



3PK

March 7-8, 2015

DATE

Jesus Walks on Water

LESSON TITLE

John 6:16-24

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can trust Jesus to do anything!

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Today's small group requires Play Dough: Keep it confined to one table/area and have a volunteer stationed in that area while it's being used. Kids should only use Play Dough while seated at a table.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they made boats out of Play Dough!

large group heads up

Today, we're going to talk about how Jesus' friends, the disciples, got caught in a huge storm. Suddenly, Jesus started walking out to them ...*on top of the water!* That means we can trust him to do anything to help us.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Today's story has a big storm in it. Let's create a storm in here:
 - Wind begins to rustle: rub hands together
 - Raindrops: snap your fingers
 - Thunder and rain start: hit your thighs with hands
 - The storm gets worse: stomp your feet while you hit your thighs with your hands
- Quiet the storm before you head to large group:
 - The storm calms to just thunder and rain: hit your thighs with your hands (no stomping)
 - Thunder stops: snap your fingers to show raindrops are falling
 - Rain stops: rub your hands together to make the sound of a calm wind
- Repeat until it's time to go to Large Group; just make sure to end with calm!

Before you go, practice putting on your listening ears to hear the story. Then tip-toe in together!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the events of today's story and (2) understand that Jesus can do anything!

Why? The fact that Jesus walked on the water reveals just how powerful he really is; hopefully, kids will start to understand that Jesus can do anything.

Tips: Before you even start today, make sure the kids know the Play Dough is NOT to take home. It's just to play with in Kids' Club!

small group

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where did Jesus' friends go in today's story? (onto a boat)
2. What happened once they were on the water? (a huge storm came)
3. What was the storm like? (clap, say BOOM, and make "whooooosh" sounds)
4. How did Jesus get out to his friends in the storm? (he walked on top of the water)
5. Why were Jesus' friends scared when they saw him coming? (people can't walk on water!)
6. Once Jesus got to the boat, what did they do? (got safely to the shore)
7. Why could Jesus walk on the water? (He can do *anything!*)

ACTIVITY

- Give each kid some **Play Dough**.
- Help them make a boat (use the **cookie cutter**)
- **Pretend** your boats are caught in a storm (create one like during Connect Time)
- **Remind** kids: Jesus walked on the water!
- **Say together:** Jesus can do *anything!*
- Repeat as many times as you can!
- Give kids the coloring page and time to color.

***Pray together, thanking Jesus that he can do anything.**

Extra time? Play Simon Says: Line the kids up in a row. Stand a few feet away, facing them. Explain that you will give them a command. It should be fun and silly like "touch your nose," "spin around," "jump on one foot," or "quack like a duck." Before most commands, you will say, "Simon Says." ("Simon says spin around!") If Simon says it, the kids should do it. But...if Simon doesn't say it ("Spin around!") the kids should stand still. To mix it up, let kids take turns playing Simon. Or turn it into "_____ (kid's name) Says."

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LARGE group

special notes

We're creating a "storm" today. Feel free to give it your own personal flair!

presenter tips

So you say you can dance? Show your stuff! Let loose during the songs and show the kids how to actively worship our awesome God! (Honestly, how many times a day do you get to act like a kid?)

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, let me see those listening ears again. (Let kids respond.) Great! Now raise your hand if you're ready to have some fun in Kids' Club today! (Let kids respond.) Me too! Alright, let's start by hearing today's story. It's part of a very special story....

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is *God's* story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? God made an amazing home for us because he loves us SO much! Let me see a BIG smile (let kids smile).

But *then*... something bad happened. A snake tricked Adam and Eve into thinking God didn't really love them. They disobeyed God and sadness and death came into the world! Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) So God sent his own son, Jesus, to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world! This is great news, so let's see your happy face! (Let kids respond.)

Jesus LOVES us so much that he rescued us! And today, we're going to hear a story that shows us that Jesus can do *anything*, so we can always trust him to help us!

INTRO: WHAT HAPPENS IN WATER

So before we get to the story, raise your hand if you've ever been to a swimming pool or taken a bath (let kids raise hands). Yeah, it's pretty fun, isn't it? And when you jump into the water, it's



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different than if we jump onto the grass. Here's what happens when we jump into the water:

Video: Kids jumping and diving (15 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

One day, Jesus' friends got into a boat and sailed out into the water, into the Sea of Galilee. Everything seemed peaceful. Maybe they even waved goodbye to Jesus. Let's pretend to wave and say, "Goodbye, Jesus!" (Wave and say, "Goodbye, Jesus.")

A STORM COMES

Well, while they were in the middle of the sea, a HUGE storm rolled in. The seas got rocky (**show the rocky sea loop**; make your voice dramatic for the next part): Waves smashed against the boat. There was thunder and lightning.

On the count of three, everybody clap your hands together like thunder. 1-2-3 (Let kids CLAP.)
On the count of three, say BOOM (in your deepest voice). 1-2-3 BOOM! (Let kids say: BOOM!)
On the count of three, "whoooosh" like the wind! 1-2-3- (Let kids "whoooooosh.")

