save me!”

Jesus took Peter by the hand, and they got into the boat. The wind and waves calmed. Though Peter had doubted, the disciples worshiped Jesus. Clearly He was no ordinary man; this was the Son of God- the promised Messiah!

Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. As you teach, encourage kids to look to Jesus in faith every day. We can seek Him for our salvation

and for help as we live in this world. Even in the midst of fear and doubt, we can hold out our empty hands and cry, "Lord save me!" He will answer, and we can respond in worship of our Lord and Savior.

### TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- Every miracles of Jesus teaches us something about Jesus.
- Jesus showed He is God by walking on water.
- Peter walked on water when He kept His eyes on Jesus.
- We live our lives with His power when we live by faith, keeping our focus on Him.
- **Bottom Line:** I know that Jesus is who He says He is.

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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### PRAYER AND TIME OF COMMITMENT

Give kids a chance to believe in Jesus for the first time. Remind them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to earth to pay for their sins. Lead them to pray as you pray. Pray that believers will submit their lives to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him.

### 25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

#### Discussion Questions:

- **Why did Jesus stay behind when the disciples crossed the lake?** *(to pray, Matt. 14:23)*
- **What did the disciples think they saw when Jesus walked on the water toward them?** *(a ghost, Matt. 14:26)*
- **When did Jesus save Peter from drowning?** *(immediately after Peter called out to Him, Matt. 14:30-31)*
- **How was Peter able to walk on water?** *Guide kids to discuss how Jesus' power allowed Peter to walk on water. Remind the kids that impossible things can happen when God's power is involved. Point out the correlation between Peter's faith in Jesus while he walked on water and his fear of the storm when he sank. Discuss the importance of faith in our lives.*
- **Is there anything we cannot do with God's power?** *Discuss the fact that God's power is unlimited, but that doesn't mean we can use Him for personal gain. Help kids see that testing the Lord is foolish and that anything He empowers us to do will be in line with His character and plans for the world.*
- **When was the last time you trusted God to help you through a hard time?** *Guide kids to discuss experiences they have had in which God helped them through a difficult situation. Be sensitive to any kids who may disclose abuse or neglect. Report any suspicions according to the laws where you live and your church's policies.*

#### Activity: Eyes on Jesus

**What You Need** plastic eggs, 1 per kid, spoons 1 per kid, buckets 1 per team- 2 teams, Bible Story Picture

#### What You Do:

- Tape a large sheet of paper to a focal wall.
- Form two teams of kids.
- Give each player a plastic egg and a spoon.

- Instruct teams to line up on one side of the room.
- Position a bucket for each team on the opposite side of the room and tape a copy of the Bible story picture to the wall above each bucket.
- Explain that the first player on each team will race to the bucket with an egg on her spoon, but she must keep her eyes on Jesus the whole time.
- When a kid drops her egg into the bucket, the next player may begin.
- If a player drops her egg, she should start over.

**What You Say** “Was it easy or difficult to keep your eyes on Jesus? What in your life might distract you from Jesus? (allow kids to respond)

Jesus showed He is God by walking on water. Jesus proved He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith. Let’s look at our discussion questions to talk about this more.”

**Activity: Memory Verse Activity**

**What You Need:** Memory Verse Poster, minute to win it games (choose one)

**What You Do:**

- Set up the minute to win it game of your choice today.
- Use the masking tape to mark a tossing line.
- Ask kids to line up behind the taped line.
- As kids come up to the line, they have 1 minute to say the memory verse, if they get it mostly correct they can take a turn trying the minute to win it game.
- The next person in line gets a turn next.
- If you want to keep score ask kids to keep track of how many balls made it in the cups or were shot.

**What You Say** ” Jesus spoke our memory verse to His disciples before He went to the cross. Jesus wanted them to know what to expect. Jesus knew that they would have trouble remembering all the wonderful things He taught about God and God’s kingdom. That’s why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us. He lives within us when we believe in Jesus for life, and He helps us understand and remember God’s truth.”



## All Star Kids

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3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Pray and Dismiss:

**What You Need:** no supplies needed

**What You Say:**

“Lord, thank You that You are trustworthy. Help us love You and obey You out of love. Give us more faith each day. Give us courage to live for You even when the world around us says it is foolish or wrong. Amen.”

### 5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question: **What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.** Encourage families to pick up the Family Study Guide online or on the slat wall.