

# PREK

WEEK 1 - APRIL 3, 2022

OKIDS

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: WALKING ON WATER BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER!

### PRE LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY

#### ACTIVITY #1 - WALK LIKE A...

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

1. Have the children to spread out in your activity area.
2. Encourage the children to walk around the activity area like the animals listed below.
3. Demonstrate each movement for the children as you lead them.

*Animal movements:*

*penguin waddle, crab walk, bear crawl, frog hop, alligator crawl, snake slither, kangaroo jump*

**Say (After the Activity):** "Great job, everyone! In our Bible story today, we'll hear a story about someone very special who walked on something very cool. Are you ready? Let's go."

### PRAYER BEFORE BIBLE STORY:

**When all the kids are gathered for Large Group, pray together before the videos start:** "Dear God, Thank you for today. Thank you for all of my friends here! We pray over our Large Group time and ask that You be with us. Help us learn more about You! We love You God. In Jesus' Name, amen!"

### POST LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

#### ACTIVITY #2 - MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**Say to the group:** "Let's do this month's memory verse together!"

**I am** (point up)

**with you** (thumbs to chest)

**always.** (spread arms out)

**Matthew 28:20.** (Open your hands like a book.)

Let's do it all together. Are you ready?" (Repeat several times)

**Say (After the Activity):** "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus is always with us and wants to be our friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

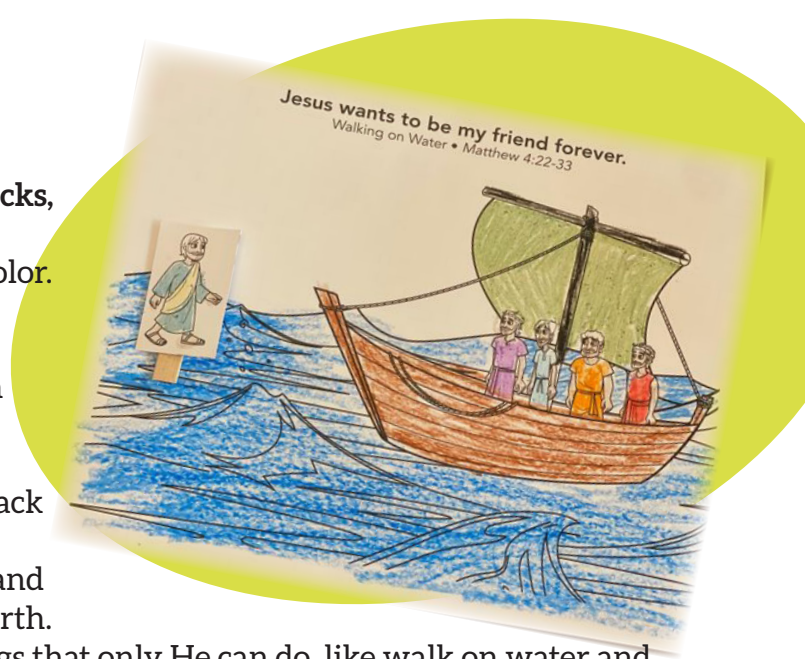
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### ACTIVITY #3 - WALKING ON WATER

**What You Need:** “Disciples in Boat” and “Walking Jesus” Activity Pages, Scissors, Craft sticks, Glue sticks, Crayons

1. Give each child a “Disciples in Boat” page to color.
2. When they are done, give them a “Walking Jesus” cutout.
3. Instruct them to color their Jesus cutout then glue it to the end of a craft stick.
4. Next, show the children how to push their “Walking Jesus” through the pre-cut slit from the back of the page.
5. Then show them how to hold the craft stick and make Jesus “walk” by sliding the cutout back and forth.
6. Talk about how our friend, Jesus, can do things that only He can do, like walk on water and always be with us.



