

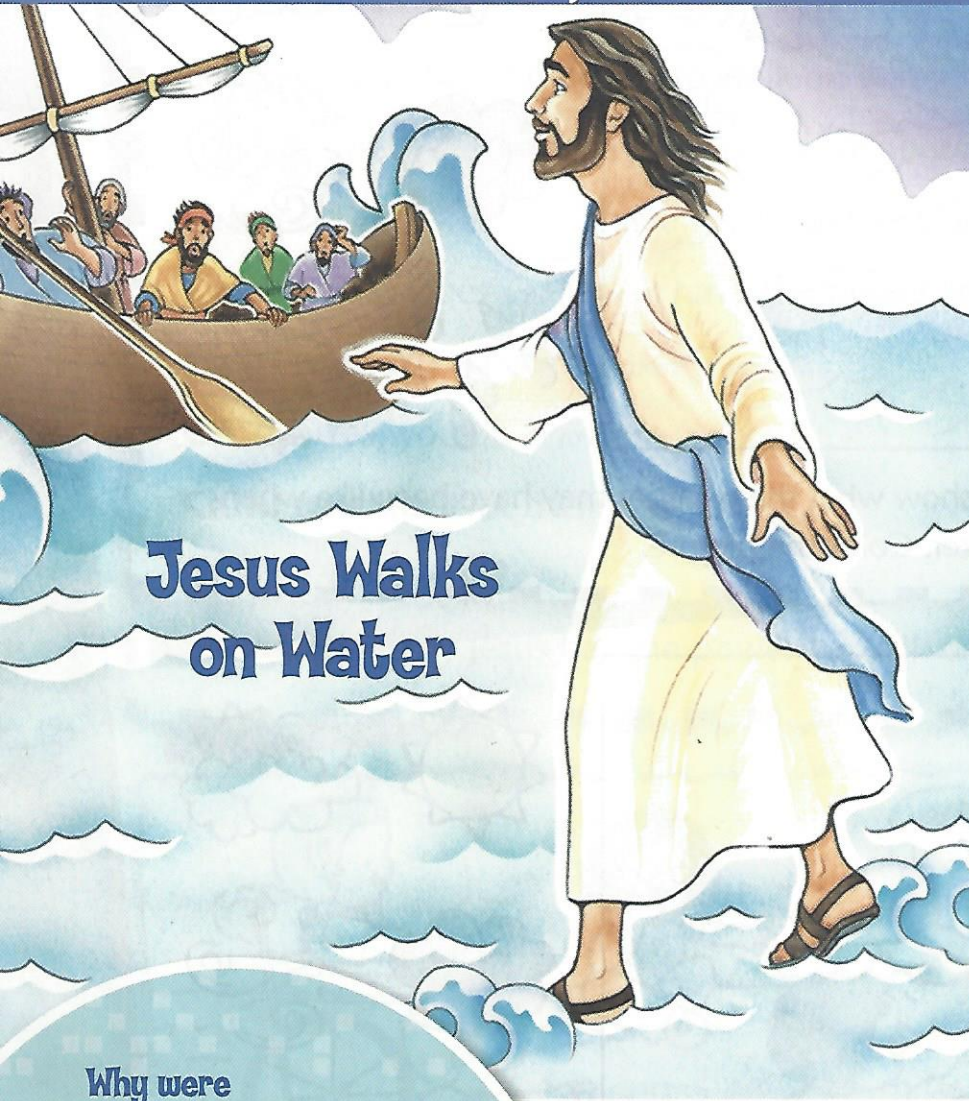
Heart Tugs

Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

Issue 5



Jesus Walks on Water

Why were Jesus' special helpers afraid?

Who came walking on the water to the helpers?

A Read-to-Me Bible Story

from Mark 6:45-51; John 6:16-21

One evening Jesus said to His special helpers, "Go to the other side of Lake Galilee and I will come later."

The helpers got into a boat and began to row. Soon a strong wind began to rock the boat back and forth in the big waves. The helpers were afraid.

