

Out of the boat – acting story (Matthew 14:22-33)

It had been a long, long day, and Peter and his friends were sailing home across the lake.

Row your boat

Jesus wasn't with them. They were very tired and they took it in turns to steer the boat so that they could all get some rest.

Yawn

As they sailed, however, the wind began to blow hard. Soon all the friends had to help with the boat.

Sway from side to side

Peter and his friends wondered if the boat would make it to land.

Make a scared face

Suddenly, they saw a shape on the water; they were quite scared because they didn't know what it was!

Act pointing and looking scared.

It was Jesus, walking toward them on top of the water. He called out, "Don't be afraid!" Peter was amazed.

Act looking amazed.

"If it's really, you, Jesus," called Peter, "Command me to walk on water too."
"Come on then," Jesus answered. Peter climbed over the edge of the boat and stood on the water.

Act climbing over the boat.

Peter began to walk toward Jesus.

Act walking on water – think about how it might be different to walking on land.

Then Peter looked at the waves around him and felt the wind. He was scared and he started to sink.

Act beginning to sink.

“Help me, Jesus!” he cried. Jesus took Peter’s hand, and Peter was safe again.

Hold your own hand and look relieved

Peter and Jesus walked back to the boat together. All the friends were amazed yet again at Jesus’ power and they worshipped him.

Act worshipping Jesus