

<b>Date – January 31, 2021</b>
<b>Scripture/Bible Story/Theme</b> Jesus Walks on Water <b>Children’s Illustrated Bible</b> – p. 230-231 Matthew 14:22-33 Focusing on God helps us strengthen our faith. God and Jesus are always with us.
<b>Workshop Name</b>  Jesus Walks on Water – Water Color Painting
<b>Opening Prayer</b> Dear Lord, Guide us to understand that you are always with us and we can turn to you in difficult times for your love and support. Amen
<b>Objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know that the story is found in the New Testament</li> <li>• Identify that this story is found in Matthew, Mark and John</li> <li>• Re-tell the story in his/her own words.</li> <li>• Recognize “faith” is an action and to trust in God is to be certain Jesus is with us always.</li> <li>• Discover that Jesus wants us to build our faith in him.</li> <li>• Life can give us difficult times, but when we focus on God our faith is strengthened</li> </ul>
<b>Supplies – The watercolor paper will be in your supply bags. Watercolor paper is much more successful for watercolor painting because it is much heavier and holds the paint much better than regular paper. I think you should still have a watercolor set from last fall when the kids painted the Garden of Eden with the watercolor backgrounds.</b>
<b>Activity</b>  <b>Before beginning the painting use these questions for discussion of the story.</b>  Where in the Bible would we read about Jesus teaching his disciples? in the NT  What are the first four books of the New Testament? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John  What do we call those first four books? the Gospels  The word Gospel means “good news.” How does the Gospel give us “good news?” Jesus teaches us good news about his love for us, and how he is always with us.  What happened to the disciples when it became evening? The boat began to be tossed about by big waves and a storm came.  How do you they think the disciples felt when the waves began to hit the boat. It was dark and

they were in the middle of a huge body of water, so fear would be the natural reaction of most people.

How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus walking on water? Shock, surprise, disbelief

How would you feel? Shocked, disbelief

What did Jesus say to them when he saw they were afraid? "It is I. Don't be afraid."

When did Peter begin to sink? When he realized what was happening around him

When are sometimes when you've been afraid?

When you start to "sink" do you tend to reach out to Jesus or try to make it on your own?

How do you suppose Peter felt when he began to sink, and Jesus seemed to scold him? Felt ashamed, embarrassed, wished he had not left the boat

Sometimes life can be very hard. Why does Jesus want us to have faith in him?

How do we use our faith? When we focus on him, we strengthen our faith. Faith is like a muscle; it gets stronger when you use it a lot.

What does the Bible say that Jesus did to save Peter? He reached out his hand and caught him

\*\*\*\*\* **Main Point For Emphasis**

God and Jesus are always with us to help us. We only need to ask them for help when we are having a difficult time. When we trust God and know that God will always be there with us, it is called "faith." Faith is something we do. It is focusing on God and knowing that God loves us and wants to be with us.

**Paint the scene of Peter attempting to walk on water and Jesus reassuring him.**

**Below are some suggestions to be passed along to the kids. Obviously, this is not an art class and we are not expecting classic works of art.**

If a light pencil sketch was done, avoid too much erasing. It damages the paper.

Use two different water containers, keeping them for separate uses – one to wash brushes (this water will get "muddy") and one to only be used to wet *clean* brushes.

Hints for painting:

- Start with lighter colors; then move on to darker colors.
- Work from background to foreground, adding details as you go.
- Avoid going back and brushing over an area.

- Encourage using a “light hand” with the brush – the color is supposed to be transparent.
- A “color wash” is useful for covering large areas with color. Color washing is a “wet-on-wet” technique: you use a wet brush on wet paper. Take a “wash brush” and paint clean water evenly across the area to be painted. The paper should be wet but not too wet. Using your wash brush and a chosen color, paint horizontally across the paper. Paint another band of color next to it. The colors bleed and blend together where they join, this makes it interesting.
- Create clouds by first using a wash of color, then remove paint by touching the desired area with a cotton ball. This removes the color to expose the white paper.

### **Reflection/Evaluation**

What can you do during difficult times to find help?

What are ways that you can strengthen your faith?

### **Lord’s Prayer**