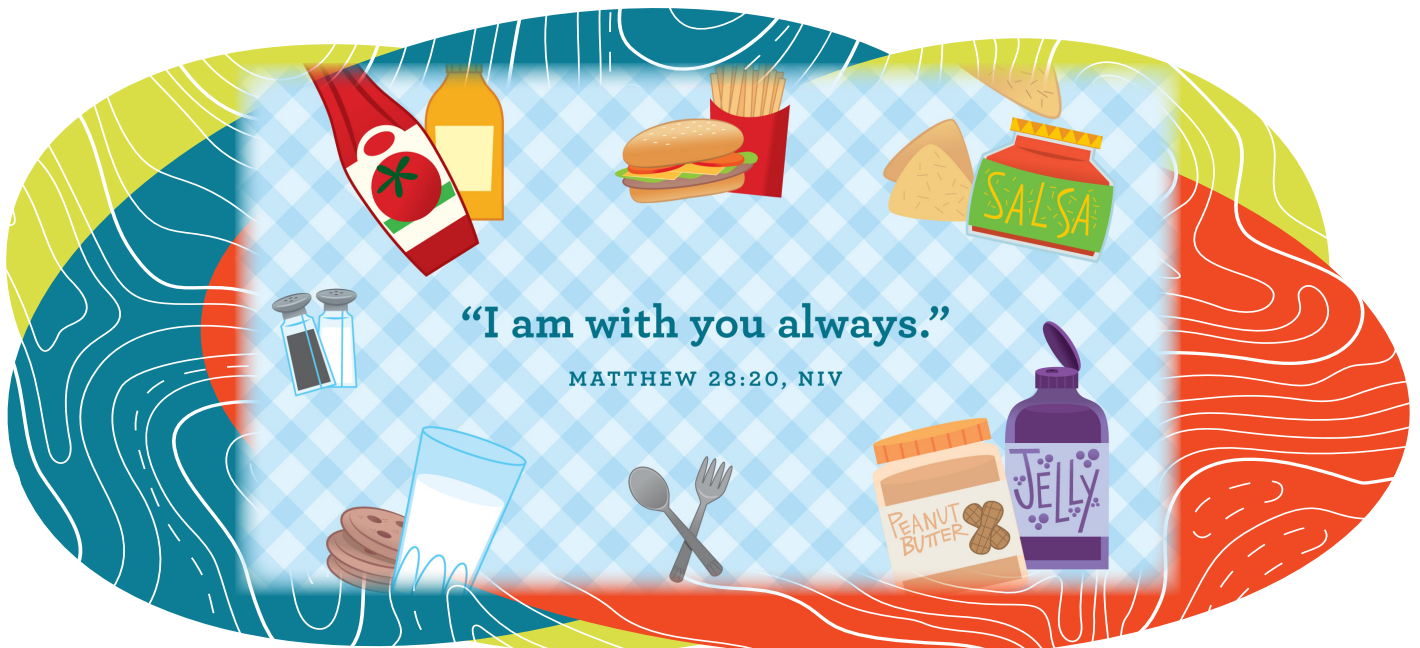
**Say (After the Activity):** “Our friend, Jesus, was always with Peter, and He is always with us, too. Jesus is the best friend we will ever have, and He wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**”

