

A painting depicting Jesus walking on water. The lower half of the image shows his legs and feet in sandals, stepping on a path of light that appears to be water. The water is dark blue and green with white foam. The upper half of the image is a bright, hazy sky. The text 'Jesus Walks on Water' is in the top right corner, and 'Matthew 14:22-33' is below it.

Jesus Walks on Water

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Play a game or two (go wild!)



- Blindfold one person and take them to an area that has been set up as an obstacle course. Select 1 speaking partner. The object is for the partner who can see to guide the other around the obstacles without bumping into anything. They can only do this with voice commands, no touching (except if danger is imminent!)
- Fill up some water balloons and stand in a circle. Throw the balloons around the circle getting a little faster each time. Maybe have more than one balloon being thrown round the circle at a time.
- Place a large bowl of water on the floor outside. Take it in turns to step into the water and then step out making water footprint marks. The next person needs to try to walk as exactly as possible on the original footprints.
- Draw a picture of a person you trust. See if the others can guess who it is. When it's clear who it is (either by guessing or being told) explain why you trust that person so much.

And now watch the video link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2t3-S6eSUU> animated version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2noonMEnSFg> – film clip

Choose which clip you'd like to watch.

Grown ups, take 5 minutes

and grab a coffee!



Questions to talk about



- How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus walking on water?
- Who walked on the water to meet Jesus?
- Why do you think Peter wanted to walk on water?
- How do you think Peter felt when he began to sink and Jesus scolded him?
- What was it that made Peter start to sink?
- Name some of the distractions in life that might make you take your eyes off Jesus and living a life for Him.
- What do you think this story can tell us about our relationship with Jesus?



What's it all about?

We all have different people we trust. We often trust people because they have proved to be good and shown us that they want the best for us. Peter probably asked himself that same question, “Should I trust Jesus?” but he found that the answer to his questions was a definite YES!

When he stepped out of the water, although the passage doesn't directly say, we know Peter must have been looking towards Jesus. It wasn't until Peter became distracted by the wind and waves and looked around him that he started to be afraid and sink.

The things that distract us in our lives may cause us to take our eyes off Jesus. This might be friends, computer games, sports or other interests. These things can make our hearts impure, cause us to do things which make God sad and prevent us from getting close to God.


Although Peter was safe and comfortable in the boat, he was the one that stepped out of it! That must have been pretty scary. Life is filled with challenges, situations and times that can feel just like this but if we trust God and look to him when we face these things he will help us through them.

Trusting Jesus is about moving towards him- going to church, reading the Bible, praying and living a life that is pleasing to Him. Why? Because He loves you and you love him and you know he can do the impossible in your life if you let Him. This doesn't mean there won't be scary times or times when you really mess up and take your eyes off Jesus but despite that, He will ***always*** be there to help you back on track.



Can you learn this verse by heart?

Put it to music, make up actions, turn it into a rap or just say it over and over until it sticks!



**WE MUST KEEP
OUR EYES ON
JESUS,
WHO LEADS US
AND MAKES OUR
FAITH COMPLETE**

HEBREWS 12:2 (KJV)



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Choose an activity:

Floating and sinking

Select a variety of items from around the house and guess if they will sink or float. Who guessed the most correctly?

Jesus walking on water

On an A4 piece of card draw and colour a picture of the boat on the water with the disciples in. On a separate piece of card draw Jesus walking. Cut Jesus out and glue a lolly stick to the bottom. Cut a horizontal line (about 3 cm) in the water. Put the lolly stick through and watch Jesus walk on the water towards the boat.



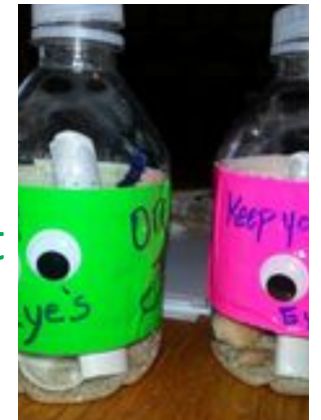
Edible craft

Make some blue or green jelly and place Jelly Babies in the top (as it begins to set) when eating the food, talk about the trust that Peter needed in Jesus. Be creative and add an edible boat too!

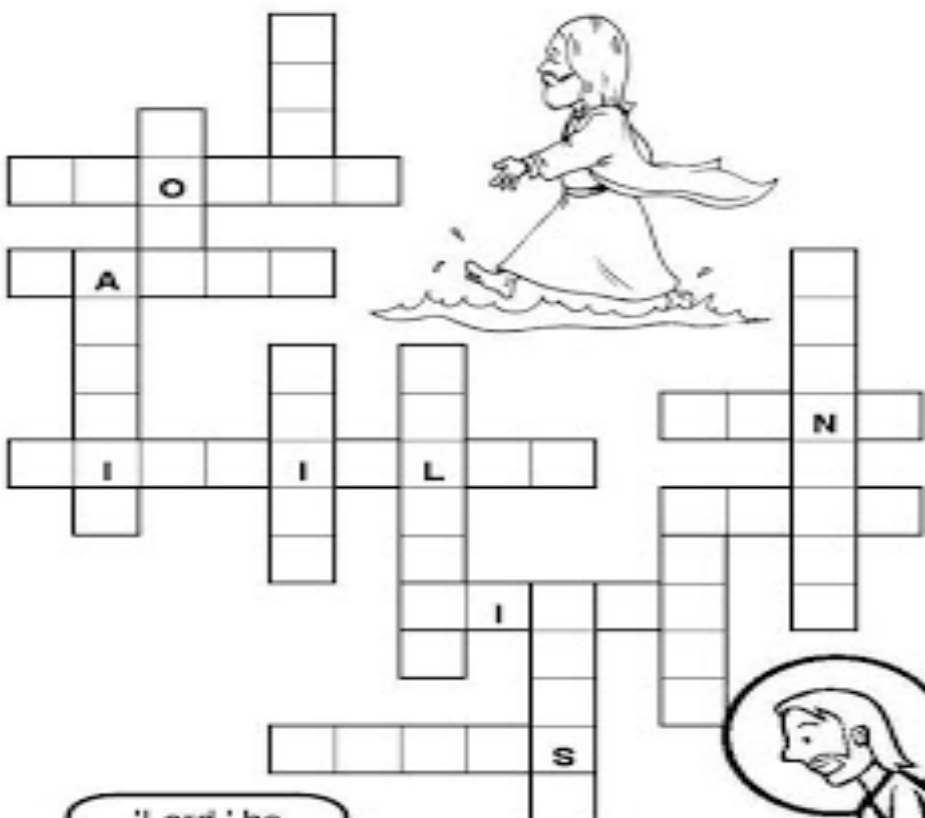


Looking at Jesus

Take an empty bottle and fill the bottom with sand and shells (if you have them). On a small scroll write the words, 'I'm keeping my eyes on Jesus'. Roll it up and tie it and place it in the bottle. If you have them, stick or make some eyes onto the outside of the bottle and add the words, 'Keep looking to Jesus'.



Jesus walks
on water



Disciples
Boat
Crowds
Mountain
Pray
Wind
Night
Walking
Ghost
Afraid
Peter
Water
Jesus
Hand
Faith

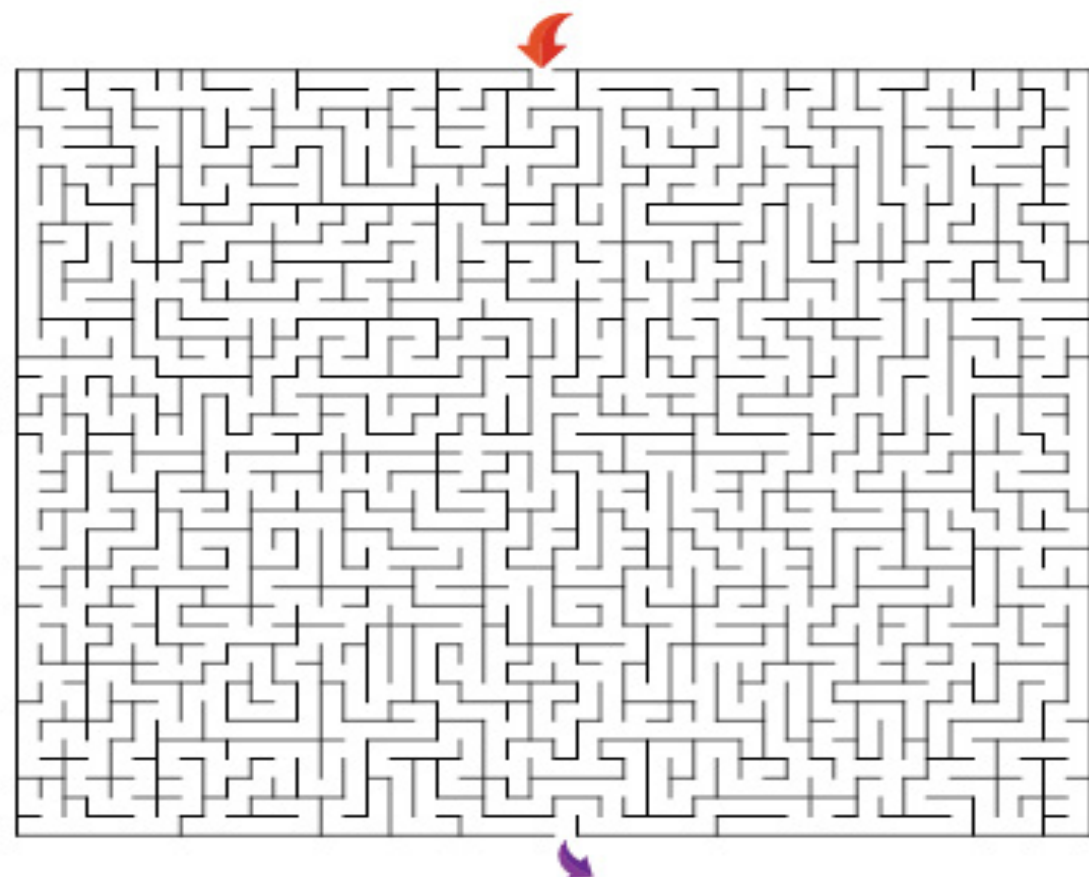


Make all the
words fit into
this
crossword

'Lord,' he
cried, 'save
me!'

