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JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW



JESUS WALKS ON WATER MIGHTY MESSAGE

The story of Jesus calming the winds and telling the disciple Peter to walk on water with him will teach children in Sunday school or youth ministry that God is in control—even in the storms of life. Peter wanted badly to walk on water to Jesus, but like most of us, he became overwhelmed by the circumstances and needed a better vision of God’s plan.



How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
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MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Toilet-paper (full rolls) or newspapers (game)
- Pie tins (game)
- Bandana (game)
- Timer (game)
- Masking tape (game)
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

EXCERPTS FROM MATTHEW 14:22-33

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



MATTHEW 14:22-33

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³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Questions for Children about Jesus Walks on Water:

1. One thing people frequently miss about this story is its opening. How long was Jesus in prayer with God, according to verses 22-25? A: **Almost all night.** How do you think he and God communicated in these long sessions of prayer? Out loud? Did Jesus hear from God or just speak? Was it boring for Jesus? A: **He probably said what was truly in his heart; it probably wasn't out loud; it must have been pretty engaging for Jesus to not be bored.** What can we take away from this about our own prayer lives? A: Be sincere; be inquisitive; don't be afraid; truly listen for God's voice in response to your questions.

2. What did Peter ask Jesus? A: **To come to him.** According to verse 29 was he successful at first? A: **Yes.** What made Peter start to sink according to verse 30? He saw the wind; he focused on the circumstances. Think of a time you were really scared. When was it? Were you able to see through the circumstances and believe in God's power, or were you too busy focusing on the circumstances? How would you handle it differently next time?

3. The winds calmed as Jesus got into the boat. Why did God allow the winds that night in the first place? A: **Because he was about to show a miracle. Without the winds, the disciples would not have been so impressed.** God allows storms in our lives sometimes, meaning scary circumstances. What might this mean for us? **We could get a chance to see him work very powerfully. We should remember that when things get tough.**



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Peter's trip across the water to Jesus is a really popular miracle of Christ's. The reason is that it reflects our real lives so well. We often go through "storms" in life. Sometimes we have to move to a new community. Sometimes our parents can't get along and may even divorce. We've been bullied. We are afraid we will flunk a hard class. These storms don't involve thunder and lightning and strong winds. The involve our feelings of peace and security in the world.

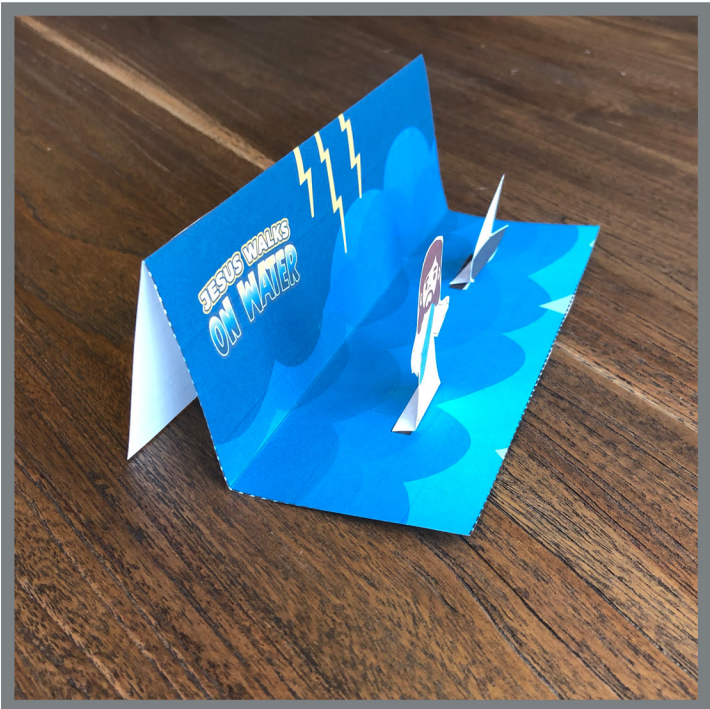
We need God's help. Like Peter, we may ask for God's help with assurance. However, after we've taken a few steps or a few days have passed, we look at the bully, that tough assignment, that circumstance instead of God.

