

At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 4, Lesson 18

Walking on the Water

Lesson Aim: To know we do not need to fear because Jesus is with us and He will save us.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Jesus walked on the water."

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus as our Savior. A savior is someone who saves or rescues us from danger. In today's story, Jesus' followers were in a boat being tossed by big waves in the middle of the sea. To get to their boat, Jesus walked on the top of the water. It was a miracle! That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "Jesus walked on the water." Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse: "Jesus walked on the water." Include sign language.

The Bible promises that if we call out to Jesus, He will save us. Sing: "Everyone Who Calls."

Let's ask God to use our offering today to help many people trust Jesus to save them. Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

We do not need to be afraid because Jesus is with us and He is mighty to save. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

THE WORD JESUS WALKED ON THE WATER CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned how Jesus saved the official's son who was very sick. Today, we will hear what Jesus did to save His friends who were in a boat that was being tossed by the wind and waves. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 14:30.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 14:22-34

Read poem. Display visual.

- > Jesus sent His followers late one day,
- > To cross the lake, so they rowed away.
- > Jesus walked up the mountainside alone to pray.
- > But a wind came tossing their boat in the waves!
- They saw Jesus walking on the water.
- > He walked through the wind and over the waves.
- They cried, "It's a ghost!" He said, "Don't be afraid.
- Take courage. It is I." Jesus came to save.
- Then Peter said, "Lord, if it's really You,
- Let me walk on the water, let me come to You."
- > Jesus said, "Come," and Peter stepped out.
- Peter walked on the water until he looked down.
- > He saw the wind and he was afraid.
- He started to sink and cried, "Lord, save!"
- Jesus' hand reached out catching Peter right away!
- > He asked, "Why did you doubt, you of little faith?"
- > When they climbed into the boat, the wind calmed down.
- > Everyone in the boat worshiped and bowed down.
- > This miracle proved what some already thought.
- They said, "Truly, You are the Son of God."

How did Jesus get to the boat? (He walked on the water.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Jesus walked on the water." Include sign language or hand motions.

When Peter saw the wind, he was afraid. What did Peter say? ("Lord, save me!") Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 14:30.

THE WAY EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON JESUS WILL BE SAVED

CRAFT: Walking on the Water

GAMES: Test the Water, Act It Out

SNACK: Treats from the Sea **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Matthew 14:22-34

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stop the Music, Everyone Who Calls **STORY TIME**