



Matthew 14:22-33

14 ²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Intro

After Jesus heard the news of the death of John the Baptist, he headed for a quiet place, the crowds followed, he healed the sick, and as evening came he fed them. This is the run up to our passage for today.

This week we will see:

a. How amazing Jesus is 🙌

1. He can walk on stormy water v25
2. He saves Peter as soon as he asks v31
3. He has power to calm the wind and the water v33

b. The disciples giving Jesus a thumbs up 👍

1. Peter asking for Jesus help when he is worried by the wind v30
2. The disciples see what happens and worship him saying "Truly you are the Son of God" v33

c. See Peter give Jesus a thumbs down 🙄

Jesus says Peter doubted when he looked away from him v31-Only for a moment, and Peter gives us a brilliant example of what to do when we doubt-look to Jesus and ask for help.

Retelling the story

Enjoy retelling this story. I know "pause the video and set the children up with their activities" isn't always the easiest/most practical way to do things" but, but having just heard

the passage read, it is a fun one to act out with children. It works if you imagine you're the disciples in the boat, getting tossed around by the waves, and ask or tell your children what happens next- depending on their age and whether or not they were listening to the reading.

How is this relevant to our children?

We get to see how powerful Jesus is.

-It gives us things to praise him about.

-We have evidence to show us that Jesus is in charge so it helps us trust that he is able to help us when we ask him

We get to see how gracious Jesus is

He doesn't hesitate to help us when we ask-we might not be able to see exactly how he is helping us but we can see here that he does. So we can ask Jesus for help with Anything

It shows us something about doubt

When we look at a problem and forget tat Jesus is always bigger than the problem

It shows us what to do when we're afraid of something

Ask Jesus to help

Prayer

1.Tell Jesus how amazing he is.

2.Ask God to help you to remember that Jesus is more powerful than anything else especially when you're worried or afraid.

3.Think about the things that you are worried about, or the things that make you afraid, and ask Jesus to help you.

Activities

You could try something like this:-

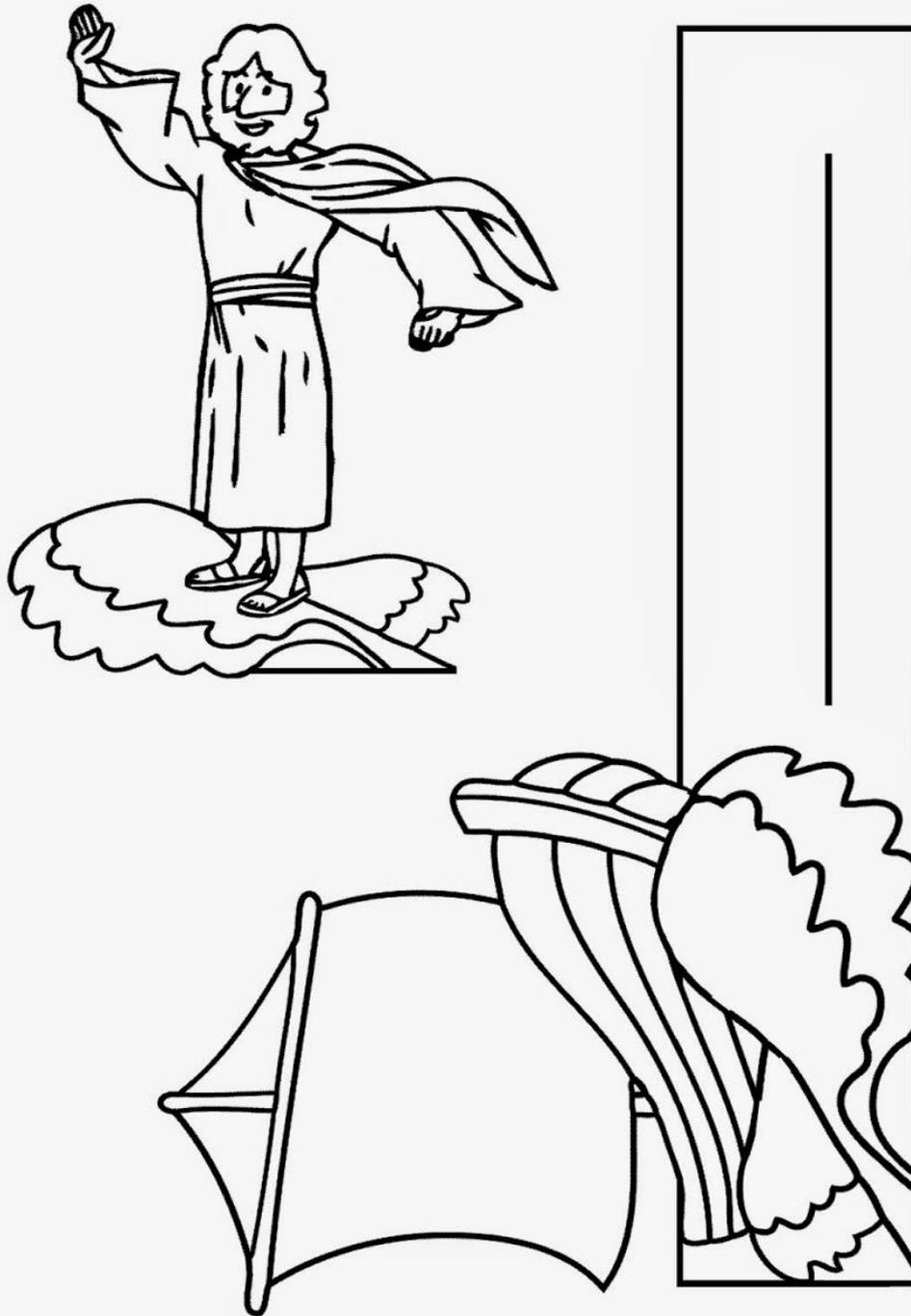


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Jesus walks on water craft below

1. Colour
2. Cut out
3. Make a slit in the sea as marked
4. Attach stiff card from a cereal box. Or something like a lolly stick to Jesus.
5. Thread the lolly stick through the slit
6. Jesus can "walk on water"

Jesus Walks on Water



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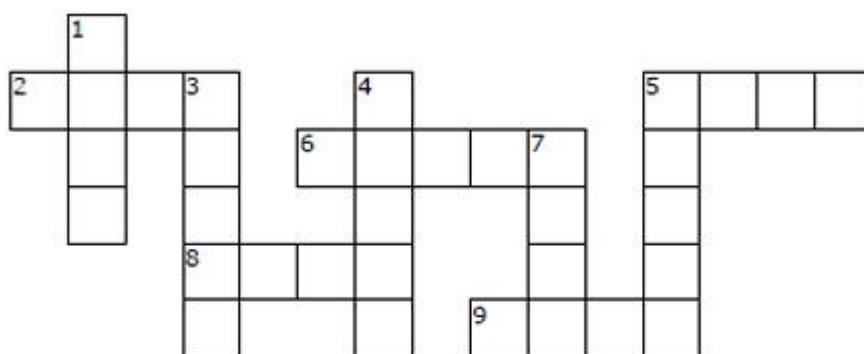
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Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air
5. To travel along on your feet
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
8. A small vessel for travel on water
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

1. To go downward in water
3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
4. A firm belief in God
5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
7. To rescue someone

FEAR	FAITH	DOUBT	WAVES	WATER
SAVE	WIND	BOAT	WALK	SINK

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