

Bible Story 41: JESUS WALKS ON WATER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-34; Mark 6:45-53; John 6:16-21

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 13:6A

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus fed over 5,000 people. It was getting late. So Jesus told His disciples to get into the boat. They were to cross to the other side of the lake. Also Jesus told the people to go home. Why? Jesus wanted to be alone. So Jesus went up the side of a mountain. He prayed by Himself.

It was evening when the disciples were going to the other side of the lake. A strong storm came up. The winds were strong. The waves hit against the sides of the boat.

Jesus finished praying. He walked to the shore and continued walking. He walked on the stormy water! He wanted to get to the other side of the lake. Jesus was going to pass by His disciples. But His disciples saw Him walking on the water toward them. They were afraid! They screamed, ***“It’s a ghost!”***

Jesus said, ***“Calm down! Do not be afraid! It is I!”***

Peter said, ***“Lord, tell me to come to You, if it is You.”***

Jesus replied, ***“Come!”***

Peter got out of the boat. He began walking on the water toward Jesus. Then Peter looked away from Jesus. He looked at the strong winds. He was afraid! He began to sink! Peter cried out, ***“Save me, Lord!”***

Quickly Jesus took Peter’s hand. He held onto him. Jesus said, ***“Why did you doubt?”***

Then Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat. The wind died down. It was calm.

Those on the boat worshiped Jesus. They said, ***“Jesus, You are the Son of God!”***

They arrived safely on shore on the other side of the lake.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Jesus wanted to be alone. Where did Jesus send His disciples and the people?
2. When He was alone, where did Jesus go? Why?
3. What happened to the disciples when they were in the boat? What time of day was it?
4. Have you ever been afraid? What happened?
5. What did Jesus do when He finished praying?
6. What did the disciples say when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
7. What did Peter say to Jesus? What did Jesus tell Peter? What happened?
8. Why did Peter begin to sink in the water? What did Jesus do? What happened to the storm?
9. Who can you turn to when you face storms in your life? How can Jesus help you when you face these storms?