

PETER WALKS ON WATER ...FOR A MINUTE!

Junior High Lesson September 6th



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Main Point: In today's bible lesson, Jesus goes to a quiet place to pray. The disciples are out on the sea. A furious storm whips up and the disciples are scared. Then they see Jesus walking on the water toward them. Peter, ever the bold one, asks Jesus if he can come to him on the water. Jesus bids him to come. For a minute Peter walks on water, and then he takes his eyes off of Jesus. While Peter focused on Jesus, he could do miraculous things. When Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and focused on the storm, he sunk. Today we are going to look at how important it is to keep our eyes on Jesus in the storms of life. Watch the video for a contemporary look at the story from one man's perspective.

Read the story from Matthew 14 out loud with your family.

"Jesus Walks on the Water

2 Verse 22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Questions for Discussion:

1. **Why do you think Peter asked Jesus if he could come to him on the water?**
2. **How do you think it felt for Peter to walk on water albeit only for a short time?**
3. **Why did Peter sink? What do you think was going through his mind?**
4. **Why did Jesus reach out his hand to prevent Peter from drowning? What does that say about Jesus?**

Practical Applications for Your Life:

1. **Each person share a time when you took your eyes off Jesus during a storm and why? What was the result? What did you learn?**
2. **Each person share a storm you are going through now in your life? How can you keep your eyes on Jesus? How can you encourage each other in your family?**
3. **Who are other friends in your life that are a good example of following Jesus? What do you admire most about them?**

Share your highs and lows from this past week. Close in pray for each other giving God thanks for your highs and asking God to be with you in your lows and committing to keeping your eyes on Jesus.

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