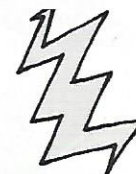
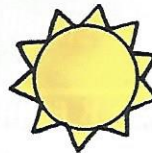
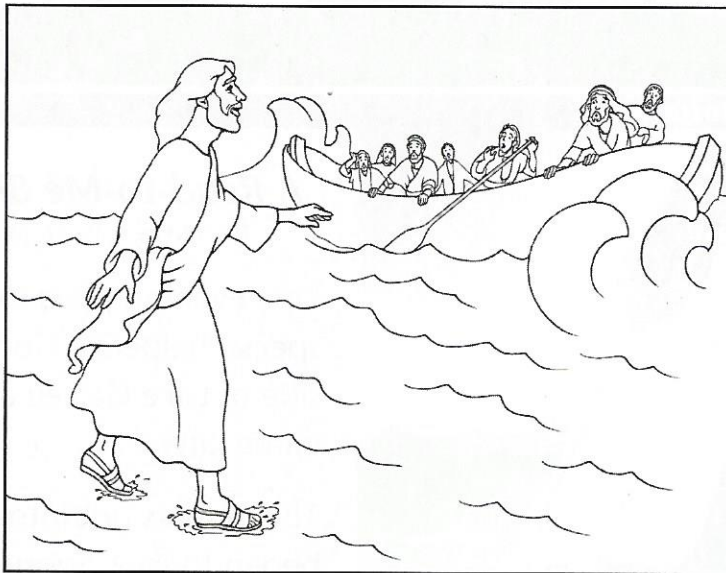
Knowing what was happening, Jesus began to walk across the lake right on top of the water!

"Don't be afraid," Jesus said. "It is I."

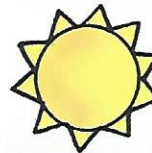
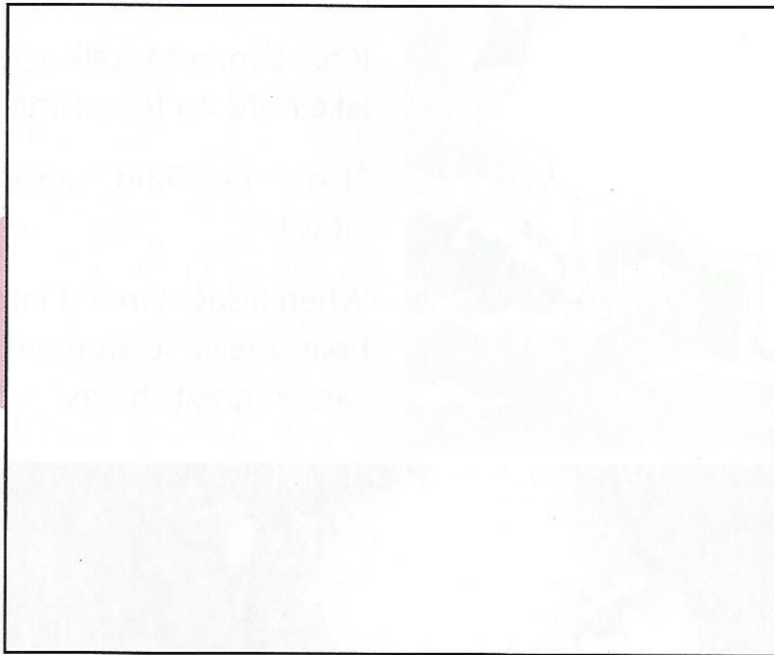
When Jesus climbed into the boat, the wind stopped. Jesus can do great things.



What's the Weather?



Circle the pictures that show what the weather may have been like when Jesus walked on the water. Color the picture.



Draw a picture of your home. What is the weather like at your house today?



Who Has the Power?

(A question-and-answer cadence)

Sit in a circle with your friends or family members. Pat your knees two times and then clap your hands two times. Keep doing this patting and clapping rhythm as you say the cadence below.

Leader: Who has the power to walk on water?

Group: (echo) Who has the power to walk on water?

Leader: Does (child's name) have the power to walk on water?

Group: (echo) Does (child's name) have the power to walk on water?

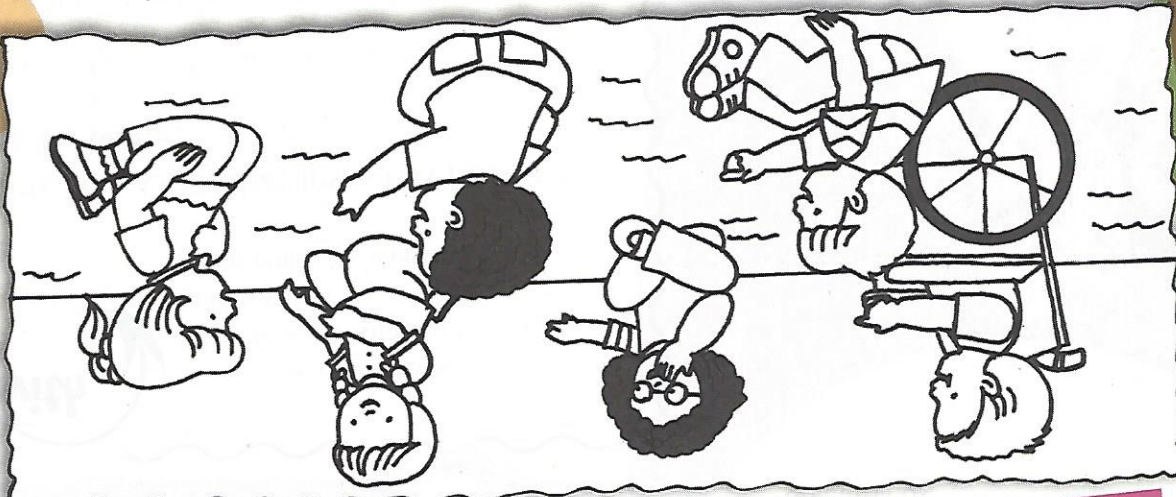
Child named: Who me? (point to self)

Group: Yes, you! (point to child)

Child named: Not me! (shake head)

Group: Then who?

Everyone: Only Jesus has the power to walk on water!



Color the picture of the children. Choose someone else to be the leader. Repeat the cadence, naming another way Jesus shows His power. Example: Who has the power to heal the sick? raise the dead?

Family Talk

As children learn about Jesus' great power—His power to

heal the sick, raise the dead, and walk on water—they may question why God doesn't seem to be answering their own family prayers for people they know.

Guide your children to understand God's answers to prayer. God will answer no if He knows that is the best answer for us. He will answer yes if our prayers request what is best for us. Sometimes God answers wait in order that His answer to our prayers will be at the best time.

Teach your child that God knows everything about us. He loves us. He wants the very best for us. Believing and trusting God for the very best in our lives requires practice and patience. God may answer yes, no, or wait. But He always answers!

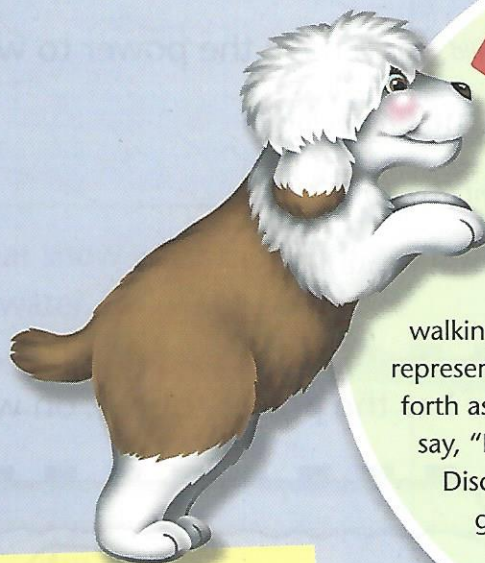
Bible Memory FUN

Psalm 147:5

Find this verse in a family Bible. Squirt some shaving cream on a flat cookie sheet. Finger paint key words of the Bible verse in the shaving cream. Say the verse together.

This week, help your child remember:

Jesus has power to walk on water.



Family Fun...

It's Raining. On a carpeted floor, design with masking tape a layout of a boat. Hop into the boat and act out the Bible story of Jesus walking on water. Make whistling noises to represent the wind blowing. Rock back and forth as pretend waves roll. Have one person say, "I see something on the water!"

Discuss how Jesus has the power to do great things!

Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

Thank You, God, that Jesus has power to walk on water.

Jesus, help me to not be afraid.

We will be happy to see Jesus one day!

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