



JESUS WALKS ON WATER

(Matthew 14: 22--34)

The disciples row a boat on the lake. It is night. They want to row to the other shore. The Lord Jesus sends them, there ahead of Him. The Lord wants to be alone in order to pray. Suddenly, a storm develops. The wind becomes stronger and strange, the waves are high and the disciples in the boat become frightened. The night is almost over. Then Jesus walks over the water to the disciples. Then the disciples see Him approaching, they are afraid. They think He is a ghost and cry out loud. Jesus calls to them: "No need to worry, be content, it's me! Do not be afraid! "But Peter calls, "Lord, if it is you, then command me to come to You on the water." The Lord Jesus says to Peter: "Come here!" Peter steps out of the boat in the middle of the lake and walks across the water towards Jesus. Suddenly he becomes aware of the storm and gets scared. At that moment, he starts to sink. He cries out loud "Jesus save me!" Instantly, Jesus takes his hand. Both climb into the boat and the storm subsides. Everybody in the boat bows before Jesus and says: "Truly you are the Son of God."

The children are amazed about the power of the Son of God.

- We re-create the story on a flannel board.
- With instruments or the voice, the different sounds are imitated: Calm, wind, excitement, waves, storm, lightning and thunder, footsteps, crying, calm.
- **Activity suggestions:** The children imitate with their whole body (arms and legs) the motion of the waves. This activity can be enhanced by waving blue paper streamers.
- The sinking or swimming of objects could be tested in a container with water.
- The walking on water could be captured on a group photograph



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