Peter didn't drown. And God never puts a circumstance before one of his children without providing that hand up, just like the hand that Jesus gave Peter. We have to listen for God's voice amidst all the clamor of life. Peter didn't drown in his circumstance, and neither will we.



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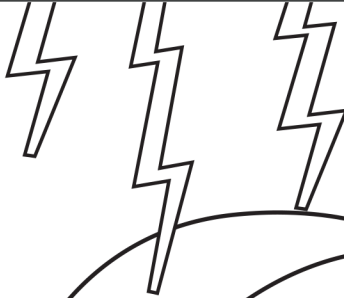
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BOAT

JESUS



1. COLOR in the background scene, Jesus, and the boat.



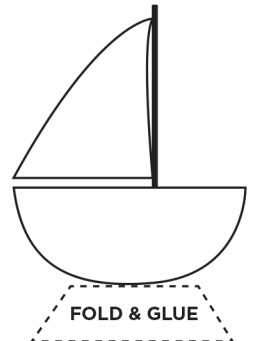
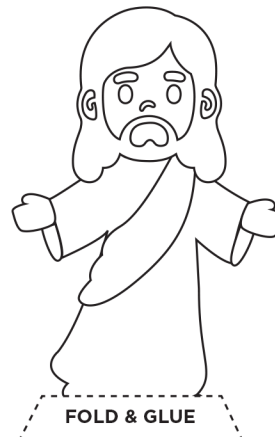
2. CUT along the dotted lines in the background scene. Cut out Jesus and the boat but do NOT cut out the bottom area that says "FOLD & GLUE".



3. FOLD the background scene into thirds along the grey lines. This will allow you to stand the page up with the water on the bottom and the middle section in the background.

