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JESUS WALKED ON WATER

GAME TIME

MAKE WAVES

Grab a partner! Each pair will have a towel. Show them how to hold a corner in each hand. Guide players to make waves by moving the towel up and down. Lead the children to make big waves and small waves by moving the towel up and down quickly or slowly. For added fun, toss foam balls on the towels and challenge kids to bounce a ball up and down while keeping it on the towel.

SAY: *We made big and little waves with our beach towels. The disciples were in a boat at night on the sea. The wind started to blow, and the waves tossed the boat up and down. At midnight Jesus came walking toward the disciples on the water, and He didn't sink. When Jesus saved Peter and got into the boat with him, the wind and the waves stopped. Jesus can do things no one else can do. Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.*

BIBLE STORY

Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6

Jesus had been teaching crowds of people by the Sea of Galilee. It was getting late, so He told His disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side of the sea. Jesus sent the crowds away and went up on the mountain to pray by Himself. That evening, the boat was far from the shore. The wind blew, and the waves tossed the boat around. Jesus was still on the mountain alone.

Around three in the morning, Jesus came toward His disciples, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Jesus, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they cried. Right away, Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It's Me. Do not be afraid." Peter answered, "Lord, if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water." So Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw how strongly the wind was blowing, he was afraid. Peter began to sink.

SINK THE BOWL

Fill a large bowl two-thirds full of water. Float a small foam bowl on the surface of the water. Help your children carefully place small toys, marbles, or stones in the bowl one by one until the bowl sinks. Count out loud how many items can go in the bowl before it sinks. Repeat the experiment several times to see if that number changes.

SAY: *In our Bible story today one of Jesus' friends, His disciple named Peter, walked on water with Jesus until he saw the wind and the waves. He was afraid and began to sink like our bowl. Listen to the story to hear how Jesus saved Peter.*



"Lord, save me!" he cried. Jesus reached out His hand and grabbed Peter. Jesus said, "You have little faith. Why did you doubt?" They got into the boat and the wind stopped. Then everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly You are the Son of God."

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.