



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

March 22-23, 2014

DATE

Jesus Walks on Water

LESSON TITLE

John 6: 16-24  
Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1244)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can trust Jesus to help us with anything.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

As kids enter the room, address them by name. It will make them feel welcome and known.

## check-in/out

Remind kids to tell their parents about the boats they made—and what's written on the bottom.

## large group heads up

Today, we're going to hear the story of when Jesus walked on water. The best part is, it reveals how powerful Jesus is...and reminds us that we can trust him to help us with *anything*.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **COOPERATIVE MUSICAL CHAIRS**

- Set up a **chair/carpet** for each kid (if there's not quite enough, that's OK)
- Start the music (use any **Kids' Club music on iTunes**)
- When you stop the music, all the kids have to find a chair
- Each round, remove 1 or 2 chairs; kids have to share
- The goal is to get everybody on the chairs, every time!
- When you get to a point where that's impossible, the game is over.
- Then gather kids in smaller groups and ask them to share the best/worst parts of their week.

**Then, before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) be equipped to retell the story at home and (2) apply truth from this story to their actual lives

**Why?** We want kids to have a chance to practice application.

**Tips:** Make sure to let kids really decorate their boats. Help them imagine creating the most interesting boat possible; don't focus on simple recreation of what they saw in the video.

## small group

### DIG DEEPER AND RELATE

**\*Try this for a more engaged discussion: tell kids you're going to ask a question. Then give a *beanbag* to somebody and it's their job to answer. Then, everybody has to listen carefully to the next question. The kid with the "beanbag" must toss it to someone else.**

1. What's the most surprising part of this story to you? What's your favorite?
2. What did Jesus' friends do in today's story?
3. How did Jesus get out to his friends in the storm? What's amazing about that?
4. Why were Jesus' friends scared when they saw him coming?
5. Once Jesus got to the boat, what did he do? (Said: "It is I. Don't be afraid." Then they got to the shore.)
6. Why could Jesus walk on the water? (He can do *anything!*)

### TRUST ACTIVITY

- ASK: Do you think there's anything Jesus *can't* do?
- Give each kid a brown "**boat**" and a **marker**
- Have them decorate the outside
- On the bottom of the boat, write/draw 2 things you want to trust God with (it can be what kids came up with during prayer; or other things like "not getting hurt" or "not getting scared in the dark")
- Share if you want
- Let each kid **tape** a **flag** "sail" to the inside of his/her boat

**\*Pray with the kids, asking Jesus to help in each area that they wrote on their boat.**

*Extra time? Build a scene from the story out of **playdough**. Or play Cooperative Musical Chairs again. Or read the story in John 6:16-24 and act it out.*



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## special notes

Plan ahead to consider how you want to present the prayer at the end. Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to kids and help them recognize areas in which they can place their trust in Jesus.

## presenter tips

You can preview video\*\* here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiHIJZfVBXk>

\*\*But the version we will use is pulled from a DVD, so it's higher resolution and doesn't have the subtitles.

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you guys. Looked like you played a pretty fun game of musical chairs. And you helped each other out, didn't you? How did you help each other? (Let kids share.)

That sounds great—sharing is almost always a good idea. But eventually, you had to stop and you couldn't help each other anymore...why was that? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, you ran out of chairs. You would have had to make new chairs appear out of nowhere to win! And is there anybody here who can make chairs appear out of nowhere? (Pause.) Yeah, I didn't think so.

### **INTRO: WHAT HAPPENS IN WATER**

Well, in today's story, Jesus does something surprising...because Jesus can do *anything*. In fact, what Jesus does in the story is maybe even MORE surprising than if I made a chair appear right here, right now, out of nowhere.

