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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



## Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.



Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

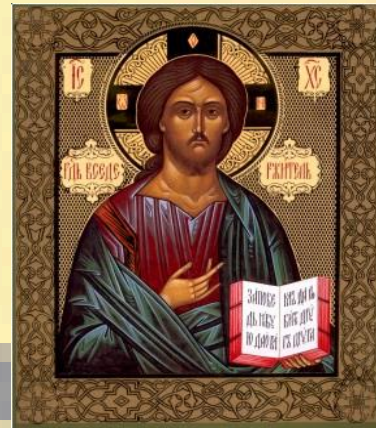
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



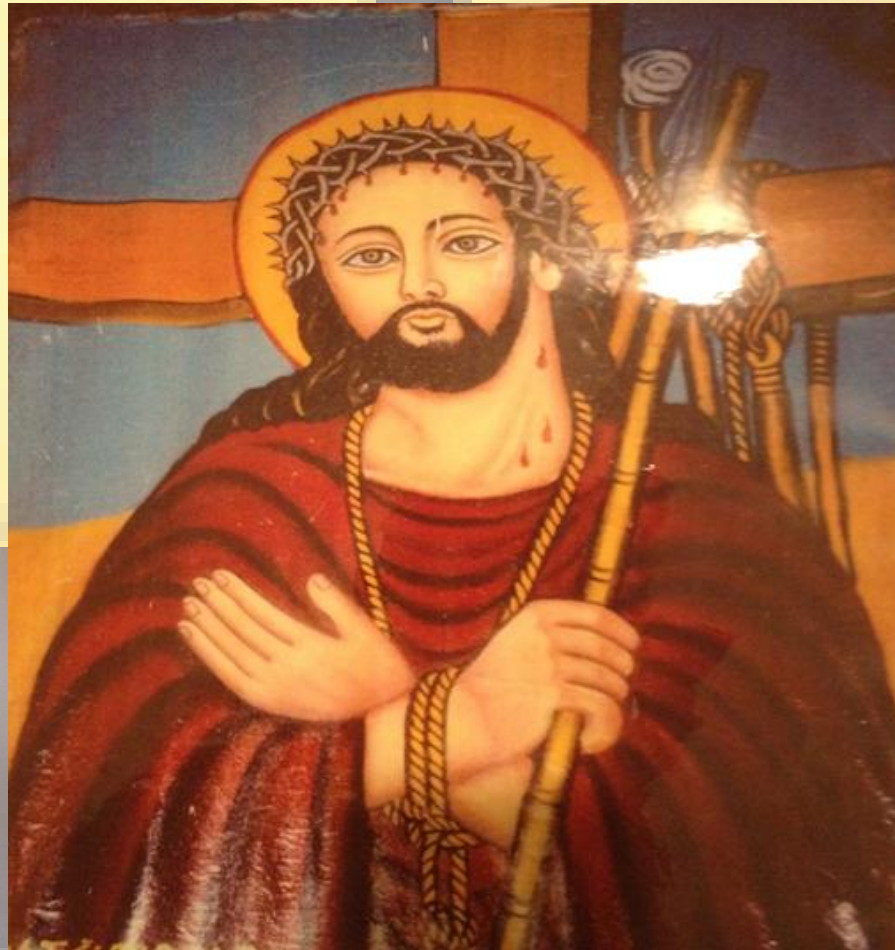
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

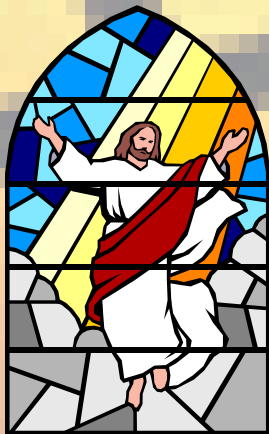


# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**

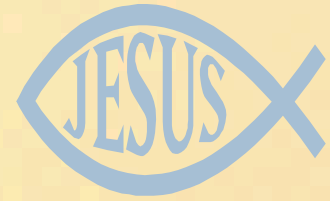
# Recite Last week's memory verse

**“So they all ate and were filled”.**  
**(Matthew 14:20)**



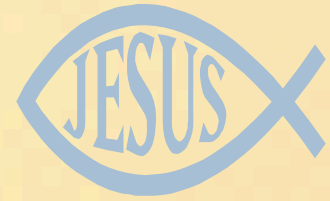


# Review



- 1. Why did the crowds of people follow Jesus?**
  - They wanted to see Jesus heal the sick and teach.**
- 2. Why did the disciples ask Jesus to let the people go?**
  - Because there was not much food.**
- 3. As evening came and the people became hungry, what question did Jesus the disciples?**
  - He ask them to give them food.**
- 4. Was there enough food for all those people?**

