

Miracles of Jesus

Here are a selection of different ideas for ways to explore today's story. Some of them are more suitable for younger children, so select the ones that work for your family.

Do you remember the miracles we have learnt about so far?

The miracle we will learn about today happened straight after Jesus fed the large crowd of people.

Game

Run some water in your sink or fill a bucket and find some items to put into the water. Which do you think will float or sink? Now test and see if you were right!

Think about a time when you have been in the swimming pool. Can you float? How do you float? Do you think you could float on the water in a standing position?

Read the story below and find out all about the miracle Jesus performed!



Bible Reading



Jesus Walks on the Water

Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. When evening came, Jesus was there alone; and by this time the boat was far out in the lake, tossed about by the waves, because the wind was blowing against it.

Between three and six o'clock in the morning Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water. When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear.

Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!"

Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you."

"Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water. "Save me, Lord!" he cried.

At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "How little faith you have! Why did you doubt?"

They both got into the boat, and the wind died down. Then the disciples in the boat worshipped Jesus. "Truly you are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

You can watch a video of this story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVy9HGr3Qig>



Big Questions



1. Jesus tells Peter he has little faith, what does Faith mean?
2. How do you think the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus walking on the water?
3. Can you think of a time when you were like Peter and doubted or didn't have enough faith?
4. How do you think Peter walked on the water? Did he do this through his own power?
5. Walking on water seems an impossible thing for someone to do, but through Jesus' power Peter could do it. Is there something which seems impossible that you could do with God's help?



Songs



Nothing is too big for his power - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5D9M8ZpX8o>

My Lighthouse - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>



Prayer



Today we learnt how Peter managed to do something impossible by keeping his eyes fixed on Jesus and trusting him. Is there something that is difficult for us to do or something you're facing that seems impossible? Well nothing is impossible for God and we can always ask for his help to get through difficult times!

Pray and ask God to help you do those things you find difficult. It could be that you need to make a difficult decision to not follow your friends when they do things you know aren't right. Or it could be asking God to help you through the strange and difficult time we're facing. If you trust God and keep walking towards him (living in the way he wants) then he will always help us!

Challenge

Can you make a boat out of things you have at home? You could use a big cardboard box or arrange chairs. Sit in your boat and see if you can retell the story!



