

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.20: THE LORD AND PETER ON THE SEA — Matt. 14:22-33

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over the story in Matthew 14:22-33

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

Can you walk on water? Do you think the Lord can? This story is about a time the Lord walked on water!

The Lord's disciples were in a boat on the sea. It was nighttime and a storm came. The wind blew hard so that there were big waves and the boat was tossed about. In the middle of the night the Lord came to the disciples by walking on the water. But the disciples did not know it was the Lord. In fact, they thought it was a ghost! They were very afraid.

The Lord spoke to them right away and said, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Peter said, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water." So the Lord said, "Come."

Peter believed it was the Lord and knew the Lord could make him walk on the water, too. Would you have tried walking on the water if you had been Peter? Peter did. He stepped out of the boat and started to walk on the water! But when he saw the big waves he became afraid and started to sink. He called to the Lord, "Lord, save me!"

What do you think the Lord did? Right away He reached out His hand and caught Peter. Then the Lord said to Peter, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" This means, "Why did you not believe I would keep you safe?"

When Peter and the Lord got into the boat, the wind stopped! Then the disciples worshipped the Lord.

RECITATION

Let's say part of this story from the Word together. I will say a part and then you say it after me.

Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"Be of good cheer!
It is I;
do not be afraid."

PROJECT: POPSICLE STICK PUPPET

Before class: Cut along the 3 inch line on the Lord picture to make a slit.

During class: The children color the Lord and the boat, and draw waves on the Lord picture. Then they color Peter. Either the children or the teacher cuts out Peter and tapes or glues a popsicle stick to the back of him. The children can poke the popsicle stick puppet through the slit and reenact Peter walking on the water, sinking, and then being saved by the Lord.

PETER FIGURE FOR STICK PUPPET



