

## Jesus Walks on Water

*Matthew 14:22*

	<i>[two or more puppets play the “Guys”- the apostles - and take turns talking]</i>
<b>Jesus</b>	Okay, guys. I need a little time to pray. I’ll meet you on the other side of the lake.
<b>Peter</b>	Okee dokee Jesus. We’ll sail across in this boat and catch you later! <i>(Peter and disciples jump into a “boat” and sail off as Jesus exits – mime getting in and keep puppets held tightly together)</i>  Alrighty then. Well guys, here we are, sailing along. Isn’t it great being disciples of Jesus? He is so cool, isn’t He?
<b>Guys</b>	Yeah. He’s got the message and He is the MAN.
<b>Peter</b>	Yeah. Gee it’s getting awfully windy out here, isn’t it?
<b>Guys</b>	Yeah. The waves are getting really big, too.
<b>Peter</b>	I’m scared.
<b>Guys</b>	We are, too. <i>(high squeaky voice)</i>
<b>Peter</b>	I wish Jesus was here. <i>(Jesus appears)</i>
<b>Guys</b>	Hey, what the... I can’t believe my EYES!!!! Look!!! <i>(pointing at Jesus)</i>
<b>Peter</b>	Whoa! This is really freaky, guys. Stay behind me.
<b>Guys</b>	Yeah. It looks like a ghost walking on the water! <i>(trembling and hiding)</i>
<b>Jesus</b>	Hey, guys! It’s me! It’s Jesus!
<b>Guys</b>	<i>(they look at each other uncertainly, look back at Jesus)</i>  Oh yeah? Prove it.
<b>Jesus</b>	Okay. Like how?
<b>Peter</b>	<i>(they all turn to Peter)</i> Like... let me walk across the water, like you’re doing, which would be SO COOL... and if I could do THAT, then I’d believe it was really Jesus out there and not just some weird dude on water skis or something.
<b>Jesus</b>	Alright. Come on out of the boat, Simon. Come walk on water! It’s fun!
<b>Peter</b>	<i>(hesitating)</i> Are you sure I can just step out of the boat?
<b>Jesus</b>	Yes! Jump in. Trust me. <i>(holding out his hands)</i>
<b>Guys</b>	<i>(chanting)</i> Simon! Simon! Walk on water! Simon! Simon! Walk! On! Water!
<b>Peter</b>	Okee dokee. <i>(gingerly stepping out – sees that the water holds him)</i> Oh

	COOL! This is totally awesome! Hey guys! Look at me! ( <i>dances a little</i> ) I am walking on water! In the middle of the lake! ( <i>he looks down at his feet</i> ) On very deep, cold water... ( <i>getting scared, starting to shake</i> ) with really big waves... and... AAAAHHHHH! ( <i>starts to sink</i> ) Jesus! Save me! I'm sinking!
<b>Guys</b>	( <i>Jesus lifts him up – the other disciples start cracking up and making fun of him</i> ) Man, you looked so funny! You were like, “Aaah! Save me! Save me!”
<b>Peter</b>	( <i>clutching Jesus' head</i> ) Oh, yeah. You guys come on out here and try it. It's not as easy as it looks.
<b>Jesus</b>	( <i>slightly muffled</i> ) Simon. Let go of my face. You're going to be okay.
<b>Peter</b>	Sorry Jesus. ( <i>uncovers Jesus' face</i> )
<b>Guy</b>	Hahahaha! Look at him! He's scared like a big BABY!!! Hahahahaha!
<b>Jesus</b>	Alright, cut it out, guys. Simon did a really brave thing and I didn't see any of YOU trying it. ( <i>he notes their silence</i> ) Okay, then. Come on Simon. Here you go. Back in the boat. Now, what have we learned here, today? Anybody?
<b>Guys</b>	Uhhh... ( <i>shuffling, avoiding answering</i> )
<b>Peter</b>	Well, I guess I should have trusted you more, Lord.
<b>Jesus</b>	I am <i>so</i> proud of you, Simon. You answered correctly. Next time you'll do better. ( <i>pats him on the back</i> )
<b>Peter</b>	Next time!? Wow. Thanks, Jesus. You always make me feel a lot better when I goof up.
<b>Jesus</b>	It's okay, buddy. Okay, we've finally reached land. Everybody off the boat! That's it. Now, let me ask you all something. Some people are saying that because I do miracles and go around teaching about God, that perhaps I'm John the Baptist come back from the dead. Others are saying I'm one of the old prophets. Who do you say that I am?
<b>Peter</b>	You are the Christ! The Messiah! The Son of the Living God!
<b>Jesus</b>	Bingo!!
<b>Guys</b>	( <i>all together, overlapping</i> ) You're “Bingo?” Wow, that's weird. No, he doesn't mean HE's bingo, He means He likes to PLAY bingo! Hey, great idea! It's fun, it's challenging, it's a great way to win money!!!
<b>Jesus</b>	No, no, no. Not THAT kind of bingo! What I meant to say is that Simon got it RIGHT! He is correct. And nobody on this earth gave him the right answer. It was my Father in heaven who showed him that I am the Messiah, the Son of God.
<b>Guys</b>	Is that right, Simon? God showed you?
<b>Peter</b>	I just <i>knew</i> it. It was in my heart.

<b>Guys</b>	Wow.
<b>Peter</b>	Jesus, I have a question for you.
<b>Jesus</b>	Yes, Simon?
<b>Peter</b>	The guys were really making fun of me, before. It hurt my feelings.
<b>Jesus</b>	Yes?
<b>Peter</b>	How many times should I forgive people that hurt me? Once? Twice?
<b>Jesus</b>	You should forgive them as many times as they are sorry. Well? What do you say, boys?
<b>Guys</b>	We're sorry, Simon. Yeah, sorry about the mean cracks we made.
<b>Peter</b>	I forgive you.
<b>Guys</b>	Gee thanks! Yeah, that was really nice of you, Simon. Yeah, cool.
<b>Jesus</b>	Good job, Simon. And by the way, I have a new name for you.
<b>Guys</b>	Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!
<b>Jesus</b>	No. Gee wiz, guys. Would you FORGET about bingo? I wish I had never said that word.
<b>Guys</b>	Sorry, Jesus. We really thought we had the answer right THAT time.
<b>Jesus</b>	Simon Son of John, fisherman, friend and apostle, I hereby rename you Peter, which means "rock," and on this rock I will build my Church.
<b>Peter</b>	<i>(Peter looks around, the disciples all look at each other, Peter looks at Jesus)</i> Are you, like, giving me a really important job?
<b>Jesus</b>	Yes, Peter, I am. And it's a tough job. I'm going to expect a lot of you. After I am arrested and killed, you will be the head man.
<b>Peter</b>	Wait a minute! Wait just a dog-gone minute! I will <b>not</b> allow you to be killed! I will fight for you! I will hit 'em with the left! <i>(throws an air-punch)</i> Hit 'em with the right! <i>(punch)</i> I'll bonk them right on the head, I'll pulverize 'em, I'll murderize 'em, I'll... <i>(jumps around doing martial-arts moves, funny noises...)</i> Hyaaaahhh!!!
<b>Jesus</b>	Peter! Knock it off. You are WAY off base. Don't <b>ever</b> do that again!!!
<b>Peter</b>	What, Master? What did I do?
<b>Jesus</b>	Don't <b>ever</b> try to go against my Father's plan. <i>(Peter is silent and droops his head)</i>
<b>Peter</b>	Oopsie.

<b>Jesus</b>	Listen up, everybody. I am going to die before I rise in glory. It's part of what I came here to do. ( <i>the disciples all shake their heads in confusion, including Peter</i> ) Come on. Let's go eat our Passover Meal. Who's hungry?
<b>Guys</b>	Me! Me! Me! Yeah, let's go! Let's eat! I'm starving! ( <i>general hubbub as they all exit</i> )

The End