



# Vacation Bible School

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### Jesus is with me all the time!

In the Bible lesson below, Jesus rebukes Peter for doubting, and we often attribute that to doubting as he was walking on water. Notice that Peter doubts Jesus' words when Jesus tells the disciples who He is and to not be afraid. Peter responds, "If it is You..."

We also fail to trust Jesus at His Word just like Peter did, but even though we doubt Him, Jesus never abandons us. He is the Son of God and rules over all creation, even the wind and waves.

Jesus, through whom all things were created, walks on the sea, defying our concept of the world and nature. Peter walks out to Jesus on the water but

fears the wind and waves and begins to sink. In mercy, Jesus saves Peter.

Walking on water may seem impossible to us, but with God, all things are possible!

Many times in our lives we are tempted to doubt God or have a weak faith. We focus on our problems instead of on Jesus. Despite our failure to trust, despite our doubt, Jesus never leaves us.

Jesus calls us to trust in Him. He is God. He is in control of the wind and waves and sea, and He still cares for us and saves us. Jesus will always help us and keep us safe.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, You have power over the wind and waves, and You are always with us. Forgive us when we doubt You. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, who gives us faith! In Jesus' name, Amen.



VBS Junior Helpers gather in the fellowship hall to receive their daily assignments from VBS Director, Mrs. Cherney.

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### Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus had been spending a lot of time teaching and healing people. He was tired and wanted some time alone to pray. He sent His disciples to the next town without Him, and He went up a mountain to pray by Himself. The disciples got in the boat and started rowing, but suddenly, it started raining! The storm got worse! The wind tossed their boat, and they were afraid!

They tried their best to keep the boat under control as it filled with water. This went on for hours. By morning, the men were exhausted. Just when they thought things couldn't get any worse, they saw what they thought was a ghost walking toward them on the water! It was Jesus, and He said, "Don't be afraid." The disciples strained to see who was talking to them.

Peter said, "If it's You, Lord, tell me to walk on the water to You." Peter stared at Jesus as he climbed out of the boat and walked across the water. But, then Peter took his eyes off Jesus. He looked around at the huge waves and the horrible storm. Peter became terrified and started to sink. He shouted, "Save me, Lord!"

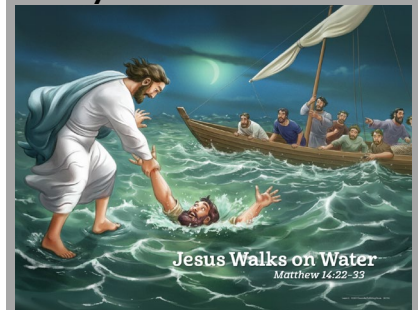
Jesus reached for Peter's hand and said, "You don't have very much faith in Me. Why did you doubt Me? I will always be with you and take care of you!"

Peter and Jesus climbed into the boat, and immediately the storm stopped, and the boat reached the shore on the other side of the lake.

All the disciples bowed down and worshiped Jesus. They said, "You really, truly are the Son of God!"

### What's Happening This Week?

Today:



### God's Wonder Lab

Key Bible Verse:

*"The whole earth is full of his glory."*

~ Isaiah 6:3

Wednesday:

*Jesus Gives Life*

Thursday:

*Jesus Appears to His Followers*

Friday:

*Jesus Sends Paul*

**Tuesday  
Attendance:**

**Students: 79**

**Jr. Helpers: 39**

## People of the Day! (Showcasing the fine people of VBS since 1927!)



**Sarah Ortiz, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Favorite Color:** Sage Green  
**Favorite Sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite Activity:** hanging out with friends  
**What I learned at VBS:** I learned the actions to the songs we practiced.

Photo by Eleora Fredrich



**Ryan Dodson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Favorite Color:** Red  
**Favorite Activity:** Playing basketball  
**Favorite part of VBS:** Being outside  
**What I learned at VBS:** God created the oceans!

Photo by Trella Gillespie



## NEWS ALERTS!

### Kitchen News:

VBS students were provided with Crazy Weather Cups for a snack today. If you'd like to contribute to the VBS snacks, you may send cash in an envelope or provide bananas, frozen waffles, raspberries, or blueberries!

### Other News:

Parents, please make sure your child arrives by 8:40 on Friday for the group photo! ☺ Students should wear gray VBS shirts.

You can also check out this newsletter in color online at

[www.graceglendale.org/vbs](http://www.graceglendale.org/vbs).

Also make plans to join us at 10:30 AM on Sunday for our VBS closing service! The children will be singing songs they will practice each day this week.

**All students will be picked up from the fellowship hall after VBS classes dismiss. Parents must contact the group leader to sign out their child(ren).**

**Invite your friends! Give them this address, so they can be a part of VBS, too!**

### **Grace Ev. Lutheran Church & School:**

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**Above:** Classmates look on as Jordan Castillo does the limbo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of VBS. Photo by Eleora Fredrich

**Below:** VBS Student, Trinity Perry, tries out the Faith Strengthening Machine! Photo by Eleora Fredrich