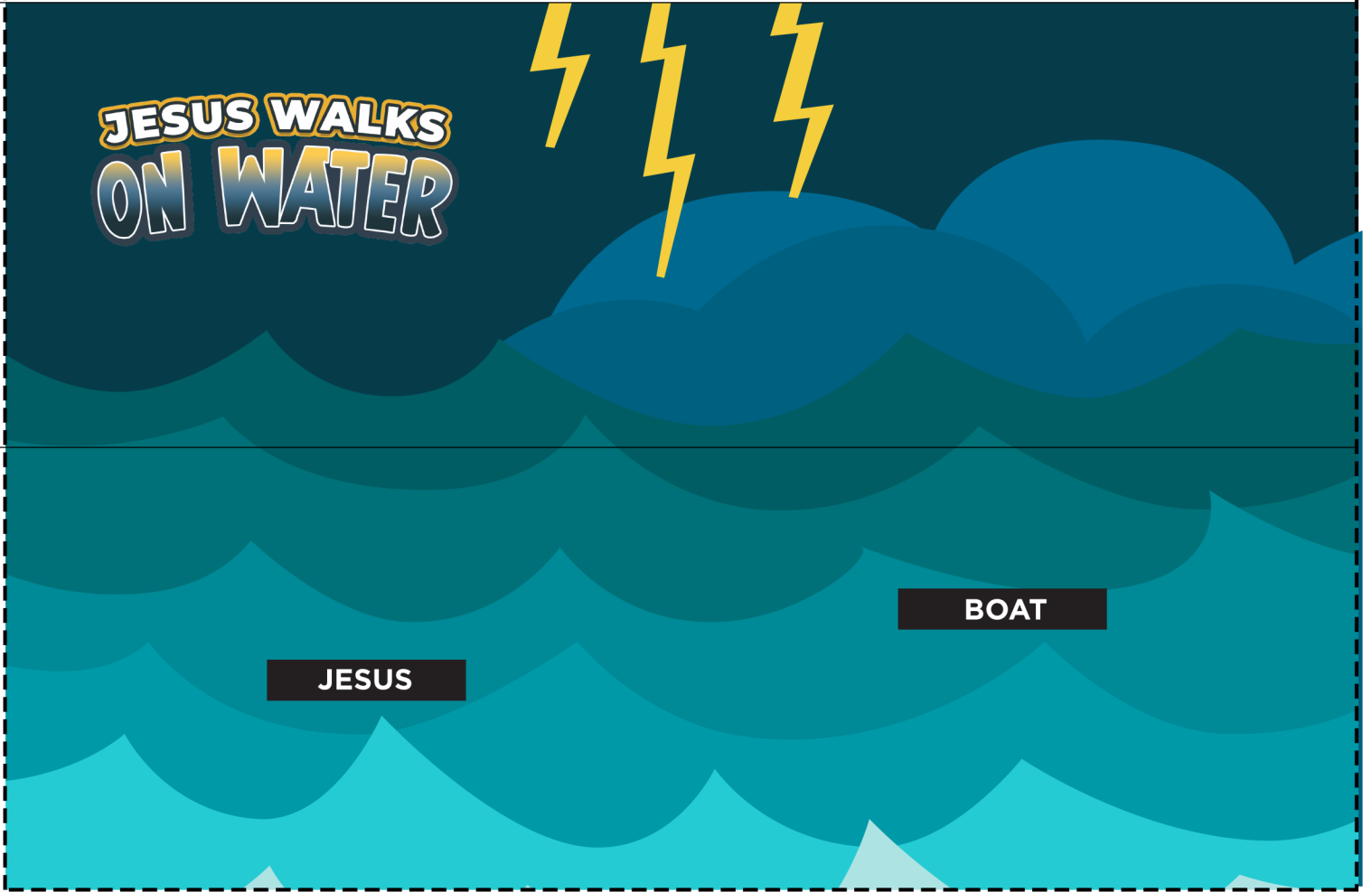


4. GLUE Jesus and the boat and glue them into their positions on the water.



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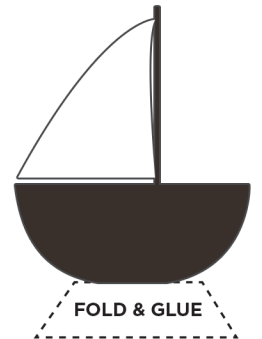
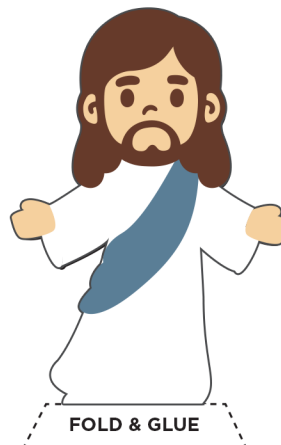
1. CUT along the dotted lines and then cut out Jesus and the boat but don't cut off the FOLD + GLUE boxes, keep those attached.



2. FOLD the page 3 times along the gray lines. Now you can stand the paper up so that the water is on the bottom and the landscape + scripture prop the page up.

