



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 18

Walking on Water

Lesson Aim: To see how this story connects with our habits of fear and the salvation of our souls.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most amazing rescue you have ever seen?

GAME: Rescue Relay

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:7.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS WALKED ON WATER AND SAVED PETER

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed the official's son with His words alone.

Today, we will discover Jesus walked on water. Point to the Sea of Galilee. **This miracle occurred during the darkest hours (about 3am-6am).** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 14:22-34. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 14:30. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS SAVES US

[Worrying about the unknown.] **The disciples were terrified. Who did they think they saw?** (A ghost.) **Have you ever been afraid when you saw or heard something you have never seen or heard before?** **Worrying about the unknown is a habit of fear. To break that habit, we can focus on our all-powerful God, who is always in control.**

[Forgetting what we know.] **Did the disciples call out for Jesus?** (No.) **Can you think of a frightening time when you forgot to pray to God?** **Forgetting what we know about God's love and power is another habit of fear. The disciples had seen Jesus calm the sea, heal the sick, and raise the dead. They saw Him feed 5000 people with one boy's lunch! How might praying or reminding each other of those miracles have calmed their fears? Praying and remembering His miracles are two ways we can break our habit of fear.**

[Focusing on danger.] **At first, was Peter able to walk on water?** (Yes.) **Why did He begin to sink?** (He saw the wind and was afraid.) **Taking our focus off of Jesus and focusing on the danger or problem is another habit of fear. What did Peter do when he began to sink?** (He cried out, "Lord, save me!") **Like Peter, to be saved we must cry out to Jesus, and we must focus on Jesus instead of our fears.** If time allows, play the FEARLESS FOCUS game in the GOT TIME? segment.

How is this miracle like a picture of the way Jesus saves our souls? Jesus saved Peter's life. If we cry out to Jesus, He will save our souls. What does it mean for a soul to be saved? All who believe in Jesus and call upon Him to be their Lord and Savior are saved from God's punishment for their sin, forgiven, and given eternal life. This means their souls live forever close with God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Hundreds of years before Peter cried out for Jesus to save him, a psalmist wrote about waiting for the Lord to save his soul. He knew that would only come through the forgiveness of sins. As we read this psalm, listen for ways it reminds you of Peter and Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. Reveal Psalm 116:4, 6. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What happened after Jesus climbed into the boat? (The wind calmed and the disciples worshiped Jesus as the Son of God.) **The disciples had seen many miracles. Why do you think this one helped them recognize Jesus as the Son of God? What miracles have you witnessed? What have those miracles shown you about Jesus? What kind of miracle would convince you Jesus is God's Son who has the power to save all who believe in Him?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "NO FEAR!" sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #18
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus walking on water
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Rescue Ring Donuts

GAME: Fearless Focus

CRAFT: "No Fear" Key Chain

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Walking on the Word

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW