



**TODAY'S
BIBLE STORY**

Peter Walks on Water
MATTHEW 14:22-33

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea."
PSALM 93:4 , Nlrv

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change the world around you?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me change the world around me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: paperclip the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (Nlrv); music player and the worship songs, "Making Waves" and "My Forever Friend"

WHAT YOU SAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello everyone! I'm SO glad to see you today. It's worship time—my favorite time. God loves you, and when you share His love with others, you can change the world! **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me."

LEADER: "Let's sing our song for this week! Everyone on your feet."

Lead children in singing "Making Waves."

LEADER: "Way to go, friends! The Bible teaches us: 'Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea,' Psalm 93:4. Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Say it with me."

"'Lord, you are (point up) more powerful than (muscle arms) the roar of the ocean. (Hands by mouth.) You are stronger than (muscle arms) the waves of the sea,' (Arms make waves.) Psalm 93:4, Nlrv." (Open hands like a book.)

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

LEADER: "You are doing a great job learning our verse! Did you know that Jesus, God's Son, wants to be your friend forever? It's true! Let's sing about Jesus, our forever friend."

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

LEADER: "That was fun! Jesus is never gonna let me go. He'll never ever leave me! And, when we follow Jesus, He can help us make waves that change the world around us. **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN: "God can help me change the world around me."



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WORSHIP

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ROTATION

HOME

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: masking tape; blue painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE STORY: Use masking tape to make a large oval shape on the floor. Make it large enough for all of the children to stand inside of it. This will be your boat. Use your blue painter's tape to make a line on the floor leading away from the boat. Make the line long enough for all of the children to stand on it. This will be your water.

Option: If you have a large group of children, make more than one "boat" and "water" on the floor.

DURING THE STORY: Gather the children around you and use the "boat" and "water" to tell today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

LEADER: "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me.

Wait for the children to gather around.

"This is the . . .

Hold up the Bible.

". . . Bible!

Lay the Bible open at Matthew 14.

"Our Bible story is about Jesus and how special He is!

"Our story begins with a man named Peter and Jesus' friends, the disciples. They were in a boat. Stand up and follow me. We are going to pretend we are in a boat too.

Walk to the outline of the boat on the floor and step inside of it.

"Everyone get inside the boat and sit down. Is everyone in? (*Look around.*) Good! We're all inside the boat, just like Peter and the disciples.

"Well, as Peter and the disciples were sitting in their boat, they saw Someone walking towards them . . . on the water! They were afraid, because people can't walk on water. Oh no! (*Hands on side of face.*) Who was this Person walking on the water towards them?

"Then, the Person said something. He said, 'Don't be afraid. It's Me. Jesus!'

"Yay! (*Smile and clap.*) It was Jesus walking on the water! Jesus can do amazing things that only God can do. That's why Jesus was walking on the water.



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"When Peter saw that it was Jesus, he wanted to walk on the water to Jesus. Jesus told Peter he could come to Him. Let's walk on the water like Peter. Everyone, stand up and walk on the blue line with me. We're going to pretend the blue line is water.

Step out of the boat and encourage the children to walk on the blue line with you.

"Is everyone walking on the water with me? (Look around.) Good job!

"Peter was walking on the water towards Jesus, but then he started looking around at the wind. Peter was afraid and began to sink down in the water. Sink like Peter!

Encourage the children to squat on the blue line.

"Oh no! Peter was sinking!

"Before Peter could sink down in the water, Jesus reached out and grabbed Peter, and they both got back in the boat. Come on everyone! Let's get back in the boat like Peter and Jesus!

Quickly lead the children back to the boat and sit down. Stay in the boat until after the prayer.

"Once Peter and Jesus were back in the boat, Peter and the disciples looked at Jesus and said, "You really are God's Son!"

"Wow! Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son! God sent Jesus to change the world, and when we follow Jesus, God can help us change the world around us too. **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me!"

LEADER: "Louder! Who can help you change the world around you?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me!"

LEADER: "You got it! Now, let's put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to change the world. I pray that every person here will choose to follow Him one day. We love You, God. We pray these things in Jesus' name."



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gather children for a **Large Group** time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- A music player
- "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in your Bible at Psalm 93:4, NIV

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Today's worship songs: "Making Waves" and "My Forever Friend"—which are included in your files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for both songs are available in your files

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Bible Story Videos: There are Bible story videos available for each day in your files. These can be used in addition to or as a replacement for a live telling of the story.

First Look Pinterest Page

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