To understand the amazing thing Jesus did, let's talk about water for a second. Raise your hand if you have ever gone swimming before...in a pool, a lake, maybe even your bathtub (let kids respond). Yeah, it's pretty fun, isn't it? And when you jump into the water, what happens (let kids respond). Yep, we go under, right? Kind of like this:

### **Video: Kids jumping and diving (21 seconds)**

We fall right in, don't we!? Well, WE do, but Jesus doesn't have to, because he can do *anything*. Let's take a look at today's story and see what happens:

### **JESUS' DISCIPLES SAIL AWAY**

So one day, Jesus' friends got into a boat and sailed out into the water, into the Sea of Galilee (**show picture of the map**; point to Capernaum at the top). They were headed toward a town called Capernaum. Everything seemed peaceful. They left without Jesus, because Jesus



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wanted to be alone for awhile.

### A STORM COMES

Well, while they were in the middle of the lake and Jesus was still asleep, a HUGE storm rolled in. The seas got rocky (**show the rocky sea loop**; make your voice dramatic for the next part): Rain started pattering. Can you guys patter your fingers on the floor? (Let kids make sound effect). Wind started “whooooshing”! Keep pattering, but add some “whoosh” noises! (Let kids add sound effect).

Waves smashed against the boat. There was thunder and lightning. On the count of three, everybody yell BOOM (in your deepest voice) like thunder as loud as you can. 1-2-3 BOOM! (Let kids say: BOOM!) Just imagine how scared Jesus’ friends must have felt!

If you were on those waters (point to the loop) and a storm that loud was echoing all around, would YOU be scared? (Let kids respond.)

### JESUS WALKS UP

OK, well, just then, the disciples get a HUGE surprise. Let’s watch a video to see what happened. As you watch, see if you can figure out what the huge surprise was:

#### Video: Jesus Walking On Water (2 minutes)

Wow, so what was the huge surprise? (Let kids say: Jesus walked on water!) Yes, Jesus walked on top of the water, as if it just the normal ground! And Jesus didn’t have to use tricks or science experiments to do it—he used his power as God!

### JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING

The Bible tells us how scared the disciples were. Then it tells us in John 6:20-21:

**SLIDE: John 6:20-21 But [Jesus] said to them, “It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Then they agreed to take him into the boat. Right away the boat reached the shore where they were heading.**

What did Jesus say to his disciples? Everybody yell it out: (Let kids yell: It is I. Don’t be afraid!) That’s right, and then did he help them? (Let kids say: Yes!) Yep, He sure did!

### PRAYER EXPERIENCE

And the thing is, Jesus really can do *anything*. So if we need help, we can ask him and trust that he really CAN help us! I want you all to sit for a minute. Close your eyes and think of ONE thing you want Jesus to help you with. Maybe it’s to make a new friend or understand a really hard subject at school or get along with your brother or sister. Think for a minute (pause). Hold up one finger when you’ve thought of something you want help with. (Let kids respond.)

Now open your eyes. Look at this verse again. (Point out: “It is I. Don’t be afraid.”) Jesus says this to all of us: don’t have to be afraid. Think about that: Jesus can walk on water. He can help us with *anything*.



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Hold up your one finger again, and let's pray. *(Now pray for the kids, telling Jesus you trust he can help them with the one thing they came up.)*

**WORSHIP**

This first song is all about how we can be strong, because Jesus will help us! The second song reminds us that Jesus is the strong king.