Craft



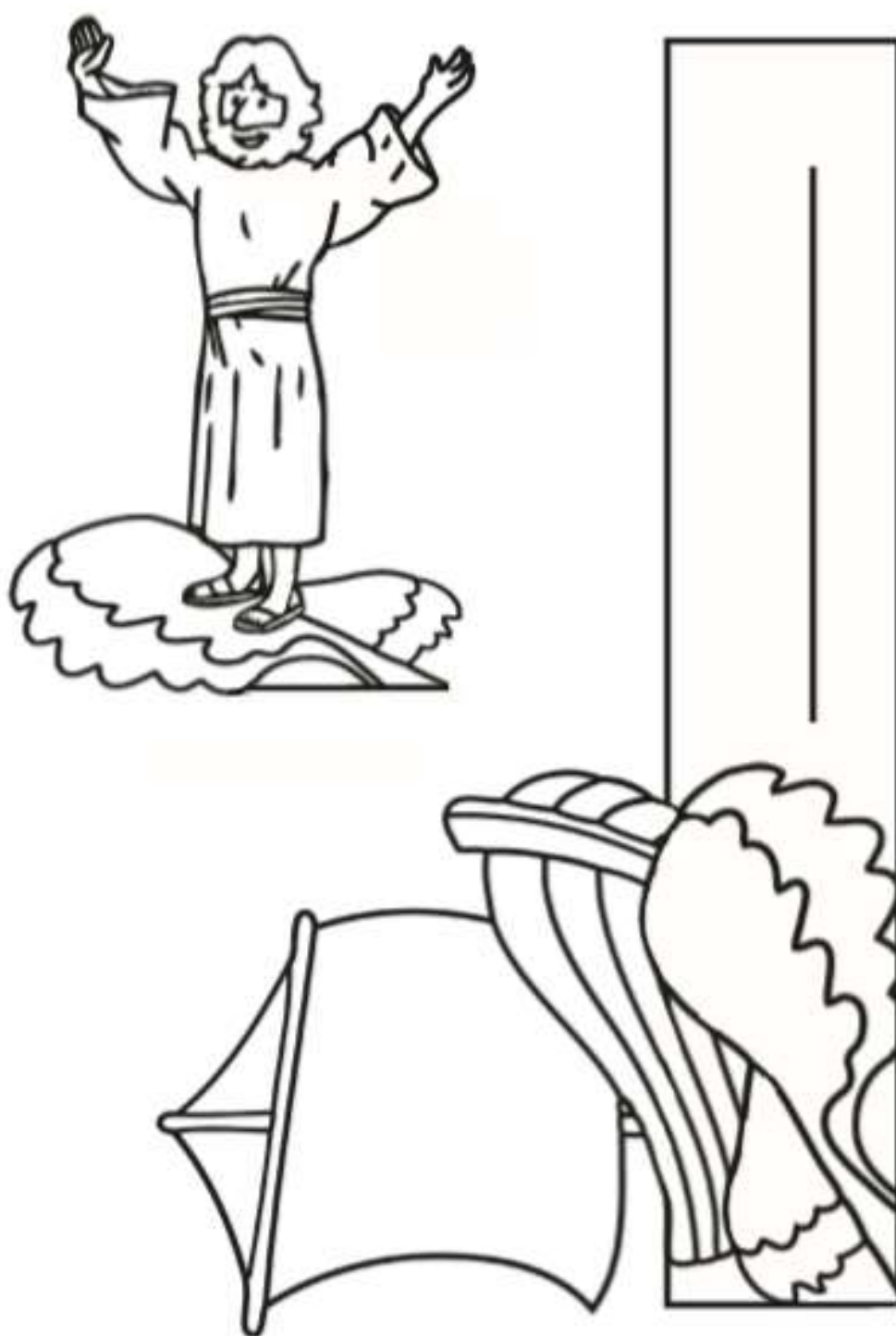
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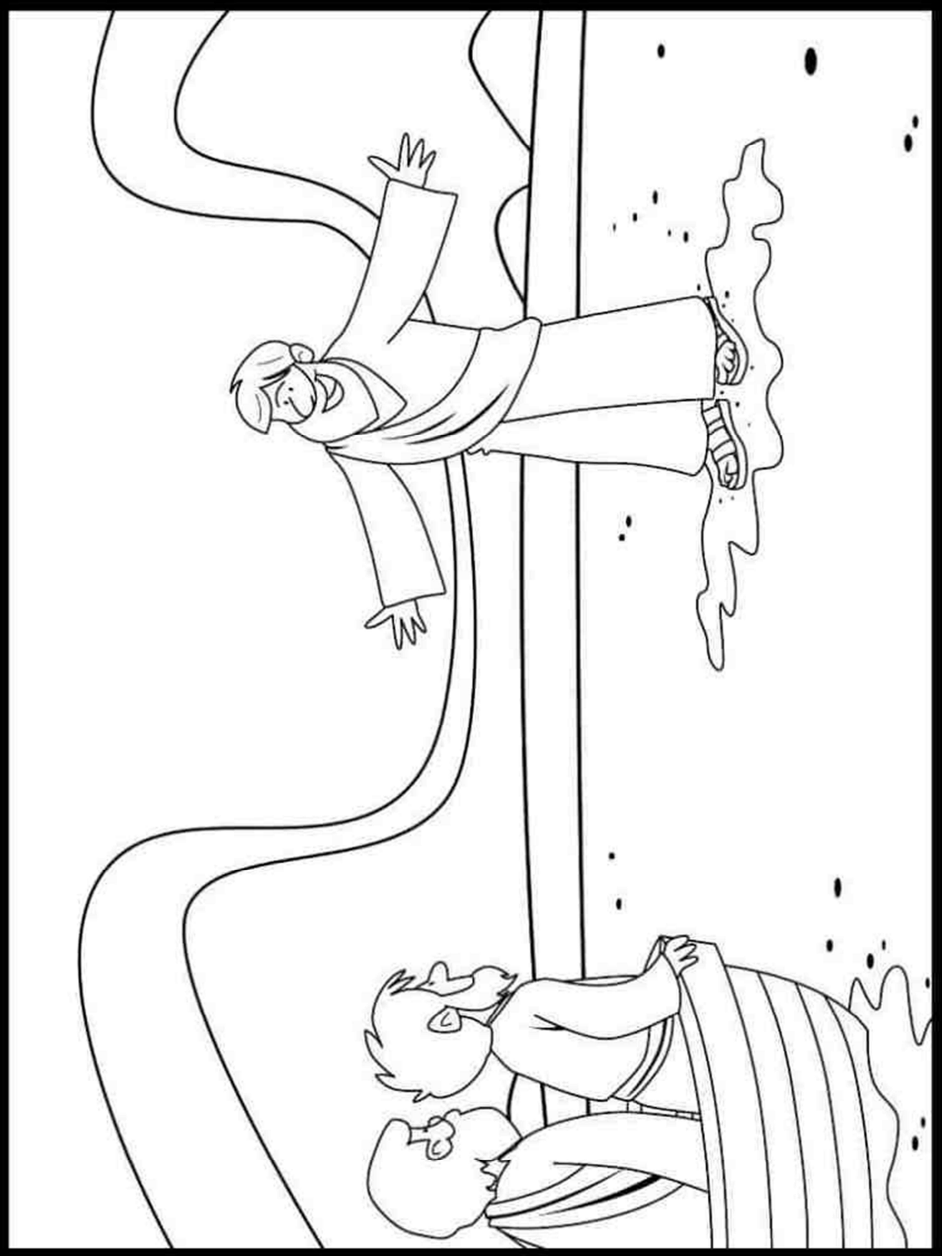
1. Draw a picture of Jesus performing this amazing miracle and walking on water.
2. Paper plate craft



