

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus has the power to do all things, revealing to us that no one compares to Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In our lives, we'll have opportunities to step out of the boat and live by faith. Often, we allow the waves around us to catch our eyes. But Jesus reaches His hand out and pulls us out of the water when we start sinking. The storms may not always be answered the way we want them to be, but He always answers them the way that teaches us to trust Him more and grows us in our faith.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Live It Out: Talk about the Bible story. Explain that walking on the water was a miracle, something only Jesus can do. Use a picture Bible to find other stories of Jesus' miracles.

Jesus told His disciples to take the boat across the lake. He went up the mountain to pray.

When the boat was far from land, a strong wind blew. Jesus came to His disciples, walking on the water. The disciples were afraid. Jesus called to them, "Do not be afraid."

Peter said, "Jesus, if it really is You, let me walk to You on the water."

Jesus replied, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. Then Peter saw the wind blowing the water, and he became afraid. Peter began to sink in the water. He cried out to Jesus to help him. Jesus reached out and took Peter's hand.

Jesus and Peter got into the boat, and the wind stopped blowing. Jesus' disciples were amazed. "It is true. He is God's Son," they said.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Live It Out: Discuss what Jesus did and how it was miraculous. Explain that since Jesus was fully God, He did miracles, and He wants us to believe He can still do miracles.

Jesus sent His disciples across the lake in their boat. He went up on a mountain to pray.

The disciples in the boat, were far from the shore. A strong wind caused waves to beat against the boat. Jesus, walking on the sea, came toward the disciples in the boat.

When the disciples saw Jesus, they thought He was a ghost. Immediately, Jesus spoke to them, "It is I. Don't be afraid."

Peter called, "Lord, if it is You, tell me to walk to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come."

Peter started walking on the water toward Jesus. But Peter became afraid and started to sink. Jesus reached out His hand and caught hold of Peter. Then Jesus said, "You have little faith. Why did you doubt?" Jesus got in the boat and the wind stopped.

The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

- What are some "storms" in your life where Jesus may be inviting you to trust Him more?
- How can you begin to train your heart to recognize Jesus, even in difficult or unexpected circumstances?
- In what ways can you practice worship not only in church but also in your daily life?

Live It Out: In a culture that values self-reliance and control, it's important to model radical dependence on Jesus. Talk to your student about relying on Jesus. Ask your student ways he or she could display radical dependence on Jesus at school and in the community. What would that look like? Have your student share specific ideas.