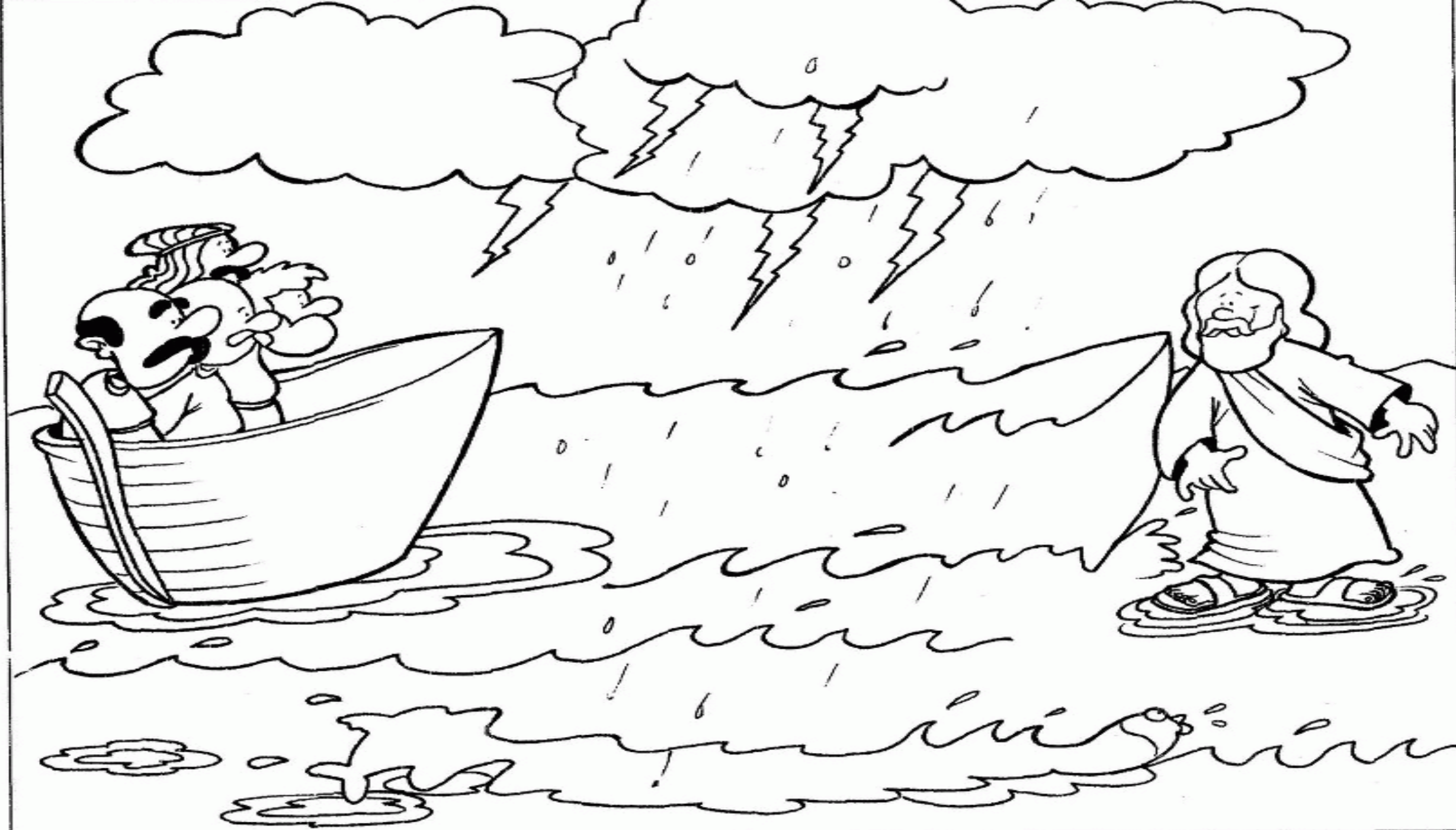


30. Peter Walks on Water



Peter leaves the boat and
starts walking towards Jesus
on the water. Help him walk
towards Jesus!







Songs and actions to join in with

(Come on , you know you want to!!)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpnH8uSdCsM>

I trust in Him

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxq8lVT8U8E>

Nothing is impossible

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

My Lighthouse

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah