

An illustration showing the lower legs and feet of a person, presumably Jesus, walking on a dark blue body of water. The person is wearing a light grey, flowing robe and brown sandals with three horizontal straps. The water is depicted with dark blue and black wavy lines, suggesting movement and depth. The overall style is a simple, cartoonish illustration.

Jesus Walks on Water

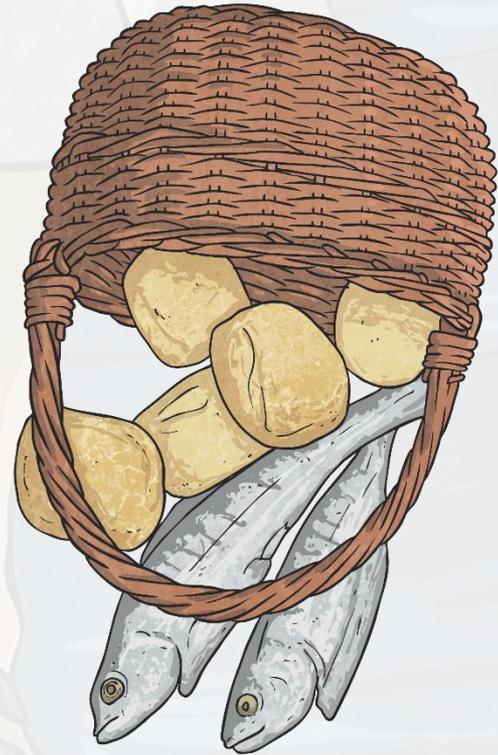
Matthew 14:22–34

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At the Lake

Jesus and his disciples were beside the lake. It had been a busy day. Jesus had performed the miracle of feeding a crowd of 5000 people with just five loaves and two fish.

Jesus needed to be alone. He asked the disciples to climb into a boat and told them to go on ahead without him.



**Think
about It**

Why do you think Jesus needed to be alone?

The Gathering Storm

Jesus went up the mountainside by himself to pray.

Meanwhile, the disciples were a considerable distance away from the land. When Jesus returned from the mountain, the small boat had been buffeted by the stormy waves.



“It’s a Ghost!”

Jesus began to walk out to the little boat.
He walked on the water across the lake.

When the disciples turned and saw something
walking on the water, they were terrified.

“It’s a ghost!” they cried.



**Talk about
It**

The disciples did not seem to recognise Jesus.
Why do you think this was?

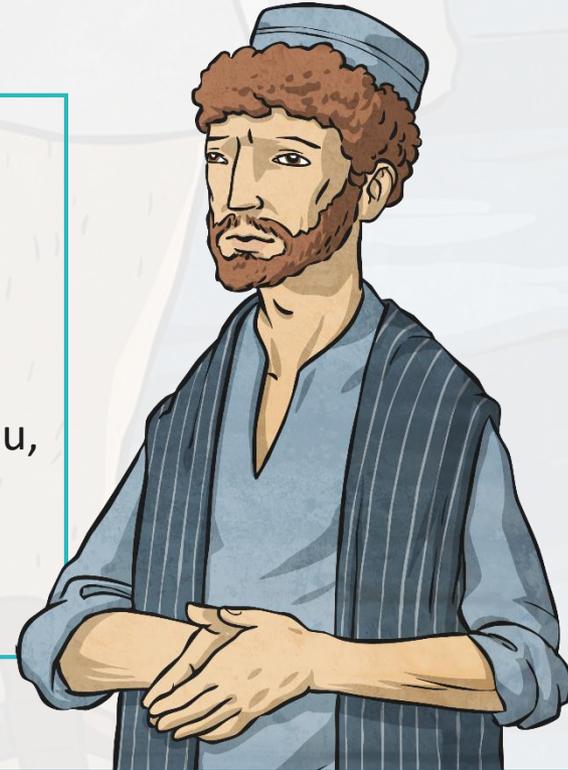
“Take Courage!”

Jesus immediately said,
“Take courage! Do not be afraid. It is I.”

The disciples could not believe it.

Peter, one of the disciples, said, “Lord, if it is you,
tell me to come to you on the water”.

“Come,” said Jesus.



**Talk about
It**

Why did Peter want to join Jesus on the water?

Have Faith

Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk towards Jesus. He suddenly became aware of the storm gathering around them as the wind howled and the waves grew larger.

Peter felt very afraid and he began to sink.

“Lord, save me!” he cried.

Immediately, Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

What do you think the storm represents?

**Think
about It**

What did Jesus mean when he said, “You of little faith?”

The Son of God

Peter and Jesus returned to the boat. Immediately, the wind calmed and the waves ceased to rage.

The disciples worshipped him and they said, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



What do you think the boat represents?

**Talk about
It**

What do you think the disciples learnt from this? What message do you think Christians take from this story?



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