

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



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Cycle A - XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19, 9a. 11-13ª; Psalm 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Romans 9, 1-5; Mathew 14, 22-33

Jesus Walks on Water

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening, he wasthere alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did youdoubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Reflection

Jesus shows that He is stronger than any storm. What storms may we be facing in our life? They may be difficulties in school, sickness in loved ones, family fights, money problems, bad friends... Peter began with much faith when He asked Jesus to command him to walk towards Him during the storm then began walking. What happened? He became afraid and started to sink and to yell, "Lord, save me!" We also start with much faith then become afraid, but Jesus always has compassion when we ask for help. What did Jesus say to Peter after saving him? "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" To show He is God, He calmed the storm. Did



they believe? Yes, they said, "Truly you are the Son of God!" They saw many miracles and still had trouble having faith. Although we do not see all these miracles, how can we have the faith that Jesus asks of us? Just as Jesus prayed to His Father often, we can pray often to God to grow in love, faith, and obedience of God.

Activity

On the following pages, select an activity from the Word Find, the coloring sheet, or the craft of Jesus on the boat calling us to Himself.

Prayer

Jesus, I believe in you. Help me when I fail and when the storms of life are too much for me. I know your hand will save me. Jesus I trust in you. Amen.

Song: Footprints on the Water, Seong Jim Sing, (Ctrl Click) <u>https://youtu.be/obC2i7l cXA</u> (younger) Walk on Water, chapelhill kids, (Ctrl Click) <u>https://youtu.be/IzZeNVPHnig</u> (older)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10flWiL6vLBC5jnNxKLGZOMqFGSq_AGqW/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true





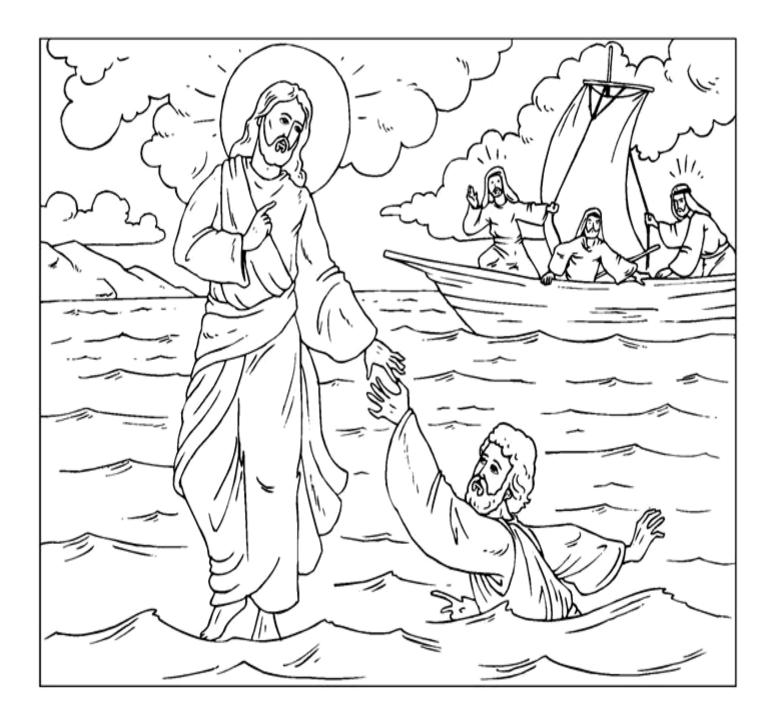
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Jesus Walks on Water, Matthew 14, 22-33





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Instructions: Cut the boat with Jesus on it in the water, and the feet. With another page, make a boat (see Youtube: https://youtu.be/cRzyHskrQb4.) Color the boat with Jesus and the water and glue to the side of the paper boat. Glue the boat onto the top, left side of a blue paper. Glue the feet from the bottom, left of the blue paper, diagonally to the top, right with the last two feet turning left towards the boat. Draw waves on the blue paper. Talk about the different ways we can increase our faith.

