



BIBLE STORY

Jesus and Peter - Peter walks on water

Bible Base: Matthew 14: 25-33

Key Christian Belief: JESUS is the son of God and nothing is impossible for him.

STRATEGIES USED:

- Simple instructions
- Participation in the story – use of actions/response
- Use of repetition

WAY IN

Begin with one or two challenges e.g.

CHALLENGE: touch your nose with your tongue.

It's impossible for me to touch my nose with my tongue. Maybe, this is possible for you?

CHALLENGE: put your right hand somewhere your left hand can't touch

For most of us, perhaps not for everyone, the first challenge is impossible, no matter how hard we try. The second challenge, if we do it correctly, shows us how it is impossible to touch our right hand with our left hand.

STORY-TELLING

We are going to tell the story when Jesus' friends saw Him do something impossible.

Listen to find out the impossible thing Jesus does. Here's your part as we tell the story.

You have 10 cues. Whenever you hear each word you sign as follows:

DRAMA CUES

<i>WORD</i>	<i>GESTURE</i>
Blew	(BLOW with both hands cupped around your mouth)
Wooh	(sound and act like a ghost)
Phew!	(wipe one hand across your brow, relieved)
Canoe	(paddle a canoe)
You	(point straight ahead)
Two	(show two fingers)
Shoe	(touch one of your shoes)
Oh pooh!	(express helplessness using hands and face)
Wahoo!	(with a fist pump, joyfully)
True	(MAKATON sign)

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The story below has been adapted with permission from an original story by Bob Hartman in *Telling The Gospel* published by Kingsway.

Peter and his friends were sailing one night

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When the seas grew rough and the strong winds blew. (BLEW)

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They were straining at the oars with all of their might

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When they thought they saw a ghost. (WOOOH!)
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'That ghost looks like Jesus' said Peter to his friends
'That ghost looks like Jesus' said Peter to his friends
'That ghost looks like Jesus' said Peter to his friends
And all of his friends were relieved. (PHEW!)
And all of his friends were relieved. (PHEW!)
And all of his friends were relieved. (PHEW!)

'But if it's Jesus' said Peter 'He's walking on water.'
'But if it's Jesus' said Peter 'He's walking on water.'
'But if it's Jesus' said Peter 'He's walking on water.'
'He hasn't got a canoe!' (CANOE)
'He hasn't got a canoe!' (CANOE)
'He hasn't got a canoe!' (CANOE)

'If you're really Jesus' said Peter to the ghost man
'If you're really Jesus' said Peter to the ghost man
'If you're really Jesus' said Peter to the ghost man
'Tell me to come walking on the water to you!' (YOU)
'Tell me to come walking on the water to you!' (YOU)
'Tell me to come walking on the water to you!' (YOU)

'Step out of the boat!' said Jesus to Peter.
'Step out of the boat!' said Jesus to Peter.
'Step out of the boat!' said Jesus to Peter.
'There's room out here for two!' (TWO)
'There's room out here for two!' (TWO)
'There's room out here for two!' (TWO)

So Peter stepped out and started walking to Jesus
So Peter stepped out and started walking to Jesus
So Peter stepped out and started walking to Jesus
With nothing but sea under his shoe. (SHOE)
With nothing but sea under his shoe. (SHOE)
With nothing but sea under his shoe. (SHOE)

When Peter saw the waves he stopped trusting in Jesus
When Peter saw the waves he stopped trusting in Jesus
When Peter saw the waves he stopped trusting in Jesus
And he began to sink. (OH POOH!)
And he began to sink. (OH POOH!)
And he began to sink. (OH POOH!)

So Jesus helped Peter back into the boat
So Jesus helped Peter back into the boat
So Jesus helped Peter back into the boat
And everything was calm again. (WAHOO!)
And everything was calm again. (WAHOO!)
And everything was calm again. (WAHOO!)



'You're somebody special' they all said to Jesus.
'You're somebody special' they all said to Jesus.
'You're somebody special' they all said to Jesus.
'The Son of God – it's true!' (TRUE)
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'The Son of God – it's true!' TRUE)

WAY OUT

Jesus walking on water, doing the impossible, is one of many signs showing that Jesus is God's Son - God made the seas, the wind and the waves – and nothing is impossible for Jesus.