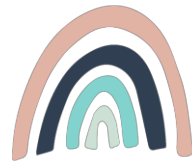


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 45 minutes!



Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of Jesus Walking on Water from your children's Bible. Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Try searching "Jesus Walks on Water Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Just before this story, Jesus had performed another miracle: the feeding of 5,000. After this, he sent his disciples away so he could be alone to pray. By doing this, Jesus demonstrates how important time alone with God is.

The Sea of Galilee is Israel's largest freshwater lake. Even though it is a lake, it is called a "Sea." Today, it is called Lake Tiberias. The Sea of Galilee was known for its storms. These storms would come on quickly and intensely because cold air would come down the mountains and mix with the warm air by the Sea of Galilee. This would cause strong winds, which made large waves.

The storm caused the disciples to lose control of their boat, carrying them further into the Sea of Galilee. They were rowing and fighting the storm for about 9 hours!

The disciples had spent a lot of time with Jesus and watched him perform many miracles. But this miracle really convinced the disciples that Jesus was truly the Son of God (Matthew 14:33). With this miracle, Jesus proved that he had control over nature because he could walk on water – something that would be impossible for humans.

This miracle is written in three gospels: Matthew, Mark, and John. All three of these men were disciples of Jesus so that they would have been in the boat!

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Jesus Walks on Water: Quickly map out the 4 main parts of the Story. (Jesus walks on water towards his disciples and they are afraid. Peter gets out of the boat to walk to Jesus, Peter starts to sink, Jesus rescues Peter)

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Have you ever felt really afraid?	QUESTION #2 When the disciples realized it was Jesus, what did Peter do?
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QUESTION #4 Why did Peter start to sink? How did Jesus respond?	



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Step Three: Do the spinner craft.

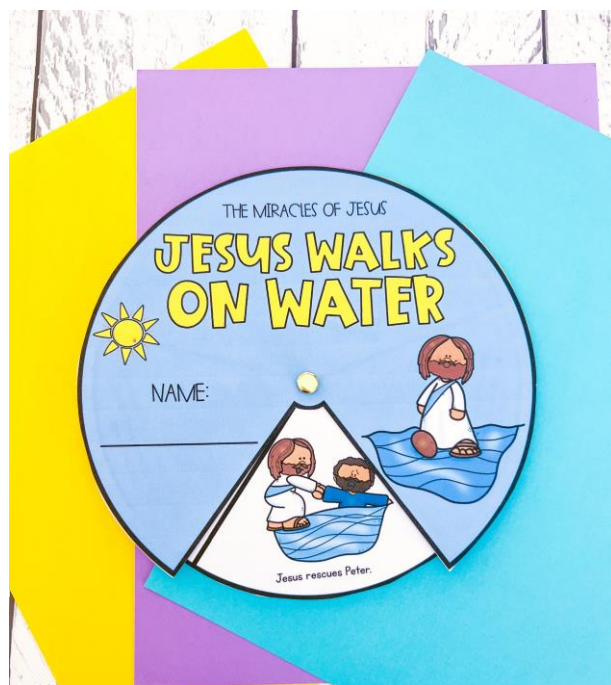
Before the lesson: Print out the craft templates on heavy (cardstock) paper (one of each per child). Gather scissors, glue, coloring/drawing materials, and fasteners. Give each student both pieces of the story spinner. The spinner has 5 sections for the main parts of the story:

1. The disciples went ahead of Jesus in a boat.
2. Jesus walked on the water towards the disciples, and they were afraid.
3. Peter walks on the water towards Jesus. He became afraid and started to sink.
4. Jesus rescues Peter.
5. Everyone on the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Have students draw the four main parts of the story on their blank spinner template. Cut out the spinner.

With a teacher's help, add a fastener to attach the pieces together. It should now spin in a circle and tell the story.

Don't have time for kids to draw their own pictures? Use the pre-filled version!



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus Walks on Water' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

There are three versions to choose from!

Choose the one that works best for your class: [a blank version](#) (add your own memory verse and big idea), [a pre-filled NIV version](#), or a [pre-filled KJV version](#).

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Matthew 14:33 (NIV) Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying "Truly you are the Son of God."

Big idea suggestion: Jesus can do impossible things.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

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Tell me about it.

