

Talk About It:

- Do you like to swim or play in the water? What do you like or not like about it?
 - Share about a time when you were afraid and someone came to comfort you.
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Read About It:

Read Matthew 14:22-33:

22 Right away Jesus made the disciples get into the boat. He had them go on ahead of him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Then he sent the crowd away. 23 After he had sent them away, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone. 24 The boat was already a long way from land. It was being pounded by the waves because the wind was blowing against it.

25 Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to the disciples. He walked on the lake. 26 They saw him walking on the lake and were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said. And they cried out in fear.

27 Right away Jesus called out to them, "Be brave! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, is it you?" Peter asked. "If it is, tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," Jesus said.

So Peter got out of the boat. He walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid. He began to sink. He cried out, "Lord! Save me!"

31 Right away Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "Your faith is so small!" he said. "Why did you doubt me?"

32 When they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus. They said, "You really are the Son of God!"

- The words "right away" are used three times in this story. Things seemed to be happening pretty fast! When Jesus' friends were afraid, he comforted them "right away." How do you think they felt knowing Jesus was there when they were afraid?
 - Peter wasn't sure if it was really Jesus walking on the lake. What was happening around them that would make it hard for them to see who it was? (hint: look at verse 24)
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Sing About It:

Jesus told his friends to be brave and to not be afraid because he was with them. You can be brave too, because God is always with you. Sing about it with this fun song:

[I Will Not Be Afraid](#) (Lifetree Kids, Roar VBS, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

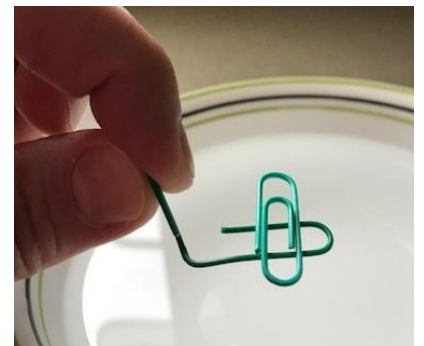
- Wait a minute... today's story said that Jesus walked ON water. This was a miracle! Why do you think Peter wanted to give it a try? Why do you think Jesus invited him to walk on the water with him?
 - Peter was walking on water with Jesus, but when he paid attention to the waves and wind, he became afraid, then he went under water. How can our fears keep us from walking bravely with Jesus? What do we need to do when we are afraid?
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Try It:

Supplies: Bowl of water, several paper clips

In today's story, Jesus walked on water and Peter wanted to try, too. But Peter couldn't do it alone. Try this experiment to see why Peter needed Jesus' help:

1. Fill a small bowl with water. Can you float a paper clip on the water? Keep trying!
2. Try again. Can you get the paper clip to float? Just like people, paper clips can't "walk" on water. Or can they?
3. Take one paper clip and bend it into an L shape. This will be your paper clip "holder."
4. Set a paper clip onto the paper clip holder, and gently use the holder to set the other paper clip into the bowl of water. What happened??
5. Peter could not walk on water without Jesus' help. We need to have faith in Jesus and trust that we can amazing things with Jesus' help.
6. Share this experiment and this amazing story with someone else.



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Pray About It:

Thank you, Jesus for giving us courage to trust you, and for helping us do amazing things with you. Amen.

Memorize It:

Right away Jesus called out to them, "Be brave! It is I. Don't be afraid." Matthew 14:27