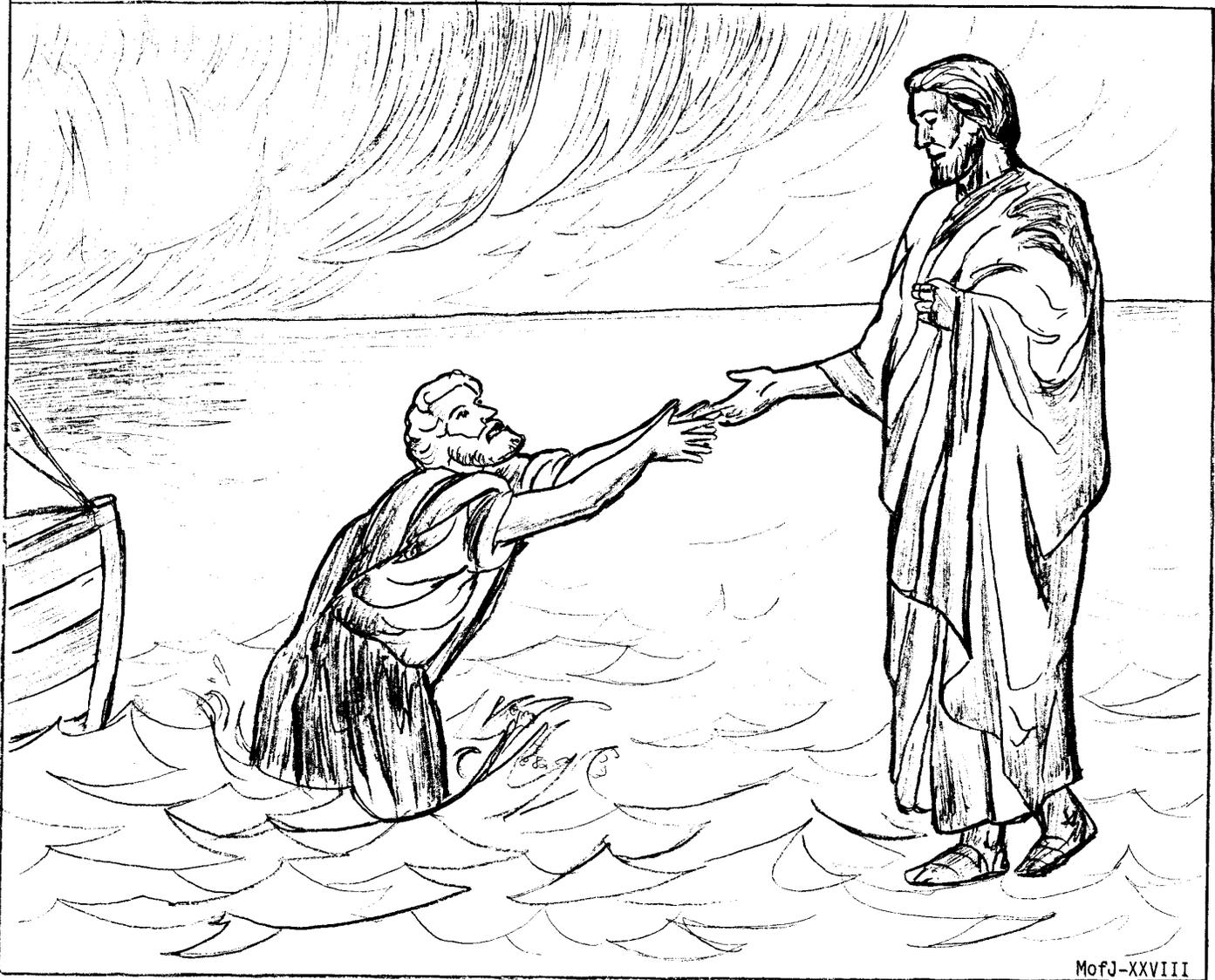


Jesus Walking on the Sea

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21



The Story

Jesus had just finished feeding the 5000 people. The people wanted to make Him king. But this is not what Jesus wanted. He had His disciples get into a boat to go to the other side of the lake. He told the people to go home. He went up on a mountain to pray by Himself.

When it was evening the disciples in the boat were in the middle of the lake. They were trying to row across, but a storm came and the wind was so strong they couldn't. Jesus was not with them, but He was alone on the land.

Jesus did not stay on the land. The disciples needed His help. In the middle of the night, Jesus walked on the water toward the boat. When the disciples saw Him coming they were very scared and said, "It is a ghost."

But Jesus spoke right away and told them not to be afraid. He said, "Be happy. It's Jesus. Do not be afraid."

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

And Jesus told Peter to come. So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

But then Peter saw the big waves and became scared. He started to sink. He called out to Jesus to save him. Jesus reached out His hand and helped Peter. He asked Peter why He had doubted Him.

Then Jesus stepped into the boat. As soon as He did the storm stopped—the wind stopped blowing and the lake was calm. The boat was also at the other side of the lake. The disciples weren't out in the middle any longer.

The disciples worshiped their Savior in thankfulness. "Truly You are the Son of God."

Jesus walked on water to help His disciples.

Review - Use the picture on page one for this activity.

1. Color the water in the picture blue.
2. What body of water is this?
3. Color the man who was sinking?
4. What was his name?
5. Why is he sinking?
6. Color Jesus.
7. Why can Jesus walk on the water?

Activity One

- ▶ Re-enact the story.
- ▶ Have some children be disciples on the boat rowing hard.
- ▶ One can be Peter.
- ▶ Another student can be Jesus.
- ▶ Review the sequence of events, showing all the miracles Jesus did.

Believe in Jesus without a doubt.

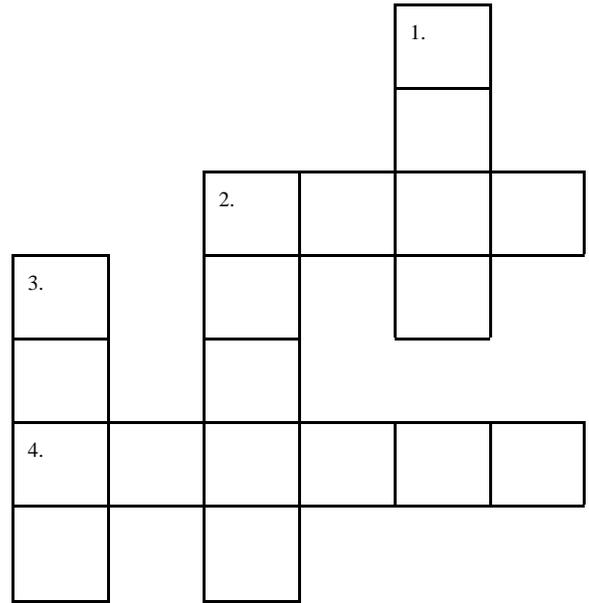
Activity Two - Fill in the crossword puzzle.

Across

2. After Peter saw the waves he started to _____.
4. Jesus said, "Do not be _____."

Down

1. This stopped blowing when Jesus stepped into the boat.
2. This came upon the disciples in the middle of the night.
3. What Jesus did on the mountain alone.



Passages

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me. Psalm 50:15

Why can we always call on God?

God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Have you ever been in trouble? What should you do if you are in trouble?

Hymn - TLH 396 v. 1, 3

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You saved the disciples when they were in a storm. You will save us when we are in trouble too. Thank You, Jesus, for taking care of us. Amen.