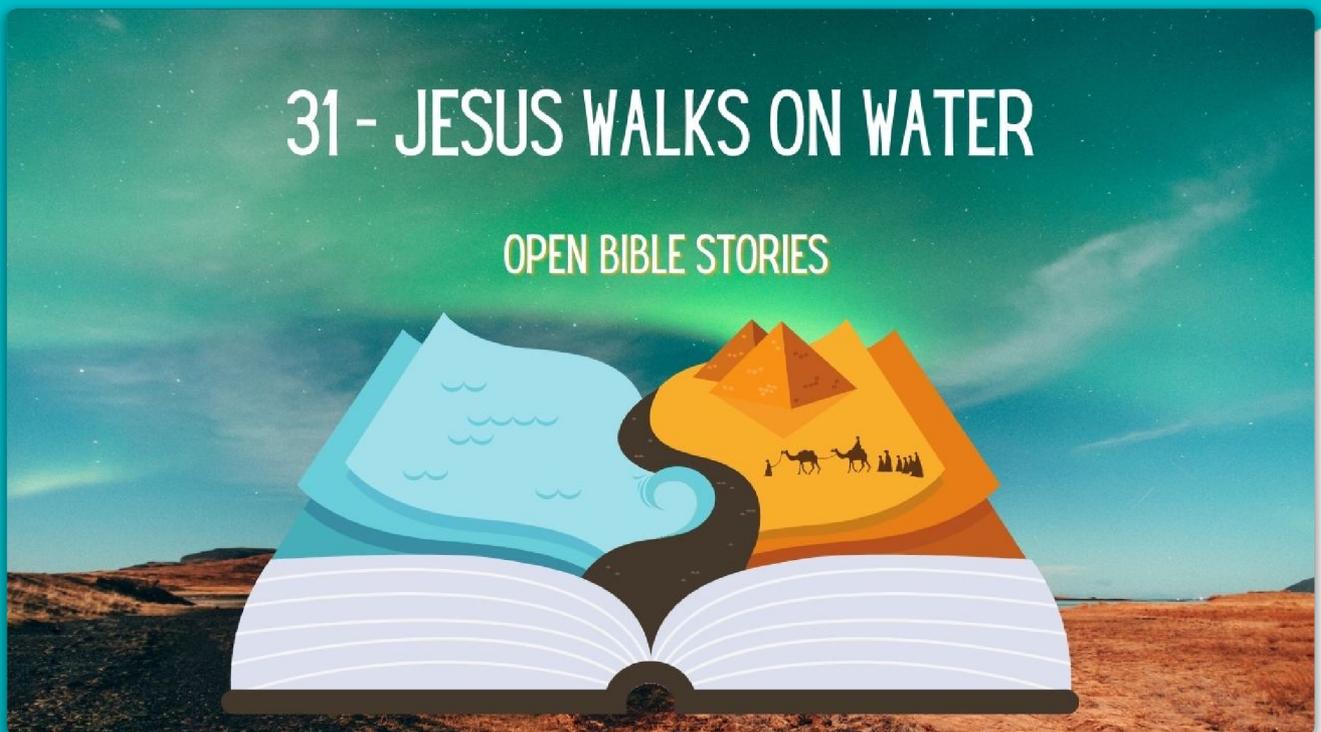


# STUDY AIDS

## Story 31 Jesus Walks on Water

A Bible Story from the Books of Matthew, Mark, and John



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# A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

## The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

## How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

## The Parts of The Stories

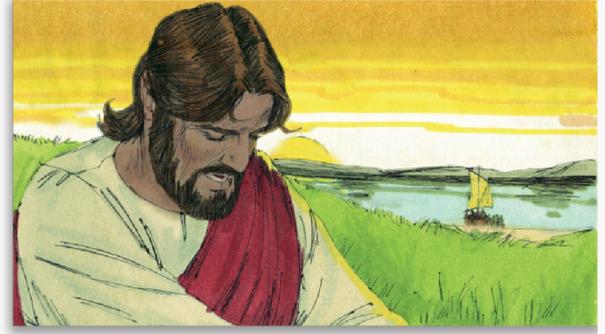
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- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

# Study Notes

## Slide 1

After Jesus fed the crowd, he told the disciples to get into a boat. He told them to sail to the other side of the lake while he stayed behind for a little while. So the disciples left, and Jesus sent the crowd to their homes. After that, Jesus went up on a mountainside to pray. He was there all alone, and he prayed until late at night.

**to the other side of the lake** - They went across the northern part of the Sea of Galilee. This would have been about 5-8 kilometers by boat.



## Slide 2

During this time, the disciples were rowing their boat, but the wind was blowing hard against them. When it was late in the night, they had only reached the middle of the lake.

**rowing their boat** - The boat had a sail, but it would not have helped them much when the wind was against them.



## Slide 3

At that time, Jesus finished praying and started to go back to meet his disciples. He walked on top of the water toward the boat.

**walked on top of the water** - This was a miracle. The average depth of the Sea of Galilee is 25 meters.

