

Unit 24, Session 3: Jesus Walked On Water

Story Point: Jesus showed He is God by walking on water.

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

Memory Verse: Psalm 40:5 “Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.”

Bible Passage: Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6

Find the passages together in your Bibles and read through them together. You could also read the paraphrase of all these passages below. For younger kids, you may want to just read the blue, bolded portions.

Jesus has displayed his power over nature many times, especially in view of His disciples. He has calmed storms, multiplied bread and fish, turned water to wine. The account of Jesus walking on water is yet another indicator that Jesus is exactly who He says He is – the Son of God. In the midst of storm-churned waters, Jesus approaches His disciples, walking on the very water they are struggling against.

We all hope that we might have the faith and courage of Peter as he asks to walk to the Lord on the water. However, just like Peter, we easily lose sight of Jesus when we focus on the pressures and storms of this life. Jesus consistently proves that He can be trusted through his miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection. We have no reason to take our eyes off Him as we seek to draw closer to Him in faith.

Jesus had been teaching crowds of people by the Sea of Galilee. It was getting late, so He told His disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side of the sea. Jesus sent the crowds away and went up on the mountain to pray by Himself.

That evening, the boat was far from the shore. The wind blew, and the waves tossed the boat around. Jesus was still on the mountain alone.

Around three in the morning, Jesus came toward His disciples, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Jesus, they were terrified.

“It’s a ghost!” they cried.

Right away, Jesus spoke to them. “Have courage! It’s Me. Do not be afraid.”

Peter answered, "Lord, if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water."

So Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw how strongly the wind was blowing, he was afraid. Peter began to sink.

"Lord, save me!" he cried.

Jesus reached out His hand and grabbed Peter. Jesus said, "You have little faith. Why did you doubt?"

They got into the boat and the wind stopped. Then everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Christ Connection: Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.

If you or your child have questions about what it looks like to follow Jesus in salvation or baptism, Pastor Sam would love to talk with you! Please feel free to contact him at ssievers@lenexabaptist.com.