

Walking on Water

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21

Characters: Jesus, Peter, Disciples

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AFTER FEEDING THE huge crowd, Jesus told His disciples to take the boat across the lake. He stayed behind to pray alone on a mountain.

That night, the disciples were in trouble! The wind was blowing HARD against them. The waves were crashing. They were rowing and rowing but couldn't get anywhere.

Then, in the early morning darkness, they saw something on the water. Someone was WALKING toward them—on TOP of the lake!

'AHHH! A GHOST!' they screamed.

'Don't be afraid!' Jesus called out. 'It's ME!'

Peter squinted through the darkness. 'Lord, if it's really You, tell me to come to You on the water!'

'Come!' Jesus said.

Peter took a deep breath... and stepped out of the boat!

His foot landed ON the water. It held him up! Peter was WALKING ON WATER toward Jesus!

But then Peter noticed the strong wind. He looked at the big waves. He got scared.

And he started to SINK!

'LORD, SAVE ME!' Peter yelled.

Immediately, Jesus grabbed his hand and pulled him up.

'Why did you doubt?' Jesus asked gently. 'Your faith is so small.'

They climbed into the boat together. The wind stopped.

The disciples were amazed. They worshiped Jesus. 'You really ARE the Son of God!'

Peter walked on water when he looked at Jesus. He sank when he looked at the storm. That's a lesson for us: keep your eyes on Jesus, not on your problems!