

Lesson 11

A Water Wonder
Matthew 14:22–33

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Banana Boat Snack

Slice the ends off bananas and slice the peel down the center. Put one on a plate for each child. Tell children to peel their boat and add teddy-bear crackers to the center for the disciples. Ask children to recount the story while they enjoy their snack.



Praying Song

Talk about fearful situations (the dark, thunder, etc.). Ask, **What happens when we are afraid? We might hide or cover our eyes. What can we do instead? We can pray!** Sing to tune “If You’re Happy and You Know It” and add actions: **If you’re scared and you know it (shake), pray to God (make praying hands). If you’re scared and you know it, pray to God. If you’re scared and you know it, then your face will likely show it. If you’re scared and you know it, pray to God.** Jesus is with us always.

Paper Boats

Use online resources to find a pattern for folding a paper boat. Demonstrate how to fold the boat and allow children to make their own. Then have children use their Bibles or an online Bible resource to find verses about trusting God. They can write one of these verses on the side of their boat.



Stormy Bottle Craft

Fill plastic water bottles half full with water. Add a few drops of blue food coloring. Add vegetable oil until bottles are three-quarters full. Put a small packing peanut or cork inside each bottle for the boat. Add glitter, if you want! Hot-glue the lids on. Children can add stickers to the outside. Have them use their bottles to retell the story and to share how Jesus is with them also when they are afraid.

