

Preschool | W4

Leader Summary

Jesus' friends, the disciples, are on a boat in the middle of a storm, and they see someone walking on the water! They are so afraid ... until Jesus says it is Him! Peter asks if he can walk to Jesus on the water, and when Jesus says yes, Peter steps out on the water and walks toward Jesus. But Peter becomes afraid and begins to sink, so Jesus reaches out and saves him. When they get into the boat, the fierce storm stops, and the disciples are amazed. Jesus can do anything because Jesus is amazing!

Connect Time (20 minutes)

Kids Arrive and Free Play
Small Group Connect

Large Group (25 minutes)

Countdown and Welcome
Worship
Memory Verse
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Activity 1
Activity 2
Memory Verse with Motions
Prayer
Parent Pick Up

Home

First Look Placemat



Bible Story

Jesus Walks on Water • Matthew 14:22-33;
Mark 6:45-52; Luke 6:16-21
Jesus can do anything.

Key Question

Who is amazing?

Bottom Line

Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse

We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Small Group Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

11 min

Large Group Time

3 min

Countdown and Welcome

What You Need

 SLIDE: Three Rules 1

 SLIDE: Basic Truths 1

What You Do:

Play intro music in the background as you greet and intentionally engage with students, following the KidCity check-in procedures.

Set out a few different stations of toys, puzzles, games, or blocks.

Connect time is spent building relationships by intentionally connecting with kids before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or playing) or just sit and listen to each other. You can ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group.

"Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths. Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers.*)

SLIDE: Three Rules

1. Be kind. We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. Be safe. We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.

3 min

Worship

What You Need

-  Amazing
-  He is Amazing

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

3. Have fun! We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?"

SLIDE: Basic Truths

1. I am made by God. What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)

"Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!
SONG: "Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com

"Great singing, friends! Let's keep singing about how amazing Jesus is.
SONG: "He is Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com

"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

VIDEO: Memory Verse Video

"We have seen (*point to self*)
amazing things today!" (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)
Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book.*)

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead the children to say the Memory Verse with motions once or twice.
"You guys all did a great job with our memory verse and with our worship songs! Now it's time to turn around (*spin around*)... sit down (*sit down*).. Shake the wiggles out(*wiggle hands*)... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*)what today's Bible Story is all about!"

14 min

Large Group Bible Story

3 min

Bible Story Intro

What You Need

-  Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page 1
-  Amazing Book Mark 1
-  Story Box 1

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Wrap Up and Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"I have my story box ready. I'm so excited to see what we are learning about God Today. Let's see what I have in here... (Pull out the Bible)... It's a book! Do any of you know the name of this book? (Pause) Yes! It's the Bible! The Bible is a book full of true stories about God, about Jesus, and about the people God loves, like me and each of you! Wait... there's a cool looking book mark, let's see what page it is on.

Open to that page of the Bible and show the kids the pictures... point out a few thing you see that go along with the lesson for today... (This Week page 364- Jesus Walks on Water)

"Hmm, I wonder if this might be the story we are going to hear about from Ollie and his friends. Let's check it out."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"In today's story, we saw the disciples were in a boat when a big storm started, and they saw someone walking toward them on the water. They were scared, but then they saw it was Jesus! Peter said, 'If it's really you, call me to come out on the water too.' And Jesus did! Peter stepped out to walk with Jesus, but when he became afraid of the wind and waves, he began to sink. Jesus pulled Peter up, they got into the boat, and the storm stopped. The disciples were amazed! They knew Jesus was powerful and no one else could do what Jesus did. They knew Jesus could do anything because [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus is amazing!** (Pause) **Who is amazing? Jesus is Amazing**

SLIDE: Basic Truth

"Let's look at what our Basic Truth says for today. It says, 'I am made by God to worship Him.'" In today's story we saw another example of how amazing Jesus is! He can do things that no one else can do! He deserves our worship.

" We've enjoyed a fun morning worshipping God and learning about Jesus. Thank you for doing such a great job listening in Large Group. We're going to pray now, and then we'll continue with small groups. Let's get ready—settle your body and close your eyes.

30 min

Small Group Time

10 min

Activity 1- See the Amazing!

What You Need

	"See the Amazing" Activity Page (3 per page) on cardstock	1
	Sentence Strip	1
	Tape/Glue Stick	Several
	Stamps/Stickers (optional) hearts, wow!	Several
	Crayons	Several
	Stapler	1

5 min

Activity 2- Walk and Talk the Story

"Dear God, Jesus really is amazing. Help us to remember that Jesus is God's Son and to tell others about how amazing He is. Thank you God for loving us and giving us Jesus. Amen. "

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "See the Amazing" on cardstock, and cut apart, one per child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their glasses and sentence strips, optional- they can add hearts and stamps as well. As they work, repeat the verse.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, we're going to make an amazing head band to help us remember our Memory Verse and today's Bible Story. But first, let's say our verse as we do the motions together. 'We have seen (point to self) amazing things today!' (Hands like binoculars, open and shut.) Luke 5:26 (open hands like a book). Fantastic!"

