

DAY 3: ENCOUNTER ON THE WATER

BIBLE STORY:

Encounter on the Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

TODAY'S POINT:

Jesus proved He is God's Son.



CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. When we trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, He forgives our sin and gives us eternal life.

BIBLE VERSE:

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:31*

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Pretend that you are on a boat.
- Invite your kids to pretend to swim around the area outside of the boat. Guide kids to sit down with you in the boat.
- Lead kids to pretend they are rocking in the boat by swaying from side to side.
- Say: "Today's story is about an encounter Jesus had out on the water."

TELL THE BIBLE STORY

- Lead kids to continue to sit in the boat as you tell the story.
- Step outside of the boat and open the Bible to Matthew 14 to tell the story.

ENCOUNTER ON THE WATER (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus had twelve close friends who traveled everywhere with Him. They were His helpers and were called disciples. On day Jesus told his disciples to get in a boat and go to the other side of the sea. The disciples climbed into the boat and left, just as Jesus told them to do. Jesus went up onto a mountain and prayed.

When the disciples' boat was in the middle of the sea, the wind began to blow. The waves grew bigger and higher, pounding against the boat.

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, the disciples saw something on the water. A person was coming toward them, walking on top of the water! The disciples were afraid.

The person was Jesus. He called to the disciples, "Don't be afraid. It is I."

Peter called to Jesus, "Jesus, if it is You, let me walk on the water to you." So Jesus said, "Come."

Peter climbed out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus. Peter was walking on top of the water! He walked closer to Jesus. Then Peter felt how strongly the wind was blowing. He was afraid. Peter began to sink into the water. "Help me Jesus!" Peter cried.

Jesus took Peter's hand and pulled him up. "Why did you doubt Me?" Jesus asked Peter. Peter and Jesus got into the boat. The wind stopped blowing. Everything was calm. Jesus had done something no one else could do. The disciples worshiped Jesus. They said, "You are the Son of God!" The disciples knew that only God's Son has the power to control the wind and the water.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Ask kids to step outside of the boat. Ask kids to choose from playing Jesus or Peter.
- Read the following statements and lead the kids to perform the actions:
 - Peter climbed into the boat.
 - Jesus prayed.
 - Jesus walked on the water toward the boat.
 - Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water.
 - Peter felt the wind and began to sink.
 - Jesus held out his hand and helped Peter.
 - Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat.
- Show Bible Story picture and share that Jesus was able to walk on the water because He is the Son of God.



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