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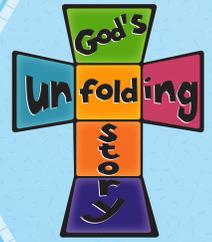
Bible Story:
Jesus Walked
on Water (Mark 6:45-52)
Bible Phrase: "Truly, You are
the Son of God" (Matt. 14:33).
Bible Truth: Jesus was not
an ordinary man. Because
Jesus was God's Son,
He could do
amazing things.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything
2. People disobeyed God.
3. God chose a special people.
4. **God sent Jesus to help us.**
5. Jesus began the Church.
6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story For Parents

This month, we are talking about some of the most exciting stories from the life of Jesus. Preschoolers can begin to recognize Jesus is the Son of God as we learn about these amazing things.

Ask: "Can you name five things that float?" Let your preschooler help you make a list (i.e., boats, wood, leaves).

Ask: "When you stand up in the tub, do you stand on top of the water, or do your feet go under the water?"

Explain: "The Bible tells us about a time when Jesus was able to walk on top of the water and not sink because He is the Son of God!"

Tell the story.

Point out that Jesus did things people cannot do. The disciples knew He was the Son of God.

Share the Bible Phrase and pray with your preschooler throughout the week.

Bible Story Jesus Walked on Water (Mark 6:45-52)

Jesus had just fed a large crowd of people. It was evening and time for everyone to go home. Jesus told His disciples to get in the boat and row to the other side

of the lake. He said good night to the crowd and went to find a quiet place.

It had been a long day for Jesus. He had been teaching and healing people since very early that morning. Jesus wanted time alone to talk to God. So, Jesus walked up a mountain to pray. It was probably peaceful, cool and quiet on the mountain. Jesus spent time talking to His Father.

After Jesus prayed, He looked down from the mountain and saw His friends in the boat; but it was not peaceful and calm on the water as it was on the mountain. The wind was strong, and it was blowing the waves high against the boat. Jesus could see His friends were having trouble rowing the boat to get to the other side. As much as the disciples tried to make the boat go one way, it went another.

Jesus climbed down the mountain and went down to the water and began walking toward the boat. Jesus did not walk on the bottom of the lake; Jesus walked on top of the water!

The disciples saw Someone walking on the water. They did not recognize it was Jesus, and they were afraid. They cried out in fear!

Jesus spoke to them and said, "Don't be afraid; it's Me, Jesus!"

When Jesus got into the boat, the winds and the waves became calm. Everything was still and quiet. The disciples said to each other, "Truly, He is the Son of God."

Activity Suggestion

Play "How Do You Know?"

Ask this series of questions as you interact with your preschooler leading up to an understanding that Jesus is the Son of God.

How do you know if it is daytime? (It is light outside.)

How do you know if it raining? (It is wet outside.)

How do you know if it is a cat or a dog? (By the bark or meow it makes.)

How do you know if it is time to eat? (My tummy is growling.)

How do you know...(Add your own questions.)

How did the disciples know Jesus was the Son of God? (He walked on water and did other things people cannot do.)