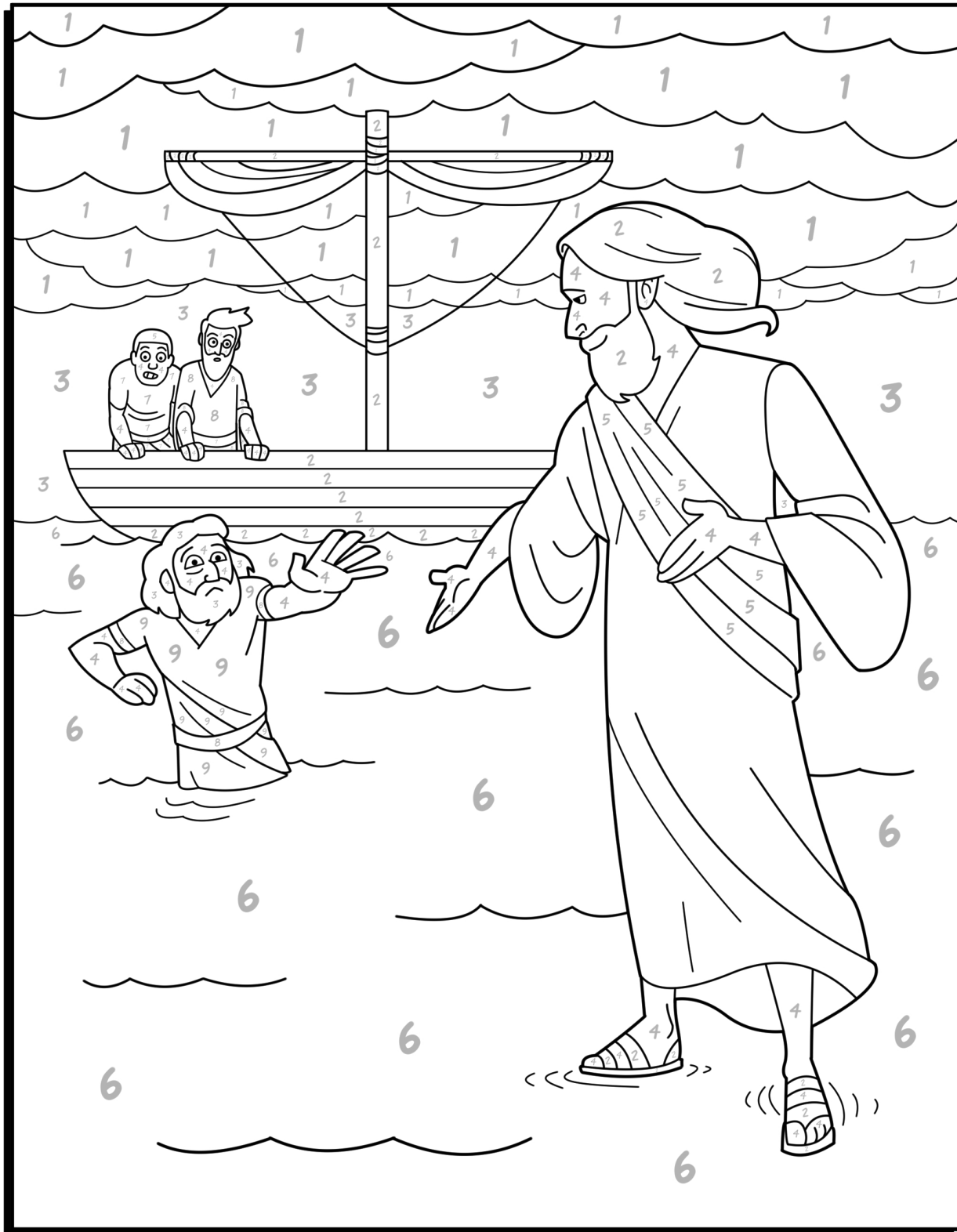


3. GLUE or use double sided tape on the FOLD + GLUE boxes below Jesus and the boat. Then place them on the water where it says so.



Color by Numbers!

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|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 = Gray | 3 = Black | 5 = Red | 7 = Orange | 9 = Green |
| 2 = Brown | 4 = Skin tone | 6 = Dark Blue | 8 = Purple | |



Jesus walks on water.

Matthew 14: 22-33

WALKING ON WATER

The Apostle Peter often gets a bum rap for having sunk, once he asked to come to Jesus on the water. We forget that Peter was the only disciple who even asked! This game will encourage kids to have some of Peter's faith — "walking on water" while blindfolded—which is about how Peter must have felt trying to reach the Lord in that dark, stormy night.



MATERIALS:

- Toilet paper (full rolls) or balled-up newspapers
- Pie tins
- Bandana
- Timer
- Masking tape



PREPARATION:

1. Lay down two strips of masking tape three feet apart, that run approximately eight feet in length.
2. Take 20 sheets of newspaper and ball them up into loose balls or take several rolls of toilet paper. Throw them in the area between the masking-tape lines, which is the "water."

