

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Jesus believes you can do it.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 14:13-33

Mark 6:34-51

John 6:1-21

Hebrews 10:23-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read all three accounts of this week's story.

What are the things that are repeated in each version?

What are the unique things that show up in one version and not another?

Compare John 5:17 to Matthew 14:22. Why do you think John and Matthew see this situation so differently?

Which of these do you think required more faith?

A) Matthew gets in a small fishing boat at night to cross the Sea of Galilee without Jesus in the boat.

B) Peter gets out of the small fishing boat and walks on the water to Jesus.

Read Hebrews 10:23-25 - How often have you been told that you aren't capable of doing something?
How does that make you feel?

What would it be like to have someone who constantly told you, "You can do this! I'm right here if you need me."

Where in your life is Jesus saying to you, "You can do this!"

Put on your shoes, get out of the recliner, and take the first step.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His goodness!
Agree with God about what you are capable of with His help.
Thank God for believing in you!
Ask God for people to challenge and encourage you.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ MATTHEW 14:22-23

Why did Jesus send His disciples away?

Go into separate rooms and pray.

How does being apart from each other affect/change your prayer time?

READ MATTHEW 14:24

Draw a picture of where the disciples are and what they are doing.

How would you feel?

What would you do?

READ MATTHEW 14:25-27

Why were the disciples afraid?

Use a flashlight to make "ghost" shadows.

READ MATTHEW 14:28-29

Why did Peter ask to walk on the water?

What is the most unusual thing you have ever asked someone?

What is the most unusual thing you have ever been asked?

READ MATTHEW 14:30-31

Why did Peter sink?

What did Peter doubt?

Experiment to find things that float or sink in water.

READ MATTHEW 14:32-33

Would you have asked to walk on water?

Why?/Why not?

What do you need/want to ask of Jesus?

Draw a picture of what you will look like when Jesus says "come".

MEMORY VERSE:

Then Jesus said to his _____,

"If _____ would come after _____,

he must deny _____ and take up his _____

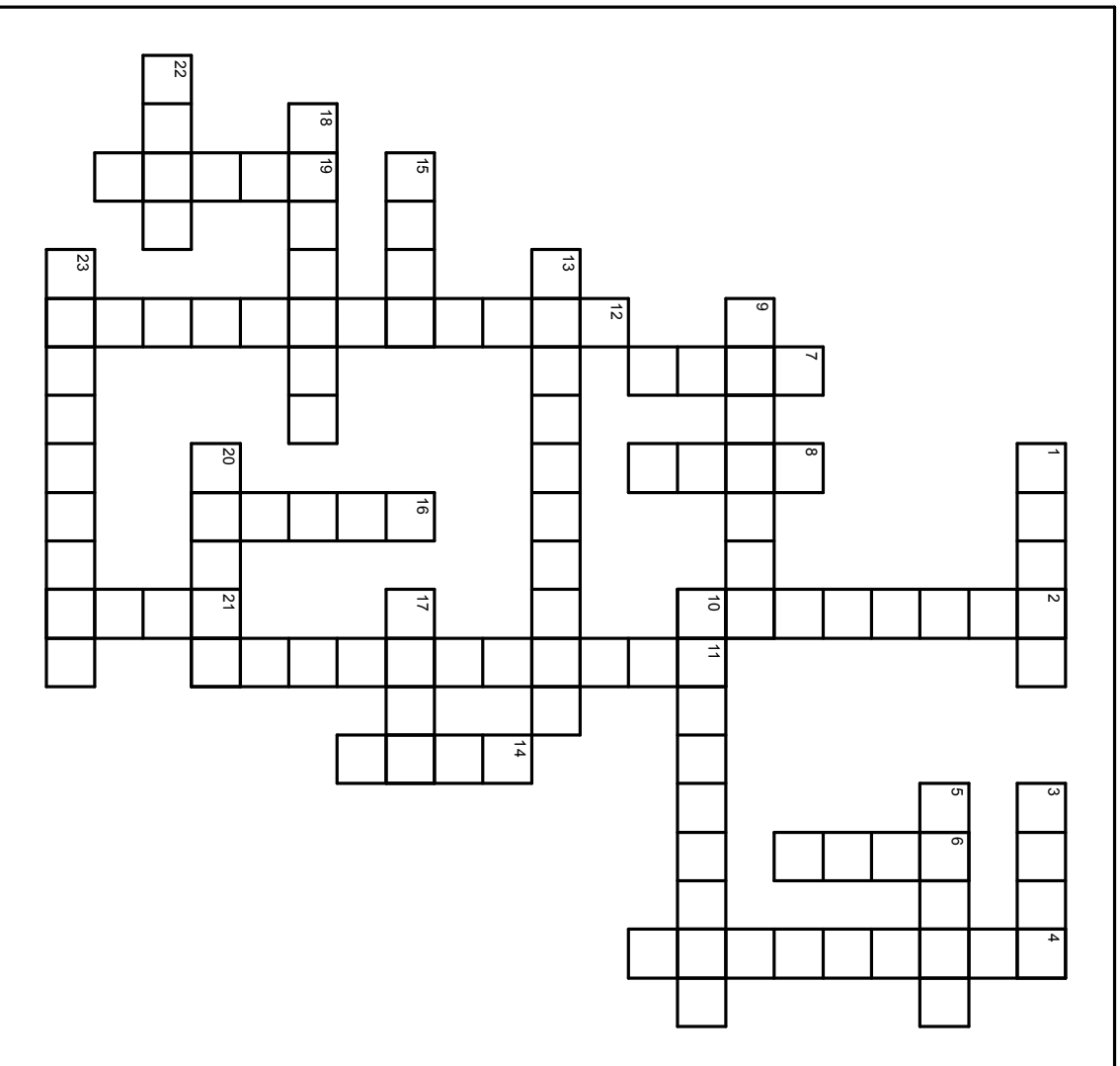
and _____ me."

Matthew 16:24 NIV

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Peter Walks on Water



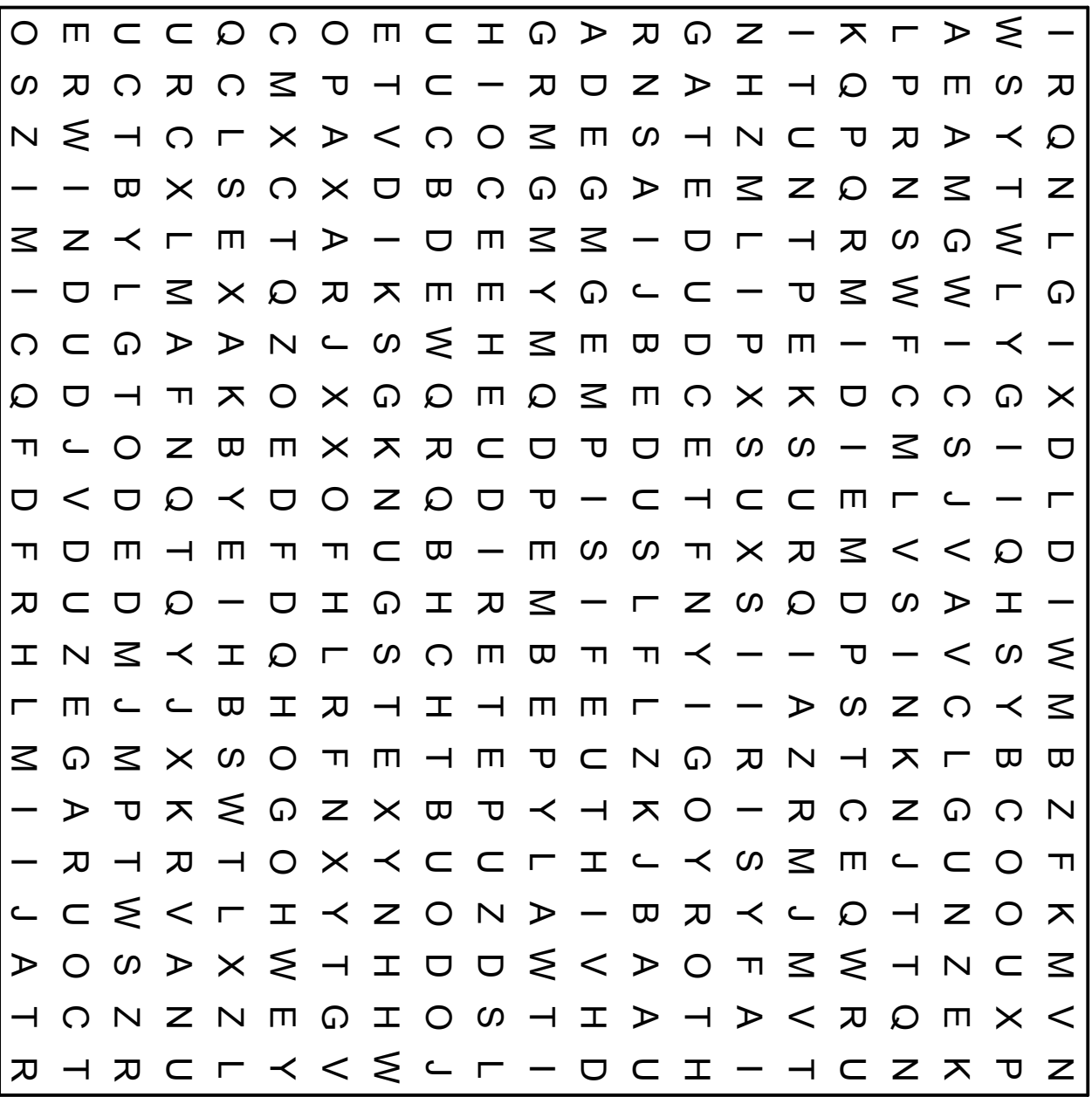
Across

1. think it can't be done (Matthew 14:31)
3. gusts of air (Matthew 14:30)
5. dead thing come back to life (Matthew 14:26)
9. bravery (Matthew 14:27)
10. let go of (Matthew 14:22)
13. praised (Matthew 14:33)
15. transportation that floats (Matthew 14:22)
17. rescue (Matthew 14:30)
18. using your feet to move (Matthew 14:25)
20. for sure! (Matthew 14:33)
22. go down in water (Matthew 14:30)
23. scared (Matthew 14:26)

Down

2. bumped & tossed (Matthew 14:24)
4. Jesus' followers (Matthew 14:22)
6. we use it to help people (Matthew 14:31)
7. Jesus' reply (Matthew 14:29)
8. talk to God (Matthew 14:23)
11. at once (Matthew 14:22)
12. edge of a hill (Matthew 14:23)
14. quieted (Matthew 14:32)
16. he walked on water (Matthew 14:29)
19. without others (Matthew 14:23)
21. body of water (Matthew 14:25)

Peter Walks on Water



immediately

boat

dismissed

disciples

pray

mountainside

alone

buffeted

lake

walking

terrified

ghost

courage

Peter

come

save

wind

sink

doubt

hand

worshipped

died

truly

Peter Walks on Water

1. LEMIYDTAMEI -----
2. EDID -----
3. OTBA -----
4. RUYTL -----
5. EOMC -----
6. GKAWLNI -----
7. ESVVA -----
8. EILSCSPDI -----
9. UDNTESANIMO -----
10. KNIS -----
11. GOHST -----
12. DISMDSEIS -----
13. NLEOA -----
14. HADN -----
15. KAEEL -----
16. TERPE -----
17. ECUOGRA -----
18. OHEPRWIPDS -----
19. WDNI -----
20. AYPR -----
21. DToub -----
22. EEIFIRTDR -----
23. TBFFEUED -----