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disciples
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QUESTION #3

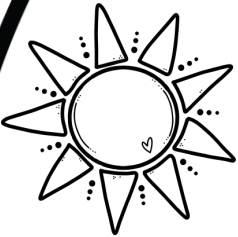
What
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QUESTION #4

Why did Peter
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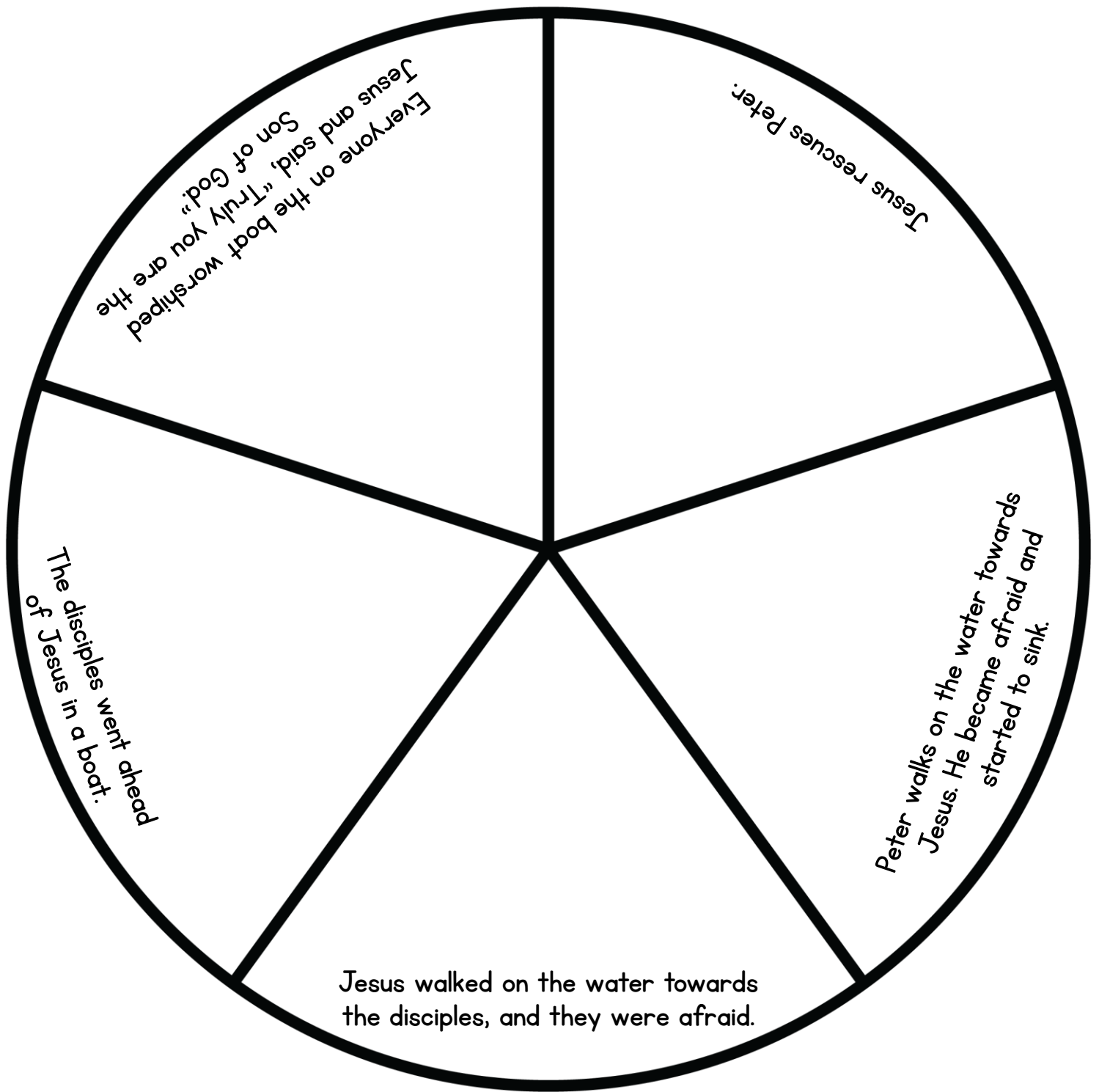
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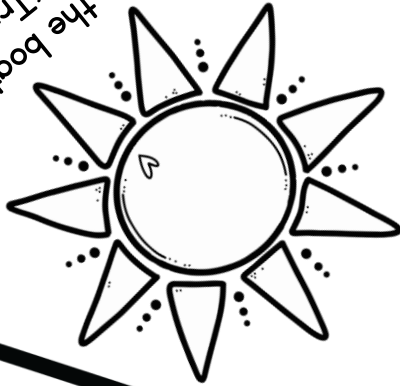