**Song: Bravery**

**Song: Because You Love Me**

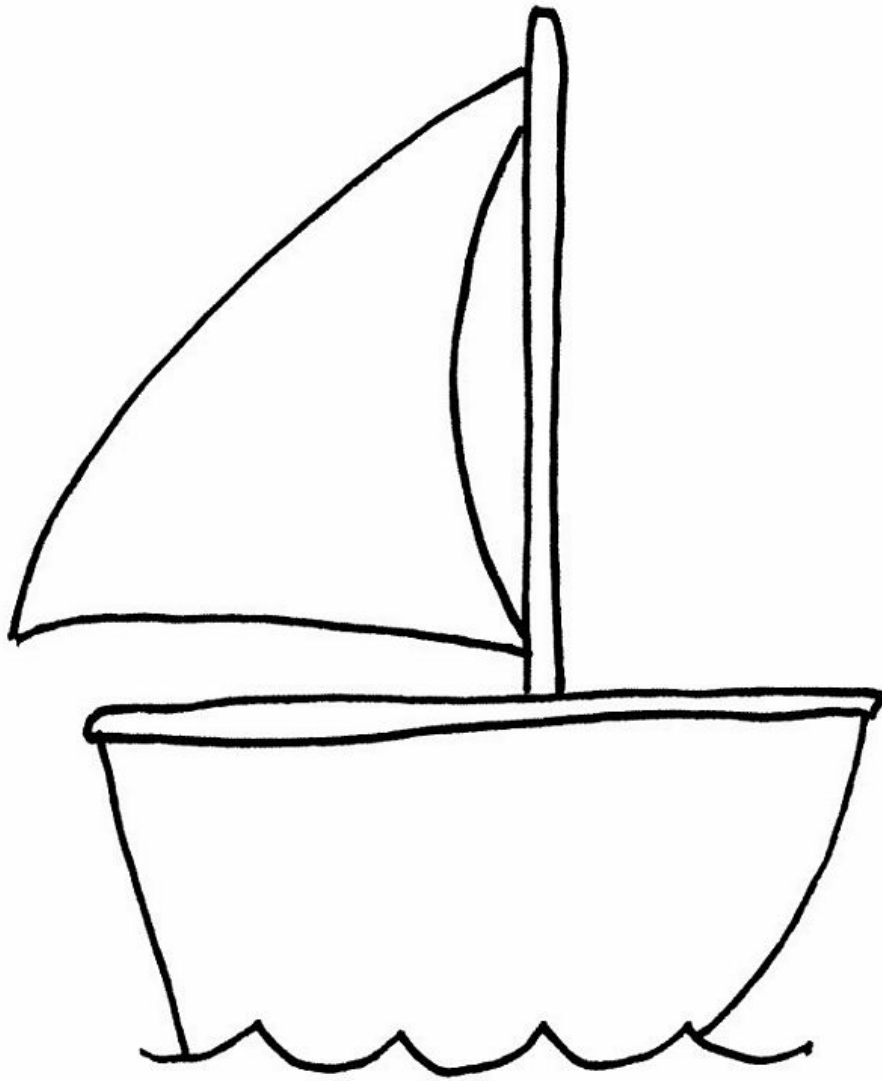




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

KC music on iTunes  
Use the chairs already in rooms

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## small group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1244)  
Markers  
1 beanbag per group  
One “boat” per kid: <http://bit.ly/1mX38Hq>  
One “sail” per kid: mixture of green and yellow:  
<http://www.unflags.com/sogrfto.html> and

<http://www.unflags.com/soyeflto.html>

Scotch Tape- 1 roll per group  
Playdough  
Coloring Page: Boat

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## large group supplies

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## a/v needs

1. Video: Kids Jumping into Pool:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOzmebagh2s>
2. Image: Sea of Galilee map
3. Video: Rocky Seas loop:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZpbjEA7TeQ>
4. Video: Jesus Walking On Water Loop (The Gospel of John 47:21-49:21)
5. SLIDE: John 6:20-21 But [Jesus] said to them, “It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Then they agreed to take him into the boat. Right away the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

6. Song: Bravery (with hand motions)
7. Song: Because You Love Me (with hand motions)

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## connect questions

Tell me about the time Jesus walked on water.  
What can we trust Jesus to help us with?

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## parent page

Once, Jesus’ disciples sailed away without him, because Jesus wanted some time alone. As they traveled, a storm arose and the waters became rough. Then Jesus walked out *on top of the water* to meet them! That’s because Jesus can do *anything*. Ask your kid to tell you about it. Or read the story together in John 6:16-24 in the Bible.