



WEEK 4 - January 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus can do what is impossible.

Walking on Water • *Matthew 14:22-33*

Memory Verse: "With God all things are possible." *Matthew 19:26, NIV*

Key Question: Who can do anything?

Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible and a plastic boat

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

STORYTELLER: *(Set the boat on the table. Open the Bible to Matthew 14.)* “Hey, friends! I have a super awesome true story to tell you straight from the Bible. Today’s Bible story begins on a beach where Jesus had been teaching people all day. Jesus told His friends, the disciples, to get into the boat and go across the lake.

“Jesus said goodbye to the crowd and went up on the mountain to pray by himself.

(Set down the Bible. Pick up the boat.)

“While the disciples were in the boat, the wind began to blow.

(Option: Story Image W1 01)

“Can you help me be the wind? Pretend to blow the boat on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three, BLOW!

(Move the boat in your hands as if it’s being tossed by the wind.)

“The wind blew harder and harder. Keep going . . . okay, stop!

“Jesus’ friends tried to row to safety. Can you try to row a boat? *(Demonstrate.)* Let me see!

(Pause as children pretend to row.)

“Great job. But the disciples weren’t strong enough. They didn’t know what to do. But just then, they saw something on the water. It looked like a person!

(Option: Story Image W1 02)

“Jesus’ friends were scared. Let me see those scared faces! *(Pause.)* Good job. That’s how they felt. And they thought, ‘Could there really be a PERSON walking on the water? No way. That’s impossible!’ But remember: **Who can do anything?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus can do anything.”

STORYTELLER: “Who do you think was walking on water toward them? It was Jesus!

(Option: Story Image W1 03)

“Jesus said, ‘Don’t be afraid. It’s me!’ Then Jesus walked to the boat and got in. And just like that, the wind stopped *(set the boat down on the table)* and everyone was okay.

(Option: Story Image W1 04)

“Jesus did the impossible. He walked on water. And right then, His friends knew that Jesus IS the Son of God. They were amazed. Never forget that Jesus can do anything because Jesus is God’s Son. **Who can do anything?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus can do anything.”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! Jesus can walk on water. Jesus can calm a storm. Jesus can do the impossible. *[Bottom Line]* **Jesus can do ANYTHING.** That’s the truth, friends. Let’s pray together.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us SO much that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. We know that Jesus can do the impossible. Jesus can do ANYTHING! Thank You for Jesus. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everybody! What a fun month it’s been learning about all the amazing things Jesus can do. **Who can do anything?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus can do anything.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, He can. **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus can do anything.** Let’s show we believe it as we sing ‘Wow Oh Wow’ together.

(Lead children in singing “Wow Oh Wow,” this month’s worship song.)

“Jesus IS big and strong and number one! **Who can do anything?”**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line]** “**Jesus can do anything.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus can do anything.** Let’s say our verse together. *With God (point both hands up) all things (spread your arms out in a moving circle in front of your body) are possible (two thumbs up), Matthew 19:26. (Open your hands like a book.)* Say it with me!

(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

WORSHIP LEADER: “That’s it! You’ve done an awesome job learning our verse this month. Jesus can do the impossible. Let’s tell Him thank you as we sing together!

(Lead children in singing “Just Wanna Thank You.”)

“That was awesome! One more time: **Who can do anything?”**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line]** “**Jesus can do anything.**”

Dismiss children to small groups.