

## Reading the Bible Can Be Fun

### Lesson 24

## Matthew 4:1-11

### Memory Verse

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.  
Psalm 119:11**

### Introduction

What do you like to do for fun? There is something else that is fun to do...reading the Bible. Let's look and see how the Bible can be fun to read.

The Bible can be so much fun to read! We can learn many things about Jesus and see how we can follow Him.

There are all kinds of stories in the Bible. Let's look at several that are unbelievable!

Jesus spent lots of time with His 12 friends. They walked and talked about God. Sometimes, Jesus would do things that would shock or stun His friends.

### Matthew 14:22-36

### Scripture

**Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.**

**But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."**

**"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."**

**"Come," he said.**

**Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"**

**Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

**And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."**

**When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.**

One time, Jesus stayed on land to pray while His friends sailed in a boat. Suddenly, a storm came. Jesus' friends tried to row the boat to safety when they saw something that terrified them.

## Discussion

### **Ask: Who was it?**

It was Jesus walking on the water!  
If you think about it, it must have been amazing to see Jesus walking on water!!

### **Ask: When we go swimming, can we walk on water?**

No. Think about what it must have been like to see Jesus do this miracle.

## Scripture

### **Matthew 8:23-27**

**Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"**

Another time Jesus and His friends were in a boat when another storm came. Jesus' friends were fishermen so they knew how to take care of their boat in a storm. But this storm was so big that waves splashed into the boat! They were scared that they were going to drown.

## Discussion

### **Ask: What Jesus was doing?**

He was sleeping!!

### **Ask: What did the disciples do?**

They shook Him awake and pleaded for Him to help them.

### **Ask: What did Jesus do?**

Jesus stood up and told the storm to "STOP."

### **Ask: What happened?**

The storm was gone. Just like that. Think about it. We have all seen storms come and bring lots of rain.

### **Ask: What do you