



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 18

Walking on Water

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to focus on their Savior instead of their fears.

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 and saved Peter from drowning in the lake called the Sea of Galilee. Point to the Sea of Galilee. **This miracle occurred during the fourth watch of the night. That is a phrase used during Bible times to describe the darkest hours of the night, from about 3am to 6am.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 14:22-34. Pray. Read.

THE WAY FOCUS ON JESUS, NOT ON FEARS

When Jesus went up the mountain to pray, where did He send the disciples? (To take a boat to the other side of the lake.) **What happened to their boat during the evening?** (It was being tossed by high winds and waves.) **How did Jesus get to the boat?** (He walked on the water.)

After the disciples realized it was Jesus walking towards them, what did Peter ask Jesus to do? (To tell Peter to walk to Him on the water.) **At first, was Peter able to walk on water?** (Yes.) **What happened to Peter when he saw the wind?** (He was afraid and began to sink.) **While Peter had his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water. When Peter stopped looking at Jesus and noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink. How does this show you that we must focus on Jesus instead of our problems and fears?**

What did Peter do when he began to sink? (He cried out, "Lord, save me!") **What did Jesus do when Peter cried out to Him?** (He reached out and saved him right away.) **Just as Jesus was with Peter, He will be with you. You do not need to be afraid.**

The first thing Peter learned was that we must focus on Jesus instead of our fear. To focus means to look at and think about one thing. The one thing we can focus on is that Jesus, the Savior is with you. Keep your mind on Jesus, His power to do miracles, and His love.

The second thing Peter learned was that to be saved, we must call out to Jesus.

Gather children in a circle. **Now we will pass this life preserver around the circle. When it reaches you, you may pass it along or you may hold it and tell us about a time when you were in a frightening situation. Tell us what you did to help you focus on Jesus instead of your fear.** Pass life preserver. If necessary help children brainstorm ways to focus on Jesus in these situations, such as remembering details of a miracle, singing praise songs, praying, etc.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

When God's people are in danger, they have always called out to God, as Peter did. God has been saving those who call out to Him for thousands of years. He saves us now, as He did with Peter, and as he did long before Peter was born. In fact, one thousand years before Peter called out "Lord, save me," David said those same words. Do you think the Lord saved David when he called out as Peter did? Let's find out! Reveal Psalm 116:4, 6. Read.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "NO FEAR!" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW