

JESUS WALKED ON WATER



Bible Reference: **Matthew 14:22-33**

Date: **8/2/26**

Age: **2's/3's**

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6

Jesus is...

Trustworthy

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:45**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:45-10:00**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:00-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:45**

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our 2- and 3-year-old children as we journey through the life of Christ! We encourage you to pray for the children's hearts to be open to new understanding of why we love and obey God!



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

The Texas Giant is a roller coaster that slowly sends riders up 153 feet before dropping them back down at high speeds. At the top of that incline, a sign states, “Wait! Let’s discuss this!” A similar thought might have been on the minds of the other disciples when Peter asked to join Jesus walking on the water!

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. But as soon as Jesus spoke to them in the boat and identified Himself, Peter saw an opportunity. He asked for Jesus to command him to come, stepped out of the boat, and started walking toward Jesus.

Peter wanted to be where Jesus was even if it meant leaving his comfort zone. Peter left the security of the boat and took a risk. God calls us to do the same. He calls us to step into the challenges He sets before us, even when the task seems difficult or even impossible.

This story also shows us that when we step out in faith, challenges are to be expected. The wind was fierce, and the waves were intimidating. And when Peter shifted his focus to the situation around him, he began to sink. The writer of Hebrews tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus as we run the race of life (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Even in Peter’s failing, he discovered the goodness of God. When Peter cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and lifted him up. God’s grace meets us in the middle of our weaknesses. Even when our faith falters, He is faithful, ready to rescue and restore.

Peter shows us that following Christ with boldness will draw us closer to Him. We will experience a deeper relationship with our Savior as we take risks for Him. Each act of obedience, every step taken in faith, brings us closer to Him and gives us courage to face the next challenge.

This week, help kids look past the distractions and storms of life as they fix their eyes on Jesus as the Savior they need.

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and use them to introduce the children to the lesson. You may choose to set up different activity stations around the room, or do each activity as a group.

Make Storm Sounds

- Distribute shakers to each child. Invite everyone to make loud thunder and rain sounds. Then sing to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down":
"Jesus says to trust in Him. / Trust in Him, trust in Him. / Oh, Jesus says to trust in Him. / He is the promise of life."
- SAY What were Jesus' friends afraid of? Yes! The storm! Who helped them and calmed the storm? That is right! Jesus. When we trust in Jesus, we do not have to be afraid.

Sink or Float

- Fill the bowl from your bin with water and let children guess whether various items will float or sink. Test with things from around your room. Explain that while regular things sink, Jesus did an impossible miracle by walking on top of the water.
- SAY It was so cool to see which of our toys floated on top of the water and which ones sank to the bottom of the bowl! Do you think a person would float or sink on water? Jesus did an incredible thing and walked across water. He even helped one of his disciples to walk on water. In our story today, we will hear what Peter says to Jesus when he was walking on the water.

Walking on Water Path

- Roll out the blue bulletin board paper across the floor. Allow children to take turns walking carefully across each stepping stone drawn on the sheet. As the children walk, encourage them to say 'I can trust Jesus!'
- SAY You all walked so carefully across our pretend lake. In our story today, we are going to learn about a time when Jesus and one of his disciples walked across a real lake. Do you think Peter, the disciple, was scared when He walked on water? (allow answers) Let's get ready to listen to our story so we can find out!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 364-370 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

Jesus Walks on Water

- Jesus told his disciples to go on ahead of him.
 - Then Jesus walked up a mountainside to pray. Storm clouds filled the sky. Jesus could see the disciples in the boat. They were having trouble.
 - The wind swooshed. The waves sloshed. The boat was tossed about.
 - Suddenly, the disciples saw someone walking on the water toward them. They thought it was a ghost!
 - Jesus called out to them. "It is I. Do not be afraid!" The disciples still weren't sure. Peter said, "If you really are Jesus, let me walk out to you." Jesus replied, "Come!"
 - Peter stepped out of the boat. He began walking on the water toward Jesus. Then Peter looked at the wind and the waves. He became afraid. Suddenly he started to sink. "Lord, save me!" Peter cried out. Jesus reached out and pulled Peter up.
 - "Why didn't you trust me?" Jesus asked Peter. They climbed into the boat and the storm stopped. The disciples worshiped Jesus. They said, "Truly you are the son of God!"
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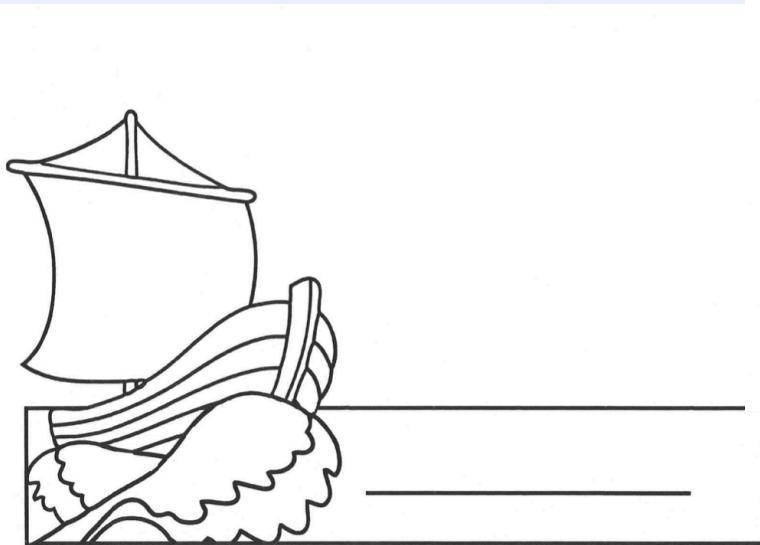
Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:45

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **Jesus is Trustworthy!**

Give each child a boat sheet and a Jesus cutout. Place crayons or markers on each table and encourage children to color both pieces. **AS** children work on coloring, help them glue their Jesus cutouts to a craft stick. Show the children how to slide the craft stick through the slit in the boat page and make it look like Jesus is walking on the water!

SAY Can we walk on water? No! We would sink if we tried to walk on water. Peter, one of Jesus' friends, walked on the water toward Jesus. But Peter got scared and started to sink. Jesus reached out and helped Peter. Jesus loves us. When we trust Jesus, we do not have to be afraid.



Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:45-10:00

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use there words or your own to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear Jesus, we are so grateful that we can love you and trust you because you loved us first! Help us trust you when something good happens and when something scary happens. In your name we pray, Amen.



Memory Verse

- “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” John 14:6
- Remind kids that our story today shows us how Jesus shared the truth with the Samaritan woman! We know he is the **Messiah** and it is good to follow Him.
 - I am the way- point forward with both hands
 - the truth- hold your hands together like a book
 - and the life- Hold your hands over your head and wiggle your fingers
- This is our fourth week learning John 14:6. Say each section of the verse separately and teach the children the motions that go along with it. Practice the verse section by section with the children several times, then say the verse all together with the motions several times. Children learn through repetition! You may also find it helpful to keep the children engaged by moving around as you practice the verse (say it standing up, sitting down, walking around the room like a parade, etc.)

Snack Time at Tables

10:00-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

Free Choice Play

10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!

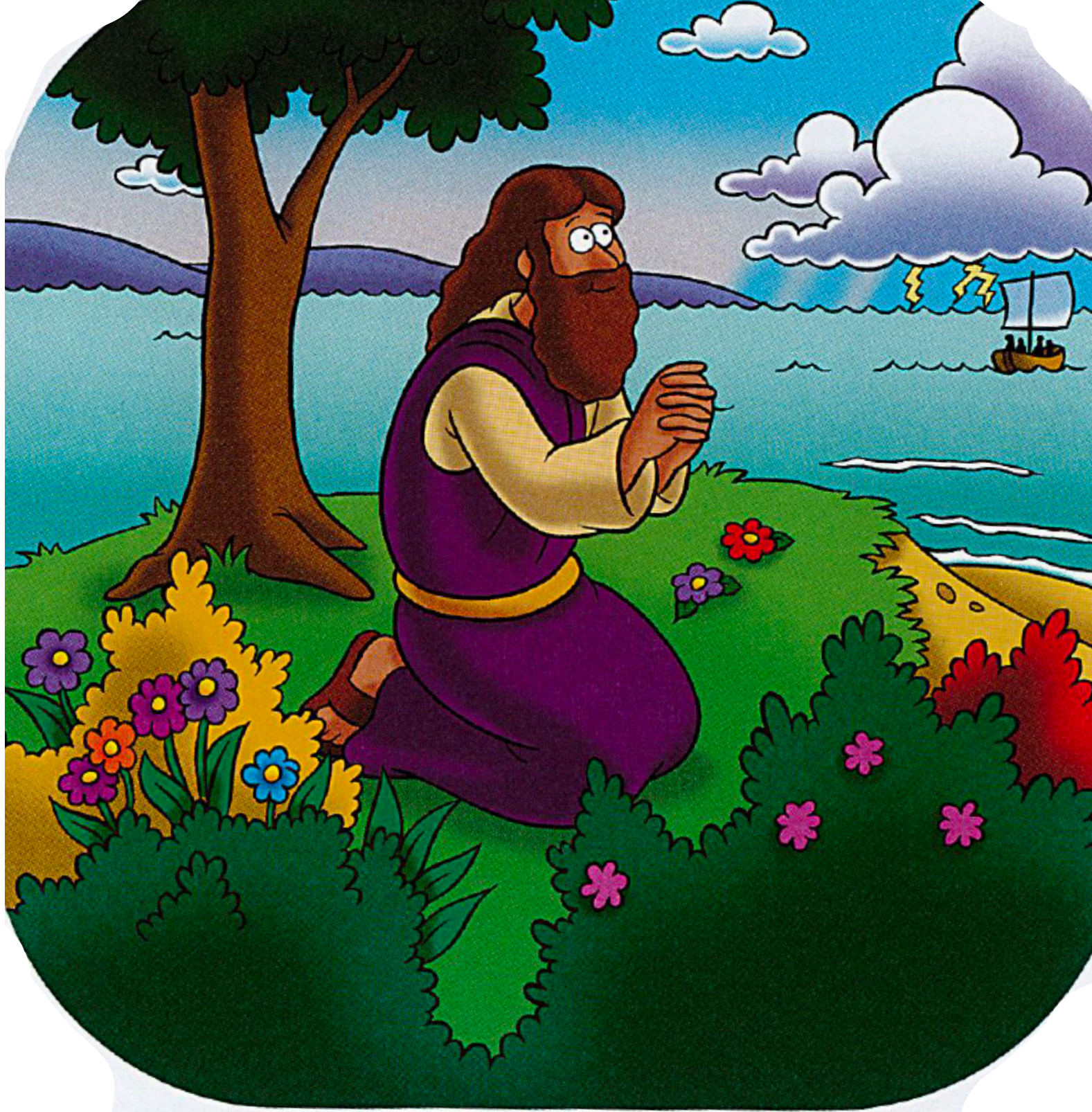




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Matthew 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–51; John 6:15–20

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