



JESUS walks on water

READ



We are going to learn some simple skills together that will help you read the Bible. Are you ready?

READ the passage - Matthew Chapter 14 verses 22-27

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?



To start, we need to think about what the Bible says. We use 3 simple tasks to do this...

ASK QUESTIONS

What questions could we ask?

Find the answer in the hand. Hold your hand up and practise saying these 6 words.

These questions help us to find things out. They are good questions to get information. That is why we ask them as we read the Bible.

Re-Read the passage and ask, WHO are the main people in the passage?

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and the D _ _ _ _ _





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The next task helps us to read slowly and to look for where the person is mentioned.

MARK the passage

Circle



Read again and circle every place you see the name **JESUS** in the passage or words that talk about Jesus like **HIM, HE, HIMSELF** and **I** (*I've done the first one for you!*)



3

The final task helps us to gather all our information on that person.

LIST what you have learnt about Jesus?

V22: Jesus made the disciples get _____ and go to _____.

V23: Jesus dismissed the crowd. Jesus went up on a _____ to _____. He was there _____.

V25: Jesus went to his _____, walking _____.

27: Jesus said to his disciples, _____, It is I, _____.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN?

To help us answer this question, we need to think about what happened before this passage –

Read Matthew 14:15-21 to find out.

What did Jesus do before He went up the mountain to pray?

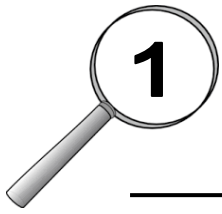
Jesus had just performed a miracle and the Disciples had watched Him do it – But they still didn't know that it was Jesus walking towards them on the water.

THINK: WHY was it important for Jesus to be on the mountain alone?

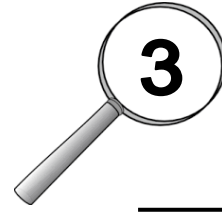
WHAT did He tell His Disciples and **WHY** do you think Jesus said this?

Now we need to READ the next part of the passage and OBSERVE it too - WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

Can you remember the 3 TASKs we need to do after we READ the passage?









READ the passage – one of the Disciples is mentioned by name, WHO is the main DISCIPLE in the passage?

Matthew Chapter 14 verses 28 – 30

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.



30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

WHO is the main Disciple? _____



2 MARK the passage

Underline every place you see **PETER** in the passage, remember the words **ME** and **HE** that also talk about Peter.



3 LIST what you have learnt about Peter?



V28: Peter spoke to _____ and said, If it is you, tell me to _____.

V29: Peter got _____ and _____ toward _____.

V30: But, Peter _____ the wind, and was _____, he began to _____ and _____.

Peter trusted Jesus, but soon things changed when He didn't trust!
 Let's look at our list and see the difference when Peter *trusted* to when He *didn't!*

	When Peter Trusted	When Peter DIDN'T Trust
What did Peter SEE?		
What did Peter DO?		
What HAPPENED?		
What was the RESULT?		



What does this teach us about JESUS?

Read Matthew Chapter 14 verses 31-33 to see what happened next!

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

What did Jesus do when Peter cried out? _____

What happened when they got into the boat? _____

When the Disciples first saw Jesus they thought he was a ghost, WHO did they say He was now? _____



SO, what about YOU?

HOW DOES THE BIBLE APPLY TO ME?

THINK! WHO do you need to stay focused on?

Peter took his eyes off Jesus and he began to sink. We don't literally sink like Peter, but if we take our eyes off Jesus, what can happen to us?

What sort of things can distract us from focusing on Jesus?



How can you stay focused on Jesus, especially in these days?