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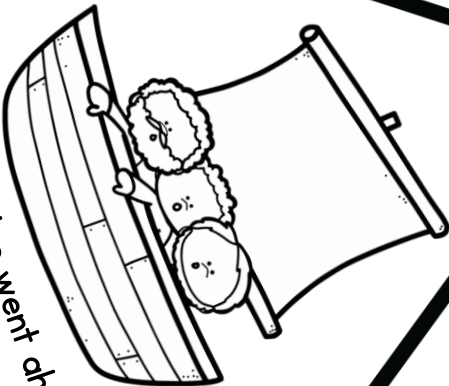
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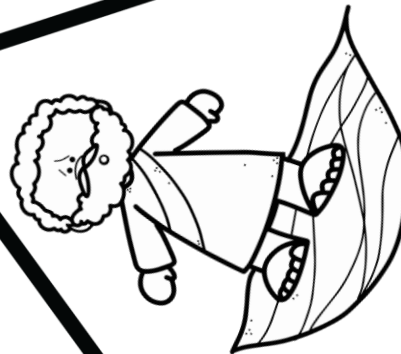
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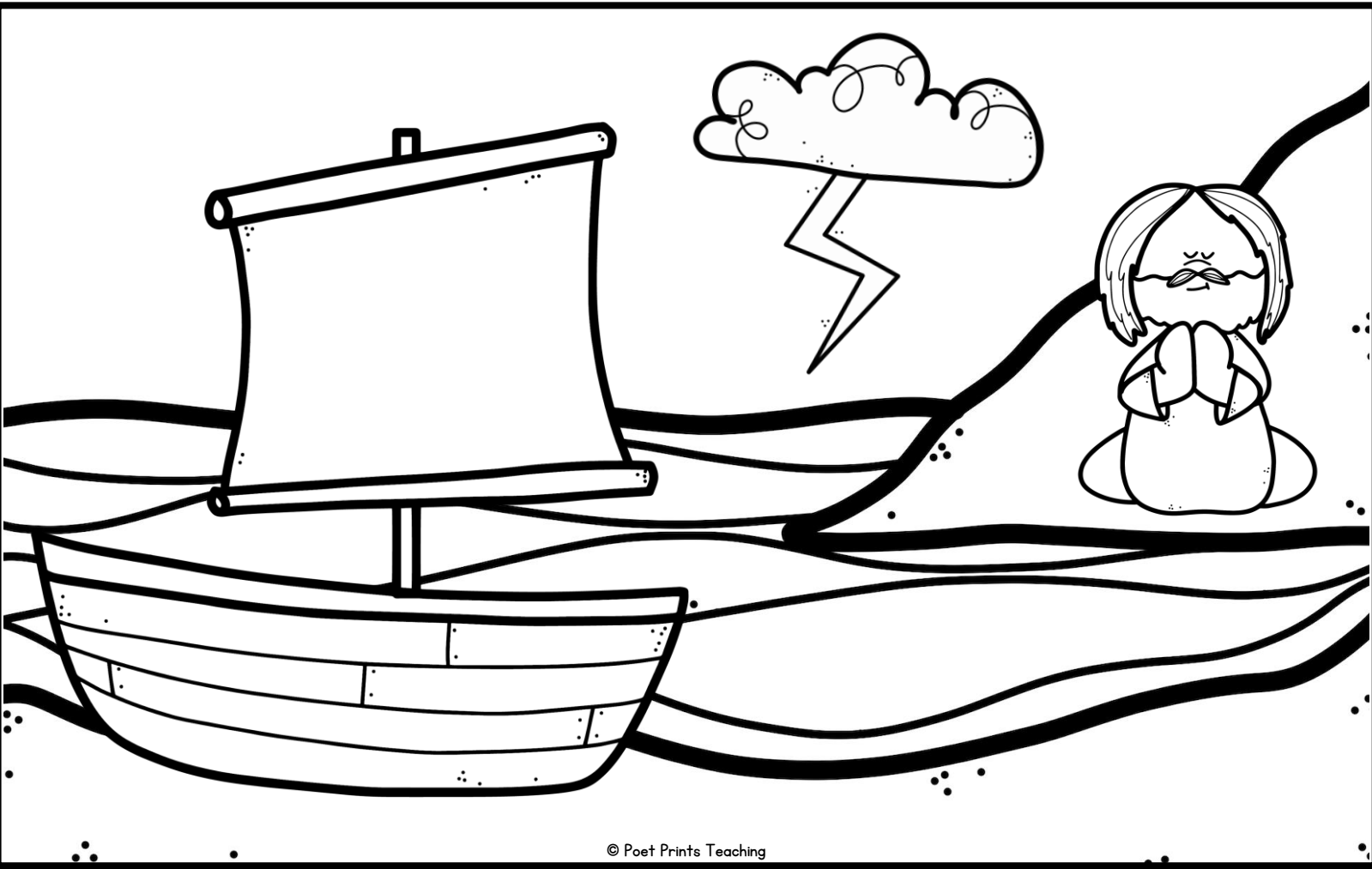
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MEMORIZE THIS:

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

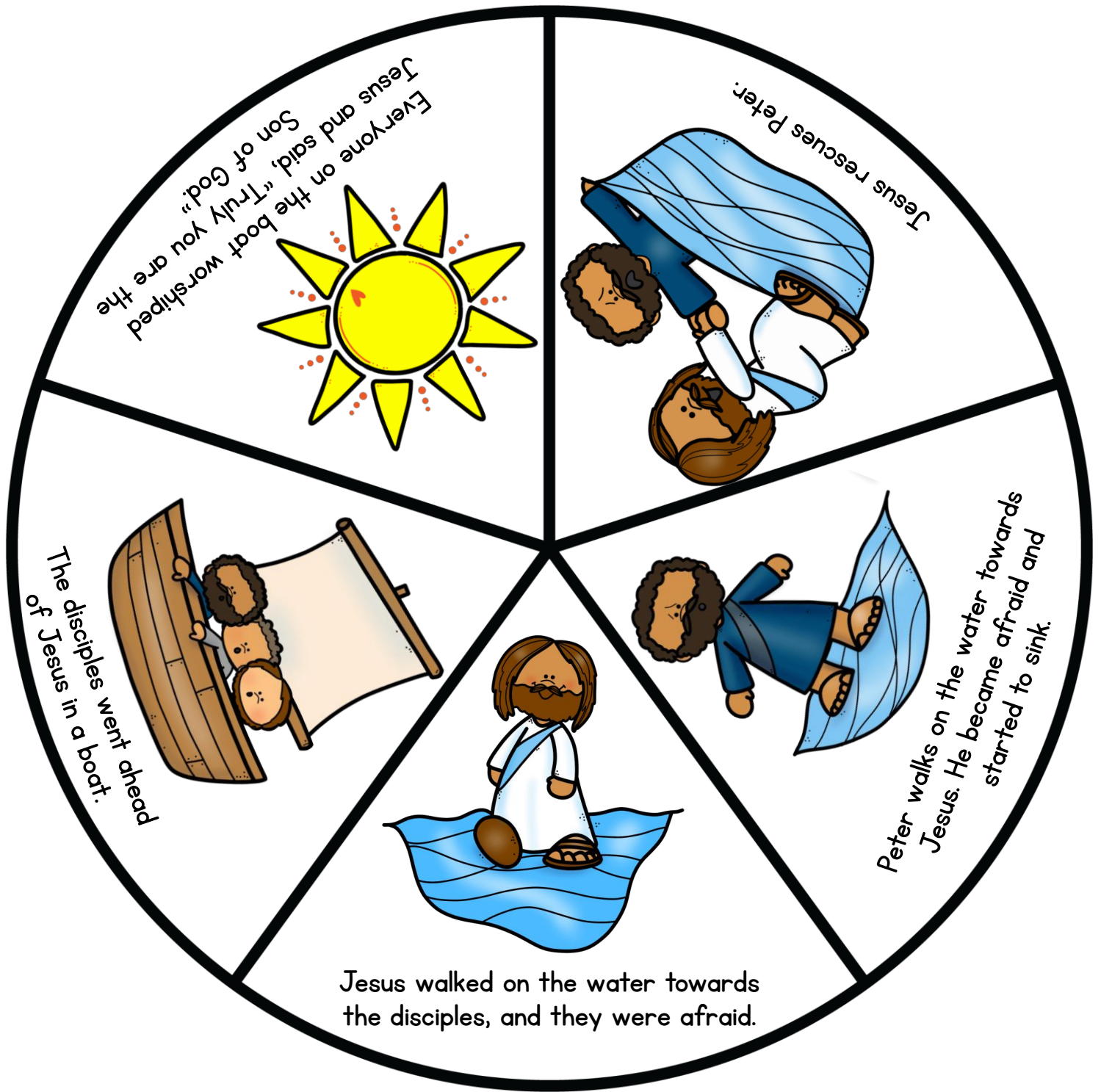
