



Jesus Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

*After Jesus and His friends helped over 5,000 people eat a yummy dinner,
Jesus wanted to spend some time by Himself talking to God.*

Jesus told His friends to get in a boat and go to the other side of the sea.

Then Jesus went up on a mountain to pray.

*Let me see you look up high, like you are looking up at the tall mountain.
(Everyone looks up.)*



Late in the night, a big storm came. Jesus' friends were in the boat, crossing the Sea of Galilee.

***The wind was so strong.
Let me hear you make a sound like strong wind blowing.
(Kids will make wind sounds.)***

***The waves were so big.
Let me see you rock back and forth, like you are in the boat with the big waves.
(Kids will rock back and forth.)***

***How do you think Jesus' friends felt in the storm?
(Allow responses.)***

They were scared! Jesus went to help His friends.



***But He didn't ride in a boat or swim to them.
Jesus walked on TOP of the water!***

Can you and I do that? Can we walk on the water? (No)

***No way! Jesus' friends couldn't do this either!
When they saw Him, they thought Jesus was a ghost!***

***This made them feel even more scared!
But Jesus said to them, "Be brave! It is I. Don't be afraid."***



Peter was one of Jesus' friends in the boat.

He told Jesus, "If it is really you, tell me to walk to you on the water."

*So Jesus told Peter to come. Peter TRUSTED Jesus and stepped out of the boat.
Peter began to walk on the water, like Jesus!*

*But when Peter saw the big waves and felt the strong wind, he was scared and
stopped trusting Jesus. Then Peter started to sink.*

*Let me hear you say, "Oh no!"
(Everyone says, "Oh no!")*



Right away, Jesus reached out His hand and caught Peter.

Jesus asked Peter, "Why didn't you trust me?" They climbed into the boat together and the wind and waves calmed down.

Jesus wanted Peter to TRUST Him, and Jesus wants us to TRUST Him too!

Let me hear you say this after me:

(Pause to allow kids to repeat.)

Trust (clasp hands together)

Jesus (both hands point up)