LESSON 7

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER



Aim: **To teach the children how Jesus showed his disciples that he has the power of God.**

Scripture Reading: **John 6:16-21**

Memory Verse: **No new memory verse**
Review the passage so far.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Talk to the class about powerful machines people use to do their work. Perhaps they have seen road graders, large cargo planes taking off or tanks at work. These machines have so much power they can be quite frightening to watch! Unless you are a mechanic or an engineer you don't really understand where all the power comes from. You just see what the power can do.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. Jesus is the source of all power, because he is God himself. While he lived on earth he limited his divine power. At certain times he used special acts of power to teach the people something about God.
2. After Jesus showed his divine power by feeding the 5 000 with only two fish and five loaves, he told his disciples to go home while he went away by himself to speak to God the Father in prayer. The disciples got on their boat and set out on the lake. They were still waiting for Jesus to come back to them when a storm erupted (6:16-18).
3. **Describe how terrified the disciples were when they saw Jesus walking towards them on the water. Show Picture 7.** Jesus' miraculous power frightened them. They did not understand it (6:19).
4. Jesus' words immediately comforted them. They took him into the boat and at once they were out of the storm and at their destination (6:20-21)!

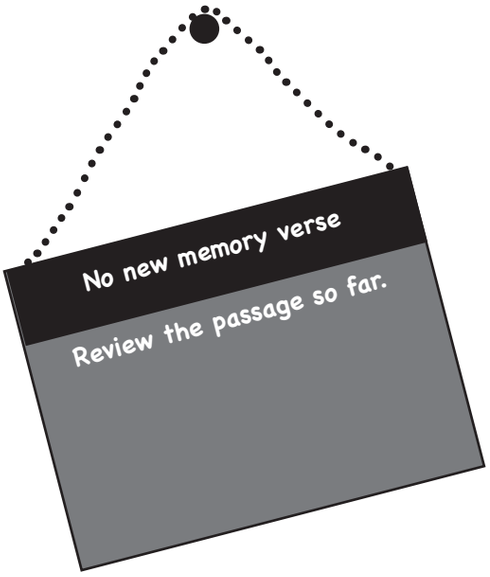
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Our Response to the Story

The disciples saw Jesus' awesome power and became afraid, but his words took away their fear and so they were brought to safety. Jesus has the power to change our lives and take away our fear, even though he does not always take away the danger we find ourselves in. A Zairian pastor who is nearly 90 years old and who has lived through many dangers like war, famine and imprisonment, often says, "The Lord is my helper." He knows it is true, for he has experienced it himself.

Instil the Memory Verse



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