



Jesus Walked on Water

Unit 2 (January) Session 4

Wednesday 18th and Sunday 22nd

Scripture

Matthew
14:22-33

Unit Verse

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.” John 6:38

Life Point

Jesus is all-powerful because He is the Son of God.

Devotions

The Bible is the source for several phrases our culture uses. We speak of “the writing on the wall” when we are certain something is about to happen (Daniel 5:5, 22-24). We express justice as “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” (Matthew 5:38-42). We say someone “walks on water” (Matthew 14:25, 29) after he has accomplished amazing things. Only God can write the future on the wall, show us the right way to promote justice in special situations, or walk on water (including equipping Peter to do so). It is so exciting when people begin to grasp a glimpse of biblical truth by understanding the origin of these phrases. Walking on water is the topic of this Bible story. Jesus walked on water during a storm, proving His power over nature and that He is the Son of God. After Jesus sent His disciples in a boat to the other side of the sea, He dismissed the crowds. Then Jesus went off by Himself to pray until well into the night. When Jesus returned to the shore early in the morning, the boat transporting His disciples was not only far away but being battered by stormy waves. Jesus walked across the water to the boat! Think about that: Jesus walked across the water to the boat. He did not swim. He did not wade out to the boat. He did not walk on the seabed. He walked on top of the water! This supernatural event was unbelievable! Jesus’ disciples were terrified and thought He was a ghost! He did not scold the disciples for not recognizing Him – when had anyone else ever walked on water? Instead, Jesus assured them of His identity and invited Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water to Him. The disciples concluded – quite wisely – that Jesus is the Son of God. How do you know Jesus is God’s Son? Do you know someone who needs to know Jesus is God’s only Son, who came to save everyone from eternal separation from God? Encourage kids to open their Bibles to see what new details they can discover about this miracle about Jesus.