Just imagine how scared Jesus' friends must have felt! Everybody stand up. Let's rock back (walk backwards and let kids follow) and forth (stumble forwards and let kids follow). Back (walk backwards and let kids follow) and forth (stumble forwards and let kids follow). Back (walk backwards and let kids follow) and forth (stumble forwards and let kids follow). And just look at those waves! (**Point to the loop that's still playing.**)

JESUS WALKS UP

OK, have a seat. (Let kids sit.) In the middle of the storm, guess what? Jesus came walking up! On top of the water! As if he was walking on the grass!

Well when the disciples saw a person walking on the water, they were terrified. Everybody say, "Ahhhh, I'm scared!" (Let kids repeat.) But Jesus just kept walking up, like this:

Video: Jesus Walking On Water (41 seconds)

Then he said, "It's me! Don't be afraid." When Jesus' friends realized it was him, they let him into the boat. Then they safely sailed all the way to the other shore.

Wow, Jesus really can do anything! Can you guys say that with me? "Jesus can do anything!" He can even walk on top of water! Pretty cool. Let's pray and thank Jesus that he can do anything. (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that Jesus can do *anything*. I trust you. In Jesus' name, Aaaa-MEN.



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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: Be Strong

Song: King of the Jungle

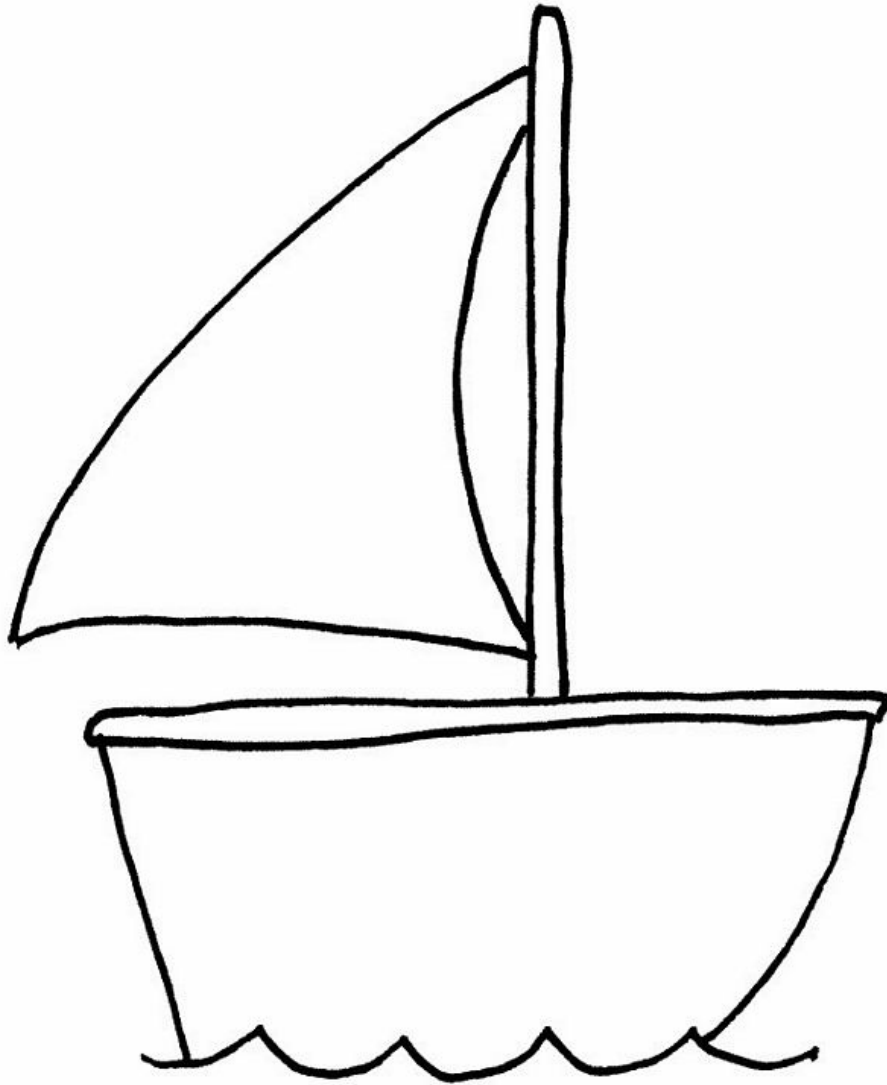
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)

Extra Song: Deep and Wide



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Storm Game: No supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid:

Coloring pages: Boat

Per room

Several boat-shaped cookie cutters per room:
(something like this: <http://bit.ly/19IFHWQ>)

Play Dough

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders
3. Video: Kids Jumping into Pool: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOzmebagh2s> (please use 0:03-0:17 only)
4. Video: Rocky Seas loop: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZpbjEA7TeQ>
5. Video: Jesus Walking On Water Loop (The Gospel of John 47:59-48:40; should have it from last year)
6. Song: Be Strong
7. Song: King of the Jungle
8. Extra Song: Deep and Wide

connect questions

Tell me what Jesus did in today's story.
What else can Jesus do?

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Today we talked about when Jesus walked on water!
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.