

Reality – Bible Lesson for June 21, 2020 – Preschool

New Testament

Section Two: His Love for All People

Lesson 4: Miracles – Jesus Walks on Water

1. **Lesson: Miracles – Jesus Walks on Water**
2. **Scripture:** Matthew 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:16-21
3. **Memory Verse:** "Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27
4. **The Beginner's Bible:** Pages 364 - 370
5. **Materials useful for teaching the lesson – Craft: Preschool** – templates printed on cardstock (optional) or paper; 1 regular craft stick per child; scissors

Craft:

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/t.asp?t=http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/images/bjesusonwater.gif>

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/t.asp?t=https://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/images/bhalvesboat.gif>

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mjesusonwater.htm>

Videos you can use to reinforce the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHaow5Bnv08>

1. Prayer and Welcome Activity: Pray with your children – then introduce the following finger play and song:

The Storm

Sunny Day

make circle

Blue sky

hands side to side overhead

Soft wind blowing

blow

Little boat bobbing in the water

bob up and down

Fish swimming

wiggle two hands together

Wind blows stronger

blow harder

Clouds roll in

roll hands
Big waves
big hand movement
Boat rocks up and down
bob up and down more
More wind
blow very hard
rain
fingers rain
Thunderclap
clap hands together
Jesus comes - Peace be still –
hands up

When I am Afraid
Psalm 56 verse 3
[Tune "I'm a Little Teapot - traditional)

When I am afraid, I'll trust in You
point up
Yes! I know God's words are true
nod
I'll sing them to myself
To make me brave
nod
God's always with me - I'm not afraid
hug yourself
When I am afraid, I'll trust in You
point up
Yes, I know God's words are true
nod

2.Bible Story: (You can teach the story below and/or read it from "The Beginner's Bible": Pages 364 - 370)

Today we are going to learn another one of the most famous stories about Jesus in the Bible. The day that Jesus had multiplied the bread and the fish and fed over 5000 people had probably been an awfully long day and the disciples were, most likely, tired. The crowd that had seen Jesus do this miracle had wanted to make Jesus their King. The disciples may have even thought this was a good idea. But Jesus knew there were many other things that He wanted His disciples to learn and being the king of the multitude was not why He had come. He wanted to get His disciples away from the crowd and these ideas, so He told them to get into a boat and sail across the Sea of

Galilee to Bethsaida, a fishing village that was in the outskirts of Capernaum. Then Jesus sent the multitude of people away while He went into the mountains to pray.

At evening, the disciples' boat was well out into the lake and Jesus was alone on land. As you may remember from the lesson on "The Calming of the Storm," the Sea of Galilee has many violent storms that are caused by the rush of cold air that comes through the mountains and collides with the warm, moist air that rises off the surface of the water.

While the disciples were rowing on the lake, they were headed directly into the west wind, which often blew in the evening, and it was causing them not to travel very far. Jesus continued praying until past midnight but, as Mark tells us, as the disciples were rowing, and Jesus was watching them. "He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them." The disciples didn't know that Jesus saw the problems they were facing. In John 6:19, Scripture says, "They had rowed for much of the night and had only come about halfway across the lake." They had rowed for about three or three and one-half miles. This is the second time Jesus had allowed them to go through a storm. The first time He was with them in the boat, but this time they could not see Jesus.

In the faint light of the early dawn – the fourth watch of the night – (by Roman calculations, 3 – 6 A.M.), the disciples had been rowing for anywhere between six to nine hours. At this point, Jesus walked on the choppy surface of the water and went out to them. Their reaction was one of fear. They cried out because they were terrified. Jesus told them, "It is I; don't be afraid." The clause "It is I" is literally, "I Am," and is used by Jesus to let them know that He is God. They heard Jesus' voice and recognized Him.

Peter answered Jesus and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Peter showed great boldness and faith. Jesus' answer was a simple, "Come." Matthew records that Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking on the water. But Peter's faith was challenged when he suddenly saw the waves being whipped about by the strong wind. He began to sink. This is a picture of faith – as long as he looked to Jesus he stayed afloat. But when he began to be afraid, he sank.

Peter cried out to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out His hand and caught him and said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

We learn a valuable lesson from Peter. When we completely trust in Jesus, we won't need to look at the storms of life but can focus only on Jesus. We don't need to look at or worry about the problems we have. That will only cause us to sink. But when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can do amazing things in the middle of scary storms.

Jesus showed that He is Lord over everything. The disciples recognized who He is and worshipped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." **This was the first time the**

disciples called Jesus the Son of God. Even though they had just been there at the feeding of the 5000, it was the miracle of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced them that Jesus was really the Son of God. Also, this was the first time the disciples are said to have worshiped Jesus.

Do you know Jesus' voice? John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." God often speaks to us through His Word. The Bible is God's voice to us. If we hide it in our hearts, we will know what to do when we go through the storms in life.

Just as Jesus was there for His disciples in the storm, He prays for us through our storms in life. He'll come to us in the midst of the storm too – maybe when we least expect Him. As long as we keep our eyes upon Jesus and put our trust in Him, we will be okay.

3. Bible Application - Craft:

Preschool – Keep Your Eyes on Jesus:



Instructions:

- Print the template of your choice.
- Color pieces.
- Cut out the template pieces along the SOLID lines (adult assistance may be required).
- Ask the child to fold the circle in HALF
- Glue the half circle together.
- Do the same thing with both triangles and the rectangle.
- Lay out a piece of white or blue construction paper.
- Glue the "Keep Your Eyes on Jesus" cloud to the top left corner of the paper
- Glue the larger strip of waves to the bottom of the paper.

- Assemble the boat on the bottom right corner of the paper, so it sits in the waves.
 - The half circle is the body of the boat
 - The rectangle is the mast
 - The two rectangles are the sails

To make Jesus walk on the water:

- Cut a slit in the paper about 3 inches long, about 1" from the bottom of the page
- Tape a craft stick or a drinking straw onto the back of the Jesus figure
- Slip the straw through the slit. Once we glue the second waves over top, the Jesus figure will be able to walk along the water.

4.Memory Verse: Have the children say the memory verse one more time – “Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Luke 18:27

Play “Crazy Stand-Ups” to learn the verse. Have all the children stand up and repeat the verse who have...eaten breakfast, have blond hair, have a dog, like Brussels sprouts, who are a certain age, etc.

5. Closing Prayer: Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.