### ACTIVITY #4 - FOUR CORNERS

**What You Need:** “Places You Go” Activity Pages, Wall tape

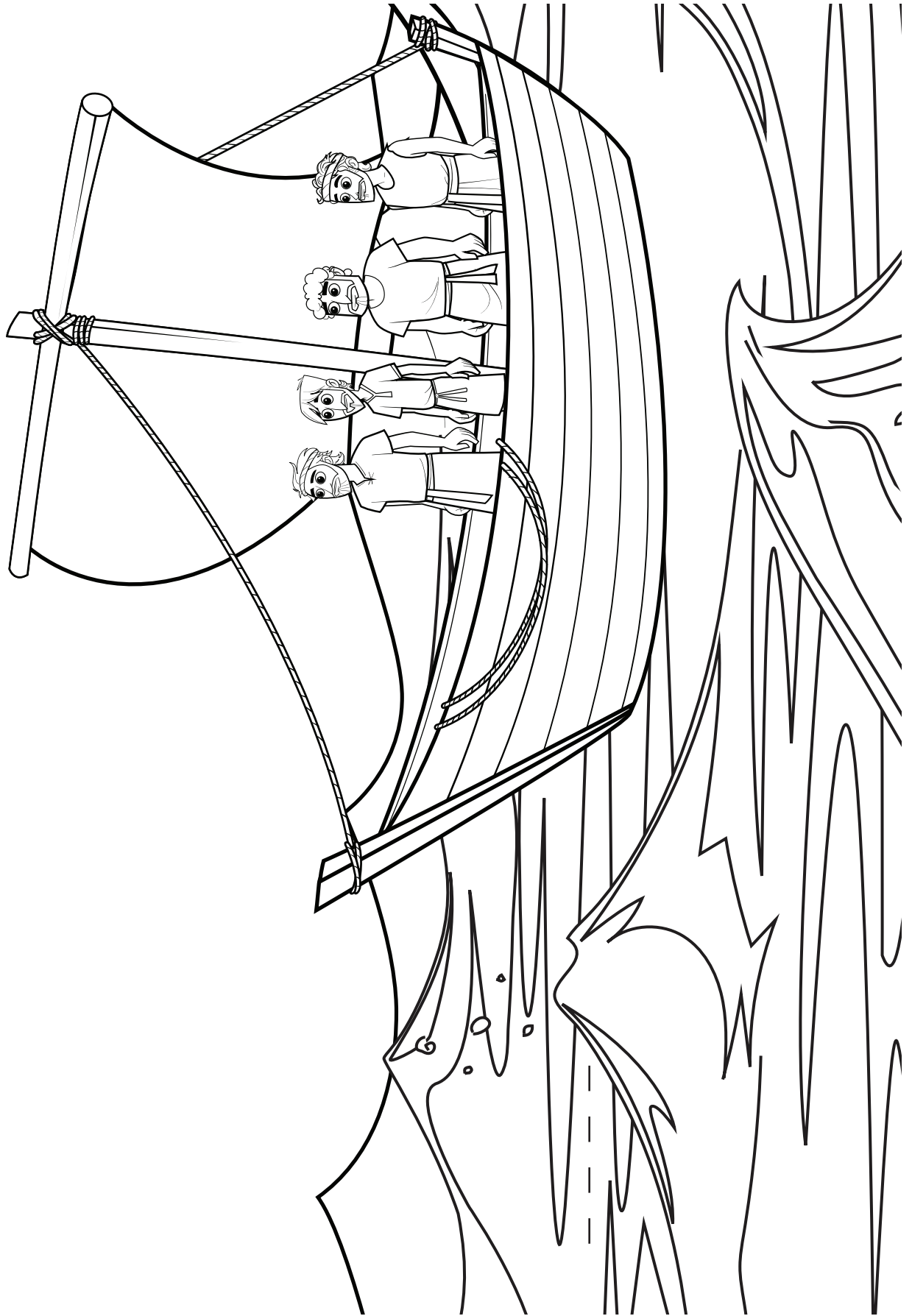
1. Tape a picture to the wall at preschooler level in each corner your room or activity area.
2. Gather the children in the center of your activity area.
3. Lead the children to one of the pictures.
4. Identify the place in the picture and use the dialogue below to talk about how Jesus is always with you in that place.
5. Then, walk back to the center of the activity area to travel to a different picture.
6. Repeat with all four pictures.

**Say (After the Activity):** “I’m SO glad to have a good, good friend like Jesus. He is with us wherever we go. Tell me, **who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**”



# Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Walking on Water • Matthew 4:22-33





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Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. One per child.

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