

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19
Jan 25/26

CRAFT Week 1

Jesus Walks on Water

SUPPLIES: Jesus Cut Out, Jesus Walking on Water, crayons or markers, craft sticks, tape

SET-UP: If you anticipate having a lot of children in class, you can tape Jesus to the craft stick ahead of time!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Jesus Walking on Water scene and crayons or markers.**

- *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we watched Jesus do something AMAZING! He walked on water! Today we are going to create a craft that will help you retell the story to your family at home!*
- *Let’s color this page together!*

⇒ **While kids are coloring, this would be a great time to read the Bible story from the Beginner’s Bible – p. 364-370**

⇒ **Pass out Jesus.**

- *“The wind and the waves came and the disciples were so worried! And then they saw something amazing. A person walking out on the water! Who was it? JESUS!*
- *Here is your Jesus. Let’s color him.”*

⇒ **If you did not pre-tape, help children tape Jesus to the craft stick.**

⇒ **Demonstrate how to put the Jesus puppet in the slit. Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Do you see the little slit in your paper? We can slip Jesus in and have him walk on the water. Let’s try it!*
- *The disciples were scared but Jesus said “It is I! Do not be afraid!”*
- *Wow! Jesus is incredible. He can do anything!*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!***

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19

Jan 25/26

CRAFT Week 2

Ocean Painting

SUPPLIES:

Jesus Walks on Water cardstock, blue watercolors, paintbrushes, little cups, water, smocks (in classrooms)

Optional: blue dot markers in place of watercolors

SET UP TIP:

Consider keeping one volunteer back from Large Group to set up the tables with the watercolors, the blue watercolor paints, papers and paintbrushes

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Put smocks on children. Pass out papers and set up paint supplies.**

- *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we watched Jesus do something AMAZING! He walked on water! That’s something that only Jesus can do. It was a miracle.*
- *We are going to make a beautiful watercolor painting today. Can you guess what part of the painting we are going to do with this blue paint? That’s right! The ocean!*

⇒ **While kids are painting, this would be a great time to read the Bible story from the Beginner’s Bible – p. 357**

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *Your paintings look beautiful, everybody! Jesus walked on water. Jesus is amazing. He can do anything!*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!***

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19

Jan 25/26

ACTIVITY #1

Sink or Float

SUPPLIES: bin filled with water, items that sink or float

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you on the floor with the water and the items.**

- *“Boys and girls, today in our Ollie video we saw a fun game of sink or float. Let’s play it together!”*

⇒ **Pick up your first item.**

- *“I have a bunch of items here and I thought we could see which ones sink and which ones float. Can you help me?”*
- *How about this! [hold up first item] Does this sink or float?*
- *[drop item in]*

⇒ **Repeat with all items.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice job, everybody! You did a great job figuring out which things would sink and which would float.*
- *In our true Bible story today we learned about Jesus walking on the water. Did he sink? NO! He did the impossible – something only Jesus could do...he walked on top of the water! Jesus does AMAZING things!*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!***

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19

Jan 25/26

ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Blue Ball Pit Balls and 1 Boat

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we learned about something amazing that Jesus did! Jesus' friends were in a boat when a big storm came. And then do you remember what they saw? Jesus was walking on the water! That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's say it all together.*
- ***"With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26"***
- *Great work! Now, we are going to spread these blue balls around the room and pretend they are water! And I have one boat, too! Close your eyes while we hide it!"*

⇒ **Scatter the bean bags around the room. Place the boat somewhere in the room.**

- *"Let's pick up all the balls! And can anyone find the boat?! Let's go!"*

⇒ **Have children collect all the bean bags and the boat.**

- *"Great work, everybody! You found all the water and the boat! Jesus walked on water! He can do anything!"*
- *Let's say our memory verse together now.*
- ***"With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26"***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Jesus does so many amazing things! Jesus walked on water! Jesus did the impossible.*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!"***

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19
Jan 25/26

ACTIVITY #3

Walk on Water Pretend Play

SUPPLIES: Blue tablecloths, egg shakers, floor tape

SET UP: Tape out a large “boat” on one side of the room. Lay down the Blue tablecloth next to it.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you near the “boat”.**

- *“Friends! Come over here! This reminds me of the boat in our story today! Let’s all hop in!”*
- *“But I am going to pick one person to stay out of the boat and be Jesus. You go stand and wait on the other side of the room until it’s time.”*

⇒ **Have children be seated. Pass out egg shakers to a couple of kids to use to make the rain noises.**

- *“Let’s act out the story together.”*
- *“Let’s pretend to ride in the boat (sway with the children). Uh-oh! I see a storm is coming! Let’s make wind noises together! Oh no! Now it’s raining. Shake your egg shakers! Everybody else, let’s cover our heads so we don’t get rain on us! The storm is getting really bad! Let’s make our scared faces!”*
- *“But look! I see Jesus! (Have child start walking.) WOW! Jesus can do what is IMPOSSIBLE! He is walking on the water!”*

⇒ **Repeat several times letting all children have a turn with the egg shakers and being Jesus (if size of class permits).**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Wow. Can you imagine what those disciples felt like when they saw Jesus walk on the water? They KNEW that Jesus was the son of God! Jesus can do the impossible!”*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!***

BEACH PARTY

Jan 18/19

Jan 25/26

REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Walks on Water*, p. 364-370

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can do anything?**
- **Jesus can do anything.**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **“Today in our true Bible story, Jesus walked on the water! Today we are going to make a list of our favorite things to do with water. It can be swimming, taking a bath, playing in the rain, fishing, boat rides—there are so many things we can do with water! When I say your name, tell me what YOU like to do with water.**
- **This is such a fun list! We can do lots of things with water. But there's one thing only Jesus can do with water: WALK! Only Jesus can walk on water. Let's pray and thank God for what we can do with water and that Jesus has the power to walk ON water.**

⇒ PlayDoh

- *“Can you make a boat out of your play doh? How about a person to walk on water to the boat?”*

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for water. Thank You that we can *(read the list the children made)*. And thank You that **Jesus can do anything**. He can even walk on water! Now that's AMAZING! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”