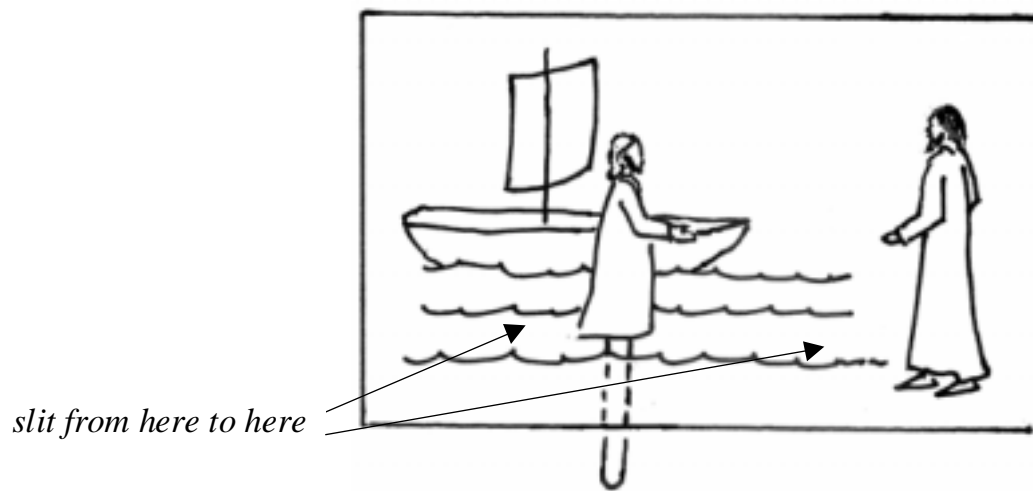


# Walking on Water

Matthew 14: 28-31



## **Materials:**

paper (cover stock or tagboard would be ideal for the figures of the Lord and Peter)  
crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, or oil pastels  
craft sticks (or Popsicle sticks)  
optional: green and blue construction paper  
glue or tape  
scissors

## **Procedure:**

- 1) Tell the children that they will be making a picture of Simon Peter walking on water to the Lord. Ask them to think about whether they want to picture the Lord and Peter reaching out to each other. Have the children hold one of their arms out in front of them as if they are Peter reaching out to the Lord.
- 2) Now have the children draw a picture of the Lord—on cover stock or tag board if it is available. Cut the picture out but do not glue it onto the main picture until later.
- 3) Draw a picture of Peter (on cover stock or tag board if possible). Glue or tape the Peter figure to a craft stick to make it easy to move him around.
- 4) Now work on the background picture for this project. The children can draw the waves. OR they can use green and blue construction paper to make them, tearing it or cutting it with pinking shears (to give it a zig-zag edge) and then gluing the pieces to the page. Make a horizontal slit in the water (as shown above). If the children have made construction paper waves, show them how to glue the waves above and below the slit.
- 5) Optional: Add the boat with the other disciples watching the Lord and Peter on the water.
- 6) When the pictures are finished, retell the story while the children show Peter moving out of the boat, walking on water, sinking, and then being lifted up by the Lord!
- 7) Suggest that they use the picture to retell the story for their parents or siblings.

## **OTHER OPTIONS:**

- Make shadow puppets of the Lord and Peter and let children dramatize the story.
- Have the children act out the story themselves. Let the children take turns being Peter and the stage hands who move large pieces of blue and green fabric up and down to make the waves.