During the Activity: "Color your glasses and your sentence strip. You can decorate with stamps and stickers too. As we work, let's say our verse together. 'We have seen (point to self) amazing things today!' (Hands like binoculars, open and shut.) Luke 5:26 (open hands like a book). (Give the kids a 5 minute warning to let them know you will be moving on to the next activity, but you want to go ahead and get their headbands ready to wear.) While you are working, we are going to come around and help attach your headband so you can wear it for the next activity. Wow! You guys look amazing!"

After the Activity: "Today, in our Bible Story, we saw another amazing-thing Jesus did! Jesus walked on the water! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**" Keep wearing your headband as we go into our next activity."

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Walk and Talk the Story" Activity Page, one set per small group. Space the images (4) around your Small Group Space, so that you are able to walk from one picture to the next. **If space is limited, you can do this activity by just sitting in a circle, and passing the pictures around the circle one at a time.*

What You Need

-  'Walk and Talk the Story' Activity Page 1
-  Headband (from previous activity) 1

During the Activity: Lead the kids to walk from one picture to the next while talking through each part of the story at each picture.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Your headbands look awesome! And they are going to help us with the next activity!"

During the Activity: "We are going to walk through today's story, as we get to each picture, we are going to look at it to see what we remember from the story.

- **Jesus Sending the Disciples Out-** Those are Jesus' friends the disciples. Jesus told them to get in the boat and go across the lake. (Have the kids pretend to row a boat as you move to the next picture.)
- **Disciples in the Storm-** While they were out in the middle of the lake, a big storm came up! It was raining, and the wind was blowing. The disciples were not happy to be out in the rain. (Show me what your face might look like if you were out in a storm in the middle of a lake.)
- **Peter Pointing-** One of the disciples, Peter, saw someone walking towards them... the person was walking on the water! The disciples were afraid. (Show me your afraid face.)
- **Jesus Walking on the Water-** Jesus was walking on the water to the disciples! That's amazing! (Have kids point to their headbands and say the memory verse. We have seen amazing things today! Luke 5:26)

"When the disciple saw it was Jesus, Peter called out and said, 'If it's really you, Jesus, call me out onto the water.' And Jesus did! Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. Peter looked at the wind and waves; and became afraid, and he began to sink. Peter cried out for Jesus to save him. Jesus grabbed Peter and saved him, and they got into the boat. The disciples were amazed! They knew Jesus was so powerful and no one else could do what Jesus did.

(Point to the kids' headbands and have them say the verse one more time.)

After the Activity: "Wow! The disciples saw an amazing thing that day! They saw Jesus walk on the water. They saw Jesus stop the big storm. They knew that Jesus could do anything because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

Say the memory verse using the motions from the Memory Verse Motions Poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

What You Say:

"I have enjoyed getting to learn about Jesus with you today! I absolutely LOVE your headbands, they help us remember today's story- Jesus

5 min

Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need

-  Memory Verse with Motions 1

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Parent Pick Up Activity**What You Need**

 Beginner's Bible

1

walking on water, and our memory verse- We have seen amazing things today! Luke 5:26. Let's take a minute to pray before it's time to leave.

"Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our amazing friend forever. Jesus really is amazing. He can do things no one else can! We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

What You Do:

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Jesus Walks on Water, page #364) and read it to your small group. **You can also use the Story Review Pictures while reading from the Bible.

Supplies

Countdown and Welcome		Quantity
1.	SLIDE: Three Rules	1
2.	SLIDE: Basic Truths	1

Worship		Quantity
1.	Amazing	0
2.	He is Amazing	1

Bible Story Intro		Quantity
1.	Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page	1
2.	Amazing Book Mark	1
3.	Story Box	1

Activity 1- See the Amazing!		Quantity
1.	"See the Amazing" Activity Page (3 per page) on cardstock	1
2.	Sentence Strip	1
3.	Tape/Glue Stick	Several
4.	Stamps/Stickers (optional) hearts, wow!	Several
5.	Crayons	Several
6.	Stapler	1

Activity 2- Walk and Talk the Story		Quantity
1.	'Walk and Talk the Story' Activity Page	1
2.	Headband (from previous activity)	1

Memory Verse with Motions		Quantity
1.	Memory Verse with Motions	1

Parent Pick Up Activity		Quantity
1.	Beginner's Bible	1