

Church at Home for Abridge

9th August 2020

Activities for the whole family

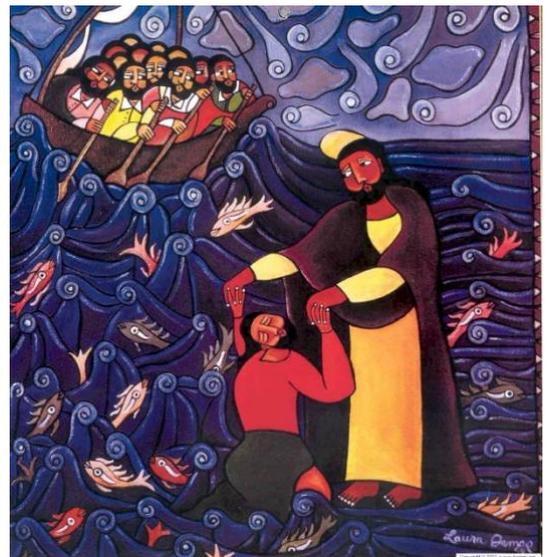
Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus said, 'Take courage! It is I! Don't be afraid'

Matthew 14:27



1. After the busy day with the crowds, which we read about last week.....with the miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 small fish.... Jesus and his friends finally get some much needed space to themselves. You might remember that Jesus wanted time to mourn the death of his cousin John; so he went off on his own into the hills parallel to the shore, while the disciples rowed the boat, hoping for a quiet night-time crossing to the other side of the lake. But a strong wind made the journey more difficult than they had expected and around dawn they spot 'a ghost' walking on the water towards them! Read what happened next for yourselves from your Bible at home or find it [here](#) .
2. [Here is an extract from The Jesus Film](#) of today's story about Jesus walking on the water.
3. [Here is an animated version](#) of the same story.
4. Here is a song about the story: [Here comes Jesus, see him walking on the water](#)
5. **Some big questions** to talk about together:
 - Jesus needed to pray after all that had happened during the day. What drives you to prayer?
 - Where is a good place for you to find peace and quiet for prayer?
 - Have you ever been in a boat when it's stormy? How did you feel?
 - I wonder why Peter started to sink.
 - What more does this story tell you about exactly who Jesus is?

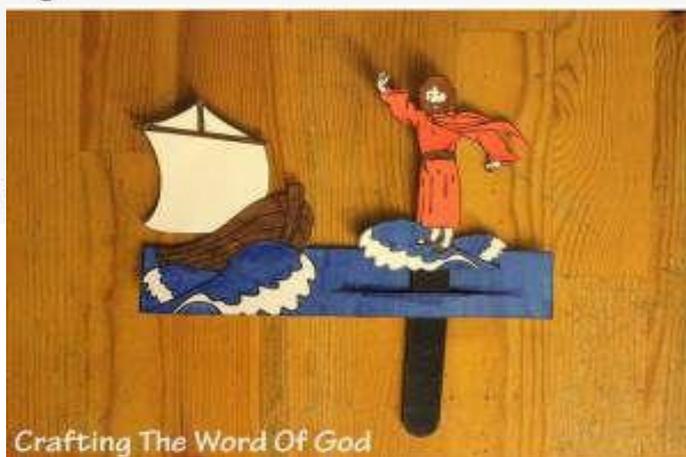


6. Activity ideas

- *Act out this story together.* Create a boat with pieces of furniture in the room and then all huddle inside. Row against the current and be tossed around by imaginary waves. Suddenly spot Jesus walking on the water and react with terror. Call out to find out who it is. One of you, as Peter, should dare to step out of the boat. Try walking carefully on the water. Help Peter get

back on the boat when he begins to sink. Give an opportunity for everyone to say how they feel about what has just happened.

- Here is a template for making a **model of this story** for yourselves. The photo shows you what it could look like! You will need a craft stick, colours and scissors.



7. Here is a word puzzle linked to the story: (NB Watch out for the old English word 'thine')

BibleWise

Peter Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Read the Scripture passage.

Peter trusted Jesus and the Lord took care of him.

Use the code to find out what we should do.

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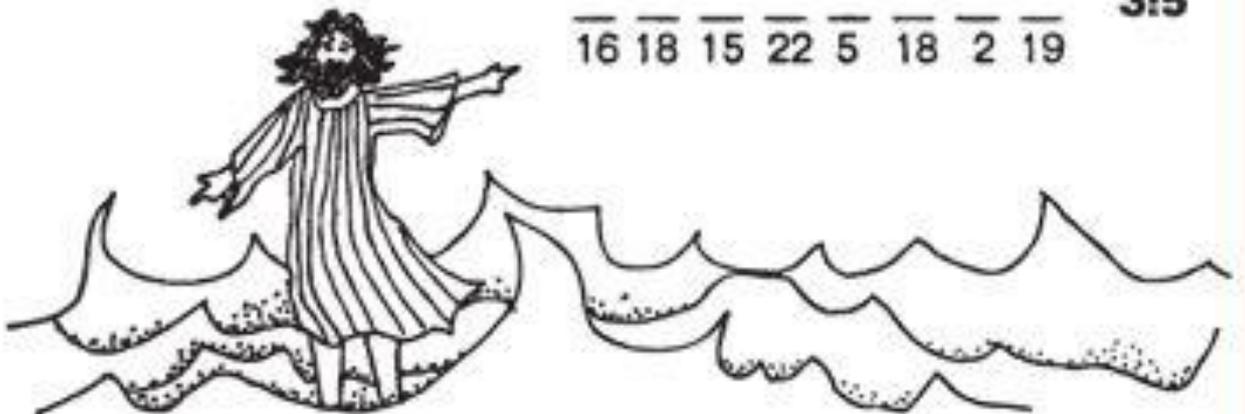
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