



Session 5

Jesus Walks on Water
week starting March 2

Many familiar “classic” Bible stories are sanitized and simplified for younger audiences—a choice that’s understandable but can strip these stories of their depth. As a result, these “PG” versions can seem like clean, fairytale-like narratives. What if these stories were meant to convey more? We’ll examine five well-known Bible stories, uncover their richer meanings, and live out a deeper faith.

Leaders, feel free to choose the questions that best fit your group. No pressure to answer every question!

OPENER

- If you could do ANYTHING without risk of failure what would you do?
- What about this series has been particularly helpful or eye-opening for you?

MESSAGE

- What stood out to you from the message?
- What did Sam mean by “today’s bread builds tomorrow’s boat”? How have you seen that to be true in your life?
- In what way is Jesus a “new Moses”? Why would that matter for people in Jesus’ time who were familiar with Moses’ life?

SCRIPTURE

- Read Mark 6:30–52. What is the significance of the 12 baskets of leftovers? What is the connection between the leftovers and the disciples struggling on the boat in the storm?
- What aspect might have made this storm particularly scary for the disciples?
- The Gospel of Mark links two stories, feeding of the 5,000, and Jesus walking on water. What do you think Mark is trying to communicate by linking these two stories?

APPLICATION

- The disciples’ hearts were hardened (v.52). What do you think that means? Have you experienced a hardening of heart in your own life? How did that affect you?
- In what situation in your life do you need to hear Jesus say, “Don’t be afraid—I’ve got this”?
- The faith we are building upon today becomes the strength we pull from in tomorrow’s storms. What habits of faith help when life gets challenging?

CLOSE

- Pray popcorn style—invite people to pop in with words or phrases thanking God for the ways he has provided for them. Choose people to start and end the prayer.
- Reflect—each day this week, write down and pray about how God has provided for you that day. Reflect on how today’s provision (big or small) can build faith for the future.