

Jesus Turned Water into Wine

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Matthew 14:22-33

Key Passage: John 20:31

Main Point: Jesus walked on water.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed that we can trust Him. His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin.

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Talk about the Bible story

Say • The waves were tossing their boat up and down when Jesus' friends saw Him. **Jesus walked on water.** Jesus even called Peter out onto the water. Peter started to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus, but Jesus grabbed Peter when he called out. When we look to Jesus and trust in Him, He will save us from our sin.

Ask the following review questions:

What was Jesus doing while His friends were in the boat? (*praying by Himself on a mountain*)

What did the friends see out on the water in the middle of the night? (*Jesus walking*)

Who wanted to walk on the water with Jesus? (*Peter*)

When did Peter begin to sink? (*when he saw how windy it was and became afraid*)

What did Jesus do when Peter cried, "Lord, save me!"? (*reached out and grabbed Peter*)

Learn the big picture question

Say • Our big picture question is, ***Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is God's Son.*** Everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus. "You really are the Son of God," they said. Jesus showed that we can trust Him. His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is.

Practice the key passage

Open your Bible to John 20:31. Read the key passage aloud several times.

say • Our key passage reminds us that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. The amazing things we hear about Jesus from the Bible show us that Jesus is the One God promised to send to rescue people from sin.

Activities

Walk lines

Use three different colors of tape to create three lines on the floor. Arrange the lines so they intersect at different points. Make the lines zig-zag, curve, and weave. Challenge a preschooler to walk one foot in front of the other on a certain color line. For younger preschoolers, offer guidance when they come to an intersection in the lines.

Say • Was it hard to stay on the right color line? Which line was the easiest to walk on? Which line was the hardest to walk on? In today's Bible story, Jesus and Peter walked on something, but it was not a line. Listen to our Bible story to find out where Jesus and Peter walked.

Learn how to “look” to Jesus

Remind preschoolers that Peter started to sink when he stopped looking at Jesus and started looking at the waves around him. Explain that we can “look” at Jesus by remembering His words in the Bible. Discuss the situations below or create your own. For each situation mark a verse in the Bible that speaks to that situation. Invite preschoolers to open the Bible to the appropriate verse.

Scared of a storm or the dark: Psalm 89:8-9

Do not want to wait: Proverbs 14:29

Scared because mom and dad are arguing: Psalm 56:3

Afraid to try something new: Joshua 1:9

Brother or sister hits you: Matthew 5:39

Do not want to share: Matthew 5:42

Someone takes something of yours: Matthew 5:40

Do not want to do what your parents say: Ephesians 6:1

Want to tell a lie: Proverbs 12:22

Want to be mean to someone else: Ephesians 4:32

Say • **Jesus walked on water.** Just like Jesus helped Peter when he called out to Him, Jesus will help us when we ask Him. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin and help us to follow Him.

Play out walking on water with a craft

Before the session, cut a long slit across the middle of a paper plate for each preschooler. Lead preschoolers to use blue, gray, and white crayons to color their paper plate to resemble the sea.

Provide a “Jesus and Peter” printable for each preschooler. Use the black and white version if you would like preschoolers to color the Jesus and Peter images. Guide preschoolers to cut out each image and glue it to a craft stick. Show preschoolers how to push the craft stick through the slit in the paper plate and hold it from under the paper plate. Demonstrate how to move the craft stick to make Jesus or Peter walk. Encourage preschoolers to play out the story using their craft.

Say • **Jesus walked on water.** Only God's Son could do that! His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is. We can trust Jesus. He will never let us down. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin.

Play out the Bible story

Place a plastic tub filled with a couple inches of water on a table surrounded by towels. Invite preschoolers to play out the story of Jesus walking on water with people figures. Review the Bible story as preschoolers play.

Say • **Jesus walked on water.** Jesus showed that we can trust Him. His life, death, and resurrection showed that Jesus is who He says He is. When we look to Jesus and trust Him, He will save us from our sin.

Finger walk on sensory bags

Add blue food color to 1 1/2 cups of flour. Then add 9 tablespoons of water. Stir the mixture and place it in a gallon-sized ziplock bag. Secure the bag with duct tape. Place the bag in another ziplock bag for added protection if desired. Repeat the process to make more sensory bags. Invite preschoolers to finger walk on the sensory bags. They may also write or draw on the bags with their fingers.

Say • I wonder what Jesus and Peter felt under their feet as they walked on water. Maybe the water felt squishy like these bags. **Jesus walked on water** to show that He is God's Son. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection show us that we can trust Jesus. When we turn from our sin and look to Jesus, He saves us. Low Prep Activities

Activity Page

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Guide preschoolers to color in the shapes with a dot to discover a picture.

Say • What did you discover? A boat! In today's Bible story, Jesus' friends were on a boat traveling to the other side of the sea. Suddenly, His friends saw someone on the water! Listen to our Bible story to find out who they saw.

Pray

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

Say • God, thank You for sending Jesus to save us. He is a Savior we can trust with our lives. Help us to look to Him to save us from our sin. Amen.