# Review

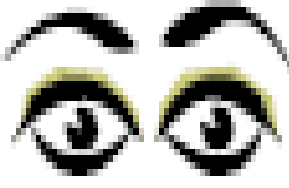




**5. How much food was there?  
5 loaves of bread and 2 fish**

**6. After the people were seated what did  
Jesus do?  
He looked up to heaven, prayed and  
blessed the food.**

**7. After everyone had eaten, how much  
was left over?  
12 baskets full**

# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# Jesus Christ walks on water



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# Memorize today's Verse

**“It is I; do not be afraid”.**

**(Matthew 14:27)**



**Practice this verse  
again during the  
week.**



# Introduction

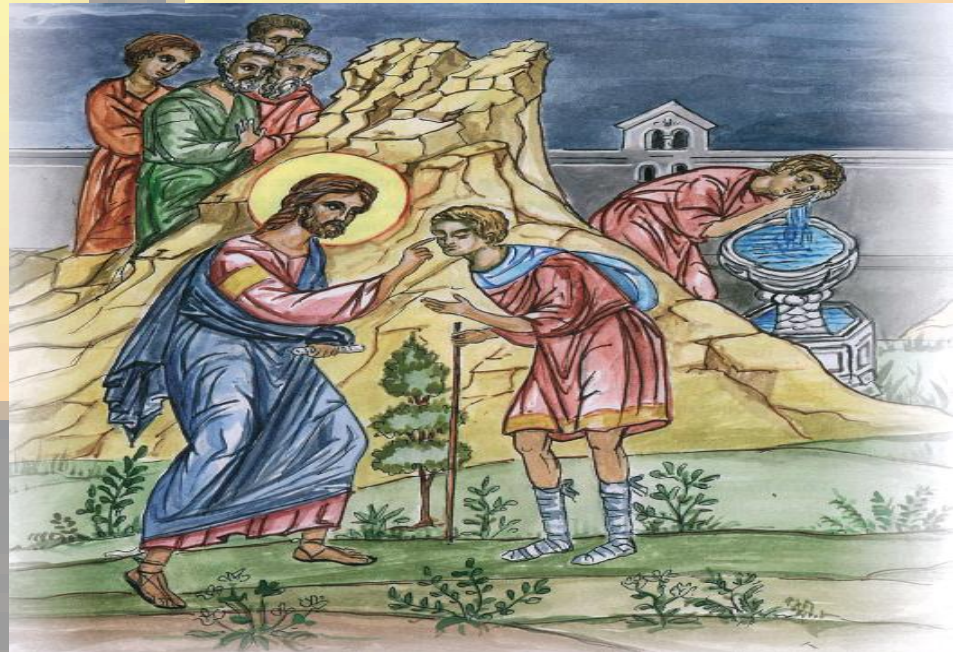
**Today we are going to learn how our Lord Jesus Christ walked on water.**

## **Objective**

**We are not afraid because our Lord Jesus Christ is with us..**

# Jesus teaches the people

- Our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching a great multitude of people by the sea shore.
- He would heal all the sick people
  - The lame
  - The blind
  - The mute



# Time to go

- Night was about to fall
- Jesus Christ told his disciples to take the boat and go to the other side of the shore until He sends the people away.
- The disciples obeyed and took the boat.
- The people went home and Jesus went on **the mountain to pray**.
- The disciples waited for Christ to come but He was late.





# The Storm

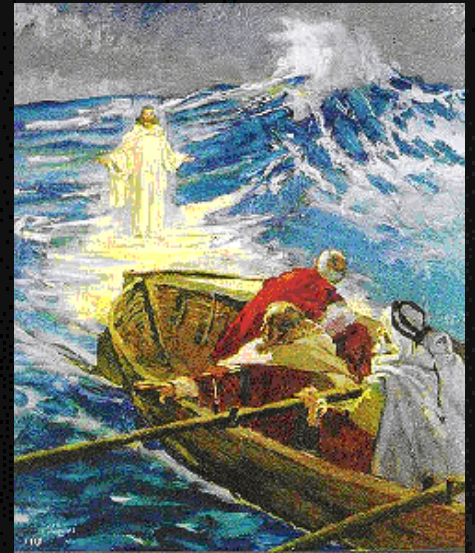


- Suddenly a storm blew and the sea became very high... Thunder and Lightning in the sky .... Rain fell heavily.
- The boat went back and forth like a feather, up and down with the waves.
  - the boat was starting to sink.
- The disciples were very afraid. They had no control over the ship and were scared that they might drown.



# Jesus Comes

- Suddenly out of the darkness, Jesus Christ appeared with his bright light walking on the water.
- When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "**It is a ghost!**"
- And they cried out for fear.



# It is I

- But immediately Jesus said to them, "**Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid**" (Matthew 14:27)
- St. Peter answered: "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water".
- Jesus answered: "**Come**"





# Peter walks on water

- St. Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water towards Jesus.
- He felt that the water was like dry land under his feet.
- Jesus stretched out His hand to Peter to move forward.
- Peter walked ... a step ... two steps... then he began to think.

# Peter doubts

- Peter was thinking to himself: "How am I walking on the water" the storm is strong and the sea is high. I am afraid. I may be drowned.
- *He forgot that Christ was standing near him.*
- He started to sink down in the water because he forgot Christ.
- "Save me Lord," he cried, "I am sinking down. Hold my hand Jesus"



# Jesus Calms the storm

- At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "How little faith you have. Why did you doubt?"
- St. Peter sadly said, "Jesus, forgive me."
- They both got into the boat and the wind was still blowing.
- When Jesus looked at the sea and raised his hand and said, "Sea, be calm" and He pointed to the cloud and the rain and said, "Enough".

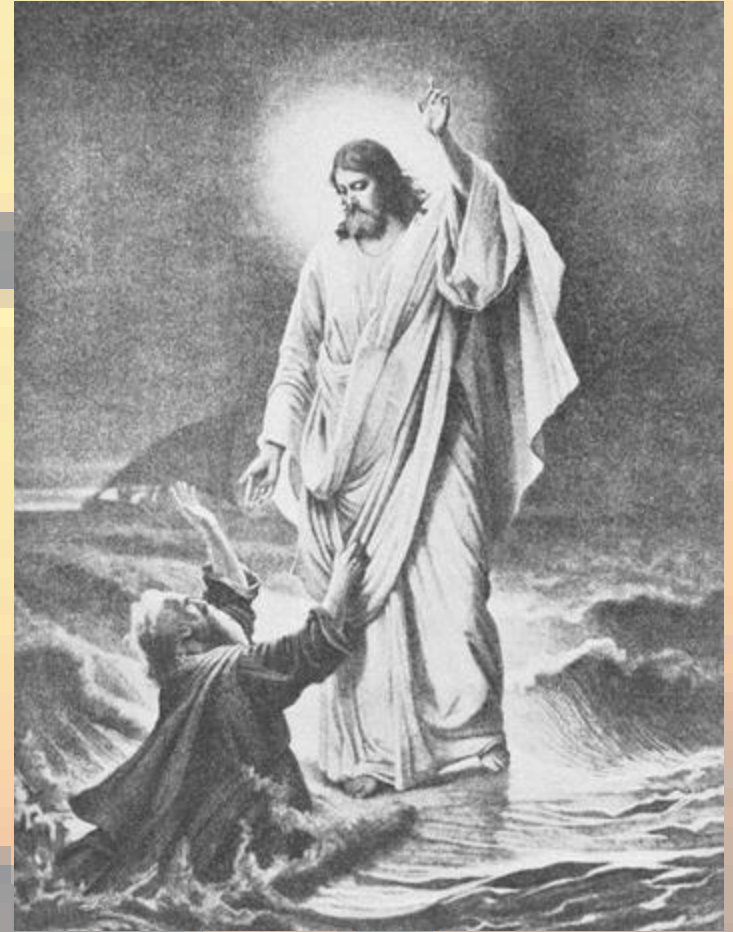


# You are the Son of God

- The wind died down and the boat sailed on in peace.
- When the disciples saw all these things happen, they were in fear and knelt down to worship Jesus saying, “Truly You are the Son of God”
- The disciples asked Jesus to forgive them for having little faith.

# Conclusion

- Only God has power over nature (the sea, the sky, the animals) = Jesus Christ walked on the water and calmed the storm with His hand = **He is the One True God!**
- Jesus is our friend, He loves us, and does not leave us alone. Let us trust in His control over our lives.



# Glory be to God for All Things

- Jesus forgave them and they reached the shore and walked on singing hymns and praising God.
- We are safe whenever Jesus Christ is with us. We should never be afraid since He is always with us.

# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me, You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord to the ends of my days. -Alleluia

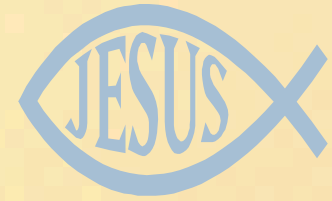


# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



# Pop Quiz

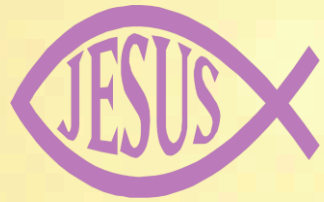


1. Where did Jesus teach the crowds?
  - Near the shore
2. What did he say to His disciples?
  - Go get a boat and go the other side of the shore until I send the people away
3. What happened to the sea?
  - A storm hit and the waves were high
4. Where were the disciples at that time?
  - In the boat at the sea
5. Who came walking on water?
  - Jesus Christ Our Lord
6. Why did Peter almost drown?
  - Because he doubted
7. Why did the disciples worship Jesus?
  - They feared and believed that He is truly the Son of God.

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about Jesus  
Christ heals the blind.





May the love of God the **Father** and the  
grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the  
fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy  
on us and save us. Amen.



## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ





*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*



Any question?

Close with prayer.

