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Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus helped Peter when fear overwhelmed him.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Boat Far from Shore

Matthew 14:22-33



After feeding the crowd, Jesus sent his disciples ahead in a boat while he dismissed the people. He then went up the mountain alone to pray. Evening came, and he remained there by himself. The disciples were already out on the lake. This time Jesus was not sitting in the boat with them. They were moving toward the other side while he stayed behind to pray.

The boat was far from land, and the wind was against it. Waves battered it as the disciples continued across the water. Matthew does not give us a conversation among them or tell us what each person was thinking. He describes the trouble around the boat: rough water, opposing wind, and a journey that was difficult. Near the end of the night, something unexpected came into view.

Jesus approached them, walking on the water. The disciples were terrified. They thought the figure they saw was a ghost and cried out in fear. Jesus immediately spoke to them, identifying himself and urging them to take courage. The strange sight was their own teacher coming toward them. His words helped them know whom they were seeing in the darkness and the movement of the waves.

Peter answered Jesus with a request. If it truly was him, Peter wanted Jesus to tell him to come out onto the water too. Jesus invited him to come. Peter stepped down from the boat and began walking toward Jesus. This was a remarkable action in a remarkable moment. The account places it within Jesus' personal invitation; it is not a challenge for anyone else to imitate beside a lake. His direction gave Peter a particular person to approach in the middle of the wind.

Remember: We can ask Jesus for help when we feel afraid and unsure.

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The Hand That Reached for Peter

Matthew 14:22-33



Peter walked on the water toward Jesus. Then he noticed the strong wind and became afraid. He began to sink and called to Jesus for rescue. Matthew gives no long speech from Peter and no delay while help was being considered. The need was immediate. Peter could no longer continue as he had started, and he asked the one in front of him to save him.

Jesus immediately reached out his hand, caught Peter, and held him. He also spoke to Peter about his little faith and his doubt. The correction came together with rescue. Jesus did not first require Peter to stop being frightened before he would help. The same account that tells us about Peter's faltering trust also tells us about the hand that reached toward him without delay.

When Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat, the wind stopped. Those in the boat worshiped Jesus and acknowledged that he was truly God's Son. The story ends with their recognition of him. It is more than an account of a brave step or a frightened moment. Something about Jesus' identity had become clearer to the people who had watched him come across the troubled water.

At first the disciples had mistaken Jesus for something frightening. By the end, they were worshiping him. Between those moments, Peter had walked, become afraid, called out, and been caught. The focus is not on a person performing perfectly from beginning to end. It is on Jesus revealing who he is and responding to a disciple whose trust wavered in the middle of a difficult situation. Their worship answers the question the whole scene has raised about Jesus.

Pause and think: How can asking for help be a courageous response when you feel frightened or unsure?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Courage Includes Calling for Help



Peter's cry was a request for help, not a polished speech. When something frightens you, a few honest words can be enough to begin. You can tell God that you are scared, and you can tell a trusted adult what is happening. Needing rescue or reassurance does not make you less valuable, and you do not have to hide fear to deserve care.

The water in this story belongs to a unique miracle. Faith is never a reason to step into dangerous water or ignore swimming rules. At a beach, pool, or river, you can practice courage by wearing the right safety equipment, staying where an adult can supervise, and asking before entering. Trust and sensible care belong together in everyday life.

Notice the order of Jesus' response: he reached out and caught Peter while also helping him learn. Good teaching can offer support and correction together. Think of someone helping you ride a bicycle or solve a hard problem. A steady hand and patient guidance can help you begin again without pretending that the difficult part did not happen.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus reached for Peter when fear interrupted his trust.

How can asking for help be a courageous response when you feel frightened or unsure?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What made Peter afraid?

2. What did Jesus do when Peter began to sink?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Peter walks toward him, becomes afraid, and begins sinking.
- ☐ Jesus catches Peter, and they return to the boat.
- ☐ The disciples see Jesus walking on the water.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Jesus reaching toward Peter beside the boat.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

We can ask Jesus for help when we feel afraid and unsure.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Matthew 14:30-31

A thoughtful conversation

This is a unique miracle, never an activity to imitate. Fear is not a reason to shame children. Follow water-safety rules and seek adult help; faith does not replace swimming skills or rescue equipment.

Activity answers

1. He noticed the strong wind.
2. He immediately reached out and caught him.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us call for help and trust your care when we are frightened. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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