

Jesus Walks on Water

Readings	1) Genesis 9:8-17 2) Ephesians 3:14-21 3) Mark 6:45-56
Scripture Focus	Mark 6:45-56
Take Away	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustration: Container deep and big enough for the kids to see in and to fit at least one foot in. Enough water to completely cover a foot or feet. Try to stand on the water.
Message (Never discount the impact of stories told well. Have motions and speak dramatically.) Have any of you ever been swimming? Have you ever tried to walk on top of the water? Did it work? Well, there's only Jesus can do things like that. Here's a story about him. Right after Jesus fed over 5,000 people, he told the disciples to get in the boat and go across the Sea of Galilee. He told them he was going to tell all those people to go home and go up on the mountain to pray by himself for a while. He prayed for a while and then went to the shore of the sea. Looking out, he could see that the boat was far away from the shore and the wind was making lots of waves. But Jesus wanted to go out to the boat to be with his disciples so he took a step into the water. Then another step... and another. The water got deeper and deeper, but Jesus didn't sink. He was going to walk out to the boat! He was walking on top of the water! It was a long walk to get to the boat, but he kept walking all the way out there. When the disciples saw someone walking on the water, they thought it was a ghost. What else would you think if you saw someone walking up to your boat and not sinking. Jesus saw that they were freaking out and said, "Hey! Relax. It's me. Don't be afraid." Then Peter said, "Jesus? If it's you, tell me to come out to you walking on the water." Jesus said, "Come on out." Peter didn't wait but a moment before he was stepping out of the boat onto the water, and walking over to Jesus." When he got to Jesus he saw the strong wind and the waves, and forgetting he was with Jesus, he was afraid. The minute he was afraid he started sinking and cried out to Jesus, "Lord! Save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of Peter. Then Jesus said to Peter, "O Peter, where is your faith? Why were you afraid? You are standing right next to me." Jesus and Peter walked back to the boat together and when they got there, the wind stopped and the waves went away. After seeing this, everyone on the boat knew Jesus was and still is the Son of God. Whenever you feel afraid, all you have to do is call out to Jesus. "Help me Jesus! I'm afraid!" And he will reach out to you too. Let's pray.	
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Only you can walk on water. Only you can make the wind stop blowing. Please grow our faith. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.

