The Lord and Peter Walk on the Water

(Matthew 14:22-33)

Use the finished project to retell the story of the Lord helping Peter walk on the water.

Suggested Materials for Each Child

black construction paper (9 by 12 inches)
strip of blue construction paper cut to look like waves (see pattern)
stapler
yellow or white construction paper (for making the figure of Peter, see pattern)
craft stick (or popsicle stick)
glue or tape

Prepare in Advance

- 1. For each child, prepare a 9x12 piece of dark construction paper (because it was night) by stapling a strip of blue, wavy water across the bottom of the page, attaching it only at the sides. (The strip should be 12" wide by about 3 1/2" high.)
- 2. Cut out figure of Peter about 4" tall from yellow or white paper (see enclosed patterns).
- 3. Optional: Using white or yellow construction paper, cut out a figure of the Lord to simplify this project for little ones.

Procedure

- 1. Give each child one of the dark pages with blue waves attached at the bottom.
- 2. Have each child draw the Lord at one side of the page with bright oil pastels such as white and yellow. He should be walking on the water.
- 3. On the other side of the page, have the children draw a simple boat. They may want to draw several heads peeking out of the boat to indicate the disciples.
- 4. Next, have the children color the Peter figure, giving him a face and clothing. Attach Peter to a craft stick with tape.
- 5. Summarize the story while the children use the puppet and picture to show what happened.

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