Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 198: JESUS WALKS ON WATER MARK 6:45-52

After feeding the 5,000 Jesus immediately told His disciples to get into the boat. He told them to go to the other side of the lake to Bethsaida. He said He would come later. He stayed there to tell the crowd that they could go home. After He said goodbye to them, He went up to the mountain to pray. That night, the boat was still in the middle of the lake. Jesus was alone on the land. He saw the boat far away on the lake. And He saw the disciples working hard to row the boat. The wind was blowing against them. Sometime between three and six o'clock in the morning, Jesus went out toward the boat. But the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water. They thought He was a ghost, and they started screaming. It scared them all to see Him. But He spoke to them and said, "Don't worry, cheer up! It's me! Don't be afraid." When He got into the boat with the disciples, the wind stopped. The disciples were completely amazed. They could not believe what happened. It was like the miracle He did with the bread. They still didn't understand what that meant.



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"But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they thought He was a ghost and screamed." **MARK 6:49**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." MARK 6:50

Review Questions True or False

- 1. Jesus made His disciples get into the chariot and go ahead of Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the crowds away.
- 2. When Jesus sent the crowds of people home, He left to go to the mountain to pray.
- 3. When evening came, the boat was out in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.
- 4. Jesus saw the disciples rowing the boat very easily, because the wind was blowing with them.
- 5. Jesus came to them, swimming in the sea, and almost passed by the boat.

Questions

- 1. When Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, what did he stay on land to do?
- 2. After He sent the crowds home, where did He go to pray?
- 3. When He finished praying, He looked out and saw the disciples in the boat. What did He see them doing?
- 4. How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?
- 5. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, what did they think He was? What did they do?
- 6. What did Jesus tell the disciples?
- 7. What happened to the winds? Did they get worse?

Lesson 198 Craft

Boats

Materials needed: Paper plates popsicle sticks construction paper cut into triangles glue sticks or glue.

You will need a paper plate for each child in your class. You will also need crayons and/or markers. Instruct each child to fold their paper plate in half. Allow them to color the outside of the boats.

Set the boat on its rounded edges, so that it rocks back and forth.

Glue one to two popsicle sticks to the center of the bended edge of the paper plate (to make a mast for the boat). Poke the popsicle stick through the paper plate and glue it to the inside of the plate. Next, glue on some triangles, cut from construction paper, to make sails. If time allows, as an option, the children can make some people for their boat. Using construction paper cut out in people shapes (or just a round head and a rectangular body is fine!) then they can glue the people onto the sides of the paper plate boat.

Explain to your class that there was a boat in our story today that the disciples were on. While they were in the boat, a storm struck that made them very afraid, but they learned that We need to completely trust in Jesus.

God is Still a God of Miracles

Share a miracle that God has done in your life and how God promises to show Himself strong on our behalf (2Chronicles 16:9) while the children are making their boats. Share how it impacted your relationship with the Lord. Have some of your class volunteer to share some things He has done for them.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the great things God has done. Thank Him for still being a God of miracles. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.