

Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter



“Courage!” Jesus said. “It is I. Don’t be afraid!”
“Truly you are the Son of God!” the disciples exclaimed.

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Matthew 14:22-33

Activities and Background:

While there is some difference in interpreting the Greek as to how Jesus was “walking on water”. The key concept for children in this account is that Jesus saw the disciples’ need and came to help. So even in the storms of life, Jesus sees our need and comes to help us. The second part of the Scripture telling of Peter’s response shows that while we are eager, and impetuous like Peter, to follow Jesus, we often fail. The message to young children is that even in our failure Jesus holds on to us and does not allow us to be lost.

1. This story gives opportunity for little ones to get out their plastic boats, lego people and a basin of water. Read the scripture and retell it with the props. Allow for some water play and there probably will be some discussion of sink and float.
 - I wonder how Jesus was able to walk on water.
 - I wonder how Peter felt as he was sinking and Jesus grabbed him.
2. Discuss times when there was a storm in your life. Troubles which seem unmanageable. Maybe parents going through a divorce. Maybe a sick friend. Maybe the COVID 19 pandemic right now.
 - I wonder how Jesus is reaching out to us right now.
 - I wonder how Jesus is helping to calm the storm around us.
 - I wonder what we need to do to hold on to Jesus at this time.
3. Older children might want to read the story from the other two Gospels (Mark 6:45-52 and John 6: 15-21). Make a venn diagram showing the story parts that are the same and the parts that are different.
 - I wonder what is different and what is the same in the three accounts of this event.
 - I wonder why there are differences.
 - I wonder if differences change the meaning.
 - I wonder why some things are the same and what meaning that brings.
4. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
5. Say a prayer together asking for Jesus’ help in these times. End the prayer with “Truly you are the Son of God! I will have courage and not be afraid. Amen.”