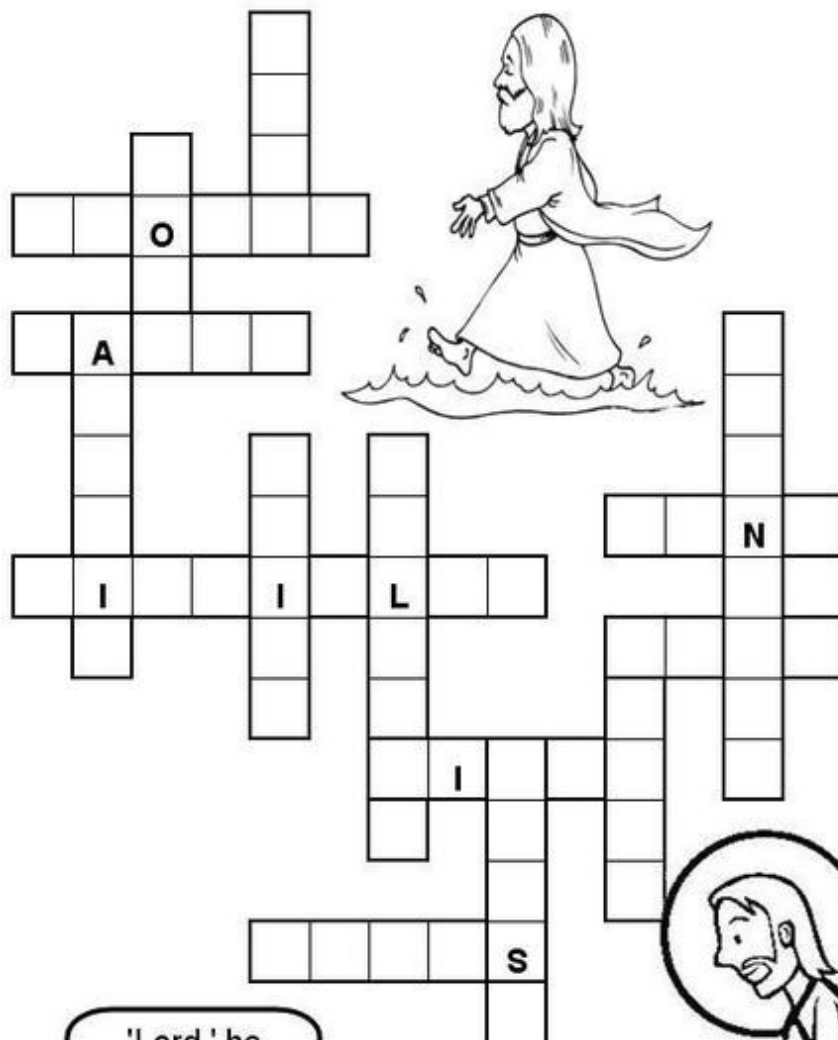
3. Lollipop stick craft (See following page for resources)







Jesus walks on water



Disciples
Boat
Crowds
Mountain
Pray
Wind
Night
Walking
Ghost
Afraid
Peter
Water
Jesus
Hand
Faith



Make all the
words fit into
this
crossword

'Lord,' he
cried, 'save
me!'



Jesus Walked on Water Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

V	R	L	T	D	R	E	J	I	S	P	P	Y	N	M
Q	S	K	U	B	I	R	Z	M	A	Z	R	P	T	I
D	E	N	K	J	U	S	C	W	A	Z	A	W	S	R
W	A	L	K	E	D	O	C	Y	M	O	Y	T	T	A
W	T	N	S	W	V	E	D	I	K	F	Q	Q	S	C
J	A	D	N	W	I	N	D	G	P	N	O	O	C	L
O	S	V	O	K	X	Z	C	Y	A	L	S	Y	O	E
D	U	U	E	C	N	X	R	U	F	A	E	D	D	S
L	V	F	X	S	O	S	K	D	H	F	X	S	E	V
K	M	A	O	J	K	B	O	A	T	R	M	M	J	A
E	U	I	C	E	G	R	C	B	O	A	N	X	F	R
I	I	T	P	E	T	E	R	U	A	I	Z	M	M	P
S	N	H	S	K	C	F	G	E	T	D	A	D	B	C
C	O	F	T	N	S	H	D	W	E	I	K	I	B	Q
F	R	W	A	T	E	R	B	Z	G	D	O	U	B	T

AFRAID
FAITH
WALKED

BOAT
MIRACLES
WATER

DISCIPLES
PETER
WAVES

DOUBT
PRAY
WIND