OBJECTIVE

To get to Jesus with all this stuff going on around the blinded student, by listening for his voice.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Blindfold one student and have him take off his shoes, so that he is in his socks. Have him stand at the beginning of the playing field.
2. Place another student, who will be Jesus, at the other end.
3. Line other students up along the strips of masking tape, each with a pie tin.
4. Have the blindfolded student say, "May I come to you on the water?"
5. Have the Jesus student say, "Come to me!"
6. Have the assistant start your timer.
7. The blindfolded student should proceed toward Jesus, who can keep saying "Come to me!" No yelling!
8. The blinded student may not step directly on a ball newspaper or toilet paper or on the tape on either side. Directly means with more than half his foot. If he does, he has to start over.
9. Students along the side keep banging the pie tins.
10. The blinded student must mind his feet, the toilet paper or newspapers, and the voice of the Lord to get to the end. As soon as the blinded student and Jesus join hands, their time is up.
11. The student who gets to the Lord first wins.

CONCLUSION:

Peter did not drown, though his circumstances were pretty terrifying. Neither will we—if we listen to God and learn how to tune out all the wind and rain in our lives.



WORD SEARCH

Jesus performed hundreds of miracles in his ministry. But that was just the start! Below are words that describe all the things Jesus did for us. Find them in the word search.

P	A	R	A	B	L	E	S	R	Z	O	D
R	M	X	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E
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E	M	B	G	I	V	E	Z	H	M	T	K
Y	B	U	M	M	U	L	T	I	P	L	Y

Words to Find:

BLESS
 EMPATHIZE
 ENCOURAGE
 FAST
 FEED

FREE
 GIVE
 LIBERATE
 LISTEN
 LOVE

MIRACLES
 MULTIPLY
 PARABLES
 PRAYER
 REBUKE

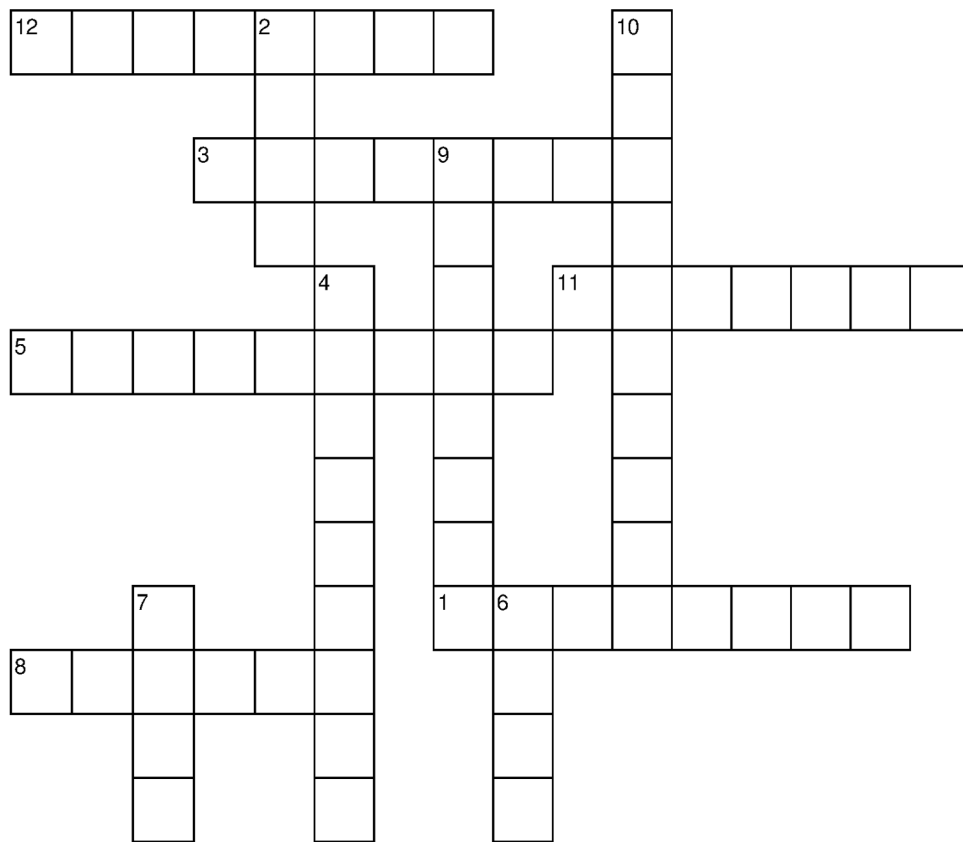
RENEW
 SACRIFICE
 SERVE
 START
 TEACH



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jesus Walked on Water AND...

performed hundreds of other miracles! Use your cheat sheet, *The Chronological Miracles of Christ*, to find the answers to the crossword puzzle and learn all about Jesus' other recorded miracles.



Across

- 1. Jesus once healed a blind man by doing this on his eyes
- 3. Jesus once healed a woman who had been crippled for this many years
- 5. Jesus healed 10 lepers on their way to this city
- 8. Jesus raised this man's daughter back to life
- 11. For Jesus' 7th miracle, he cured a man with this illness
- 12. Jesus once healed this type of person who also was blind and mute

Down

- 2. Jesus raised a widow's son from the dead in this town
- 4. Jesus healed a centurion's servant in Capernaum who suffered from this
- 6. Jesus casts out demons into a herd of these
- 7. Jesus changed water into this beverage for his first miracle
- 9. Jesus' second miraculous catch of fish was at this sea
- 10. Place where people were healed by touching Jesus' garment

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PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: Matthew 14:29-31



This Week We Learned About ...

Jesus invited the disciple Peter to walk on water with him. It was a windy night and a lot could have gone wrong! The lesson taught children that God is in control—even when the wind and the waves of life seem threatening. Peter wanted badly to walk on water to Jesus, but like most of us, he became overwhelmed by the circumstances and started to sink. He needed a better vision of God's plan.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. What was it that made Peter start to sink?
Fear
2. What did Jesus want Peter to have more of?
Faith
3. Was Peter ever in any danger? **No. Jesus was with him the entire time.**

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

Jesus wants us to have faith in him. Have you ever been in a situation that required faith? Tell the story? How did it work out? How did you feel?

Think of some situations in your everyday where you could use more faith. What are they? Discuss some ways to act out faith in those situations.

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31



But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6



"Everything is possible for one who believes."

Mark 9:23

37 MIRACLES OF JESUS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

NUMBER	MIRACLE	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening	8:16-1	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret			5:1-11	
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10	
9	Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
10	Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
11	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain			7:11-17	
12	Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	
13	Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs	8:28-33	5:1-20	8:26-39	
14	Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd With an Issue of Blood	9:20-22	5:25-34	8:42-48	
15	Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Back to Life	9:18, 23-26	5:21-24, 35-43	8:40-42, 49-56	
16	Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	9:27-31			
17	Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Unable to Speak	9:32-34			
18	Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethesda				5:1-15
19	Jesus Feeds 5,000 Plus Women and Children	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15
20	Jesus Walks on Water	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21
21	Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret as They Touch His Garment	14:34-36	6:53-56		
22	Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Demon-Possessed Daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
23	Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man		7:31-37		
24	Jesus Feeds 4,000 Plus Women and Children	15:32-39	8:1-13		
25	Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida		8:22-26		
26	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes				9:1-12
27	Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit	17:14-20	9:14-29	9:37-43	
28	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth	17:24-27			
29	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac	12:22-23		11:14-23	
30	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years			13:10-17	
31	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath			14:1-6	
32	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem			17:11-19	
33	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany				11:1-45
34	Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
35	Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany	21:18-22	11:12-14		
36	Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While He Is Being Arrested			22:50-51	
37	The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias				21:4-11



LEARNING LOOKUPS

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Lookup: Hebrews 11:6 and write it down.


Lookup: Matthew 13:53-58. Write down Matthew 13:58

The first verse speaks of two things answered prayer requires. Place a “1” and a “2” beside each. The second verse speaks of a time when Jesus didn’t release power. Why not? How would we have behaved differently if we’d been in this crowd, or how can we avoid acting like them in the future?

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Using your own words ask him to increase your faith.

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QUIZ



Finish the Bible lookups and quiz to know important facts about what happened the night Jesus walked on the water, found in Matthew 14:22-33

GOOD NEW BEARERS IN THE BIBLE

1. Jesus did this after sending his disciples on and dismissing the crowd (verse 23):

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- c. created a tidal wave

2. The boat was not making great time, due to the waves and (verse 24)

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- b. rain
- c. wind
- d. lightning

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- a. sunset
- b. sunrise
- c. dinnertime

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- a. Satan's temptations
- b. people who needed healing
- c. unknown

5. The disciples felt this way upon seeing Jesus (verse 26)

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- b. relieved
- c. terrified
- d. surprised

6. They thought Jesus was (verse 26)

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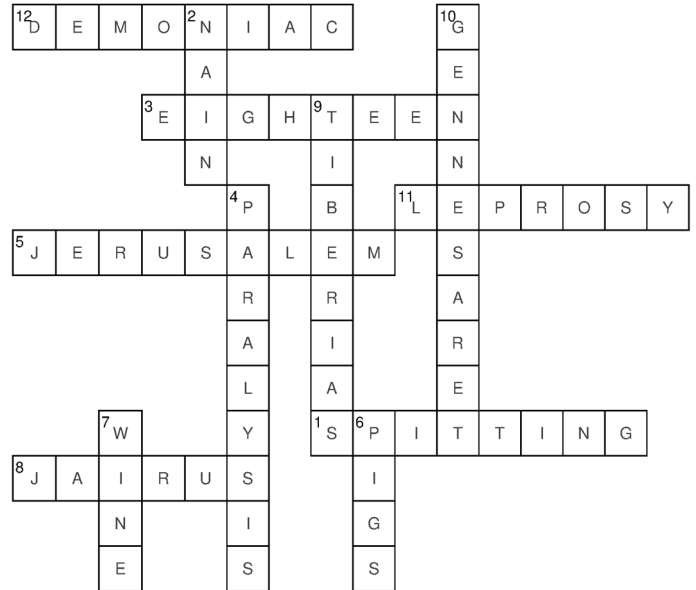
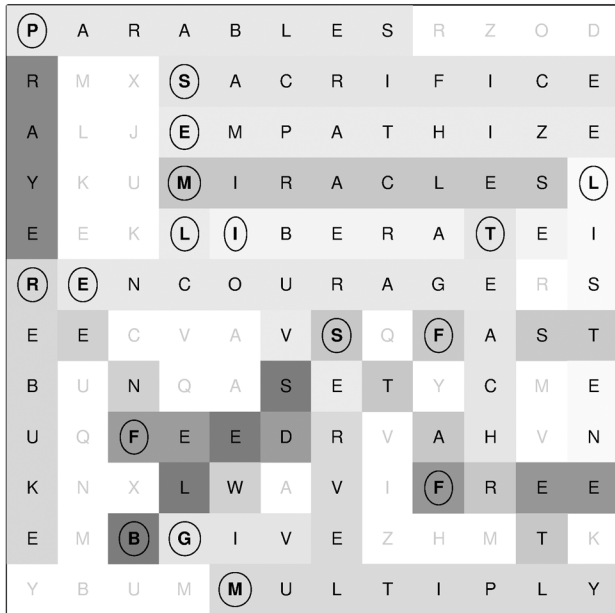
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- b. calm the winds
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- b. he had sins on his conscience
- c. he suffered from indigestion

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