

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 8/16/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14

LESSON: Jesus Walked on Water



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about a miracle Jesus did where He multiplied a small amount of food to feed a whole crowd of people.

Sink or Float - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Supplies: a few small household items, large bowl of water

Have kids guess if various items will sink or float when dropped into the bowl of water, then drop them in and see!

Say - Do you sink or float when you jump into a pool? In our story today, we're going to see Jesus do something pretty incredible. When He gets into some water, He's not going to sink OR float...He's going to walk right on top of it.



LESSON - JESUS WALKED ON WATER

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Walked on Water](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The disciples were afraid. (Kids repeat!)

The disciples had just spent a long day with Jesus as He taught a big crowd by the Sea of Galilee. It was getting pretty late, so Jesus sent everyone home. The disciples started heading to the other side of the lake in their boat, while Jesus went up on a mountain by Himself to pray.

Later that night when the disciples were out in the middle of the windy lake, they looked out and saw someone walking toward them **ON TOP OF THE WATER.**

Guess how they responded??? That's right. They were terrified!

People can't walk on water! It must be a ghost! But it wasn't a ghost. It was Jesus! He called out for them to not to be afraid. Peter called back to Jesus which brings us to...

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Peter was afraid. (Kids repeat!)

Now, Peter wasn't afraid at first; in fact he was actually pretty brave. When Jesus called back to him, he got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus on the water, too! But then he remembered where he was...smack in the middle of windy, wavy lake; and then he got really scared and he started to sink.

What do you think Peter might have been thinking when he started sinking?

Jesus reached out and grabbed him and asked him why he doubted. Jesus told him to have faith. If Jesus can walk on the water, then of course He can keep Peter on top of it too. When Peter and Jesus got back into the boat, all the disciples worshipped Jesus because they knew he was the Son of God.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is with us when we're afraid! (kids repeat)

Peter and the other disciples got scared in this story. We get scared sometimes too, right? What kinds of things feel scary for you? When we're afraid, Jesus is with us, just

like he was with the disciples. He tells us to have courage and faith. What does it mean to have faith in Jesus when we're afraid? It doesn't always mean that we stop being scared or that the thing that's scaring us goes away; but it does mean remembering that Jesus is with us and that He's in control no matter what's going on. We can look at Him and trust that He loves us and He's got us.



RESPONSE

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What big lake was Jesus teaching beside? *The Sea of Galilee*
- Where did Jesus go after He sent everyone home? *On a mountain to pray*
- Which disciple walked out on the water towards Jesus? *Peter*
- What are you afraid of? How can we trust Jesus with that fear?
- What did the disciples do at the end of this encounter? *They worshiped Jesus.*
- **Teach:** When we really see who Jesus is, and how powerful He is, it frees us up to worship Him no matter what else is going on in our lives. If we're scared, if we're sad, if we're lonely... we can still worship Jesus because He's strong and He's good and He's with us. So let's worship Jesus together now!

Sing: [Psalm 40:5](#) (Key Passage Song)
[I Have Spoken](#)
[Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks](#)
[There is no One Like You](#)

Pray: Jesus, please help us trust You when we're afraid. Help us remember that You're always with us and that You love us. Amen.

Conclusion: Does anyone have any questions? Anything confusing in this lesson??
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - How has Jesus helped you at a time when you were afraid?

Silent Ball - The object of this game is to be the last person still in. You will sit in a circle and throw a ball or small stuffed animal to each other. There are only three rules:

- 1) If you do a bad throw, you're out.
- 2) If you miss a catch, you're out.
- 3) If you talk AT ALL, you're out.

So once the game starts, any communication has to be non-verbal.