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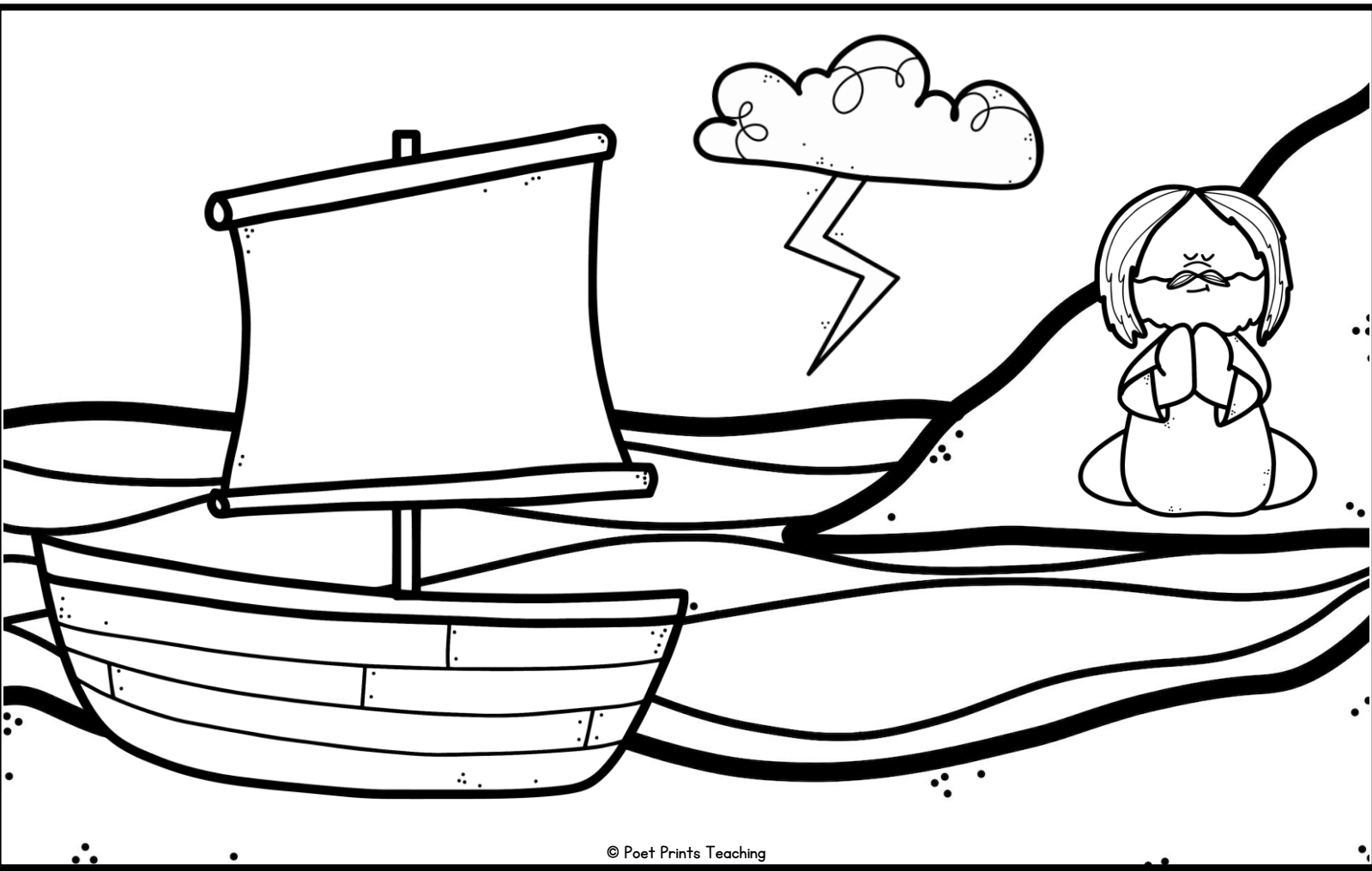


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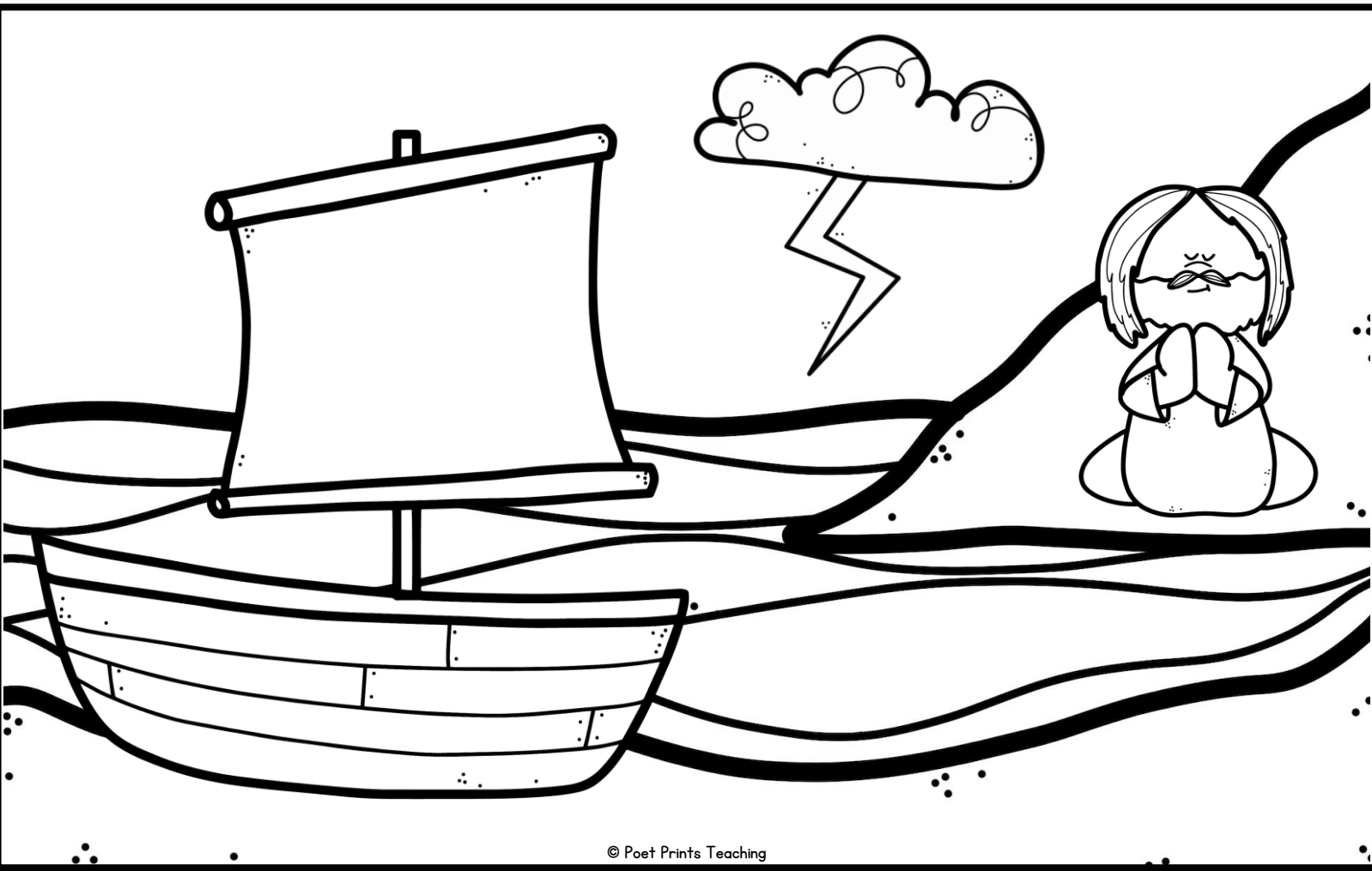
Matthew 14:33 NIV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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MEMORIZE THIS:

Then they that were in
the ship came and
worshipped him, saying,
Of a truth thou art the
Son of God.

Matthew 14:33 KJV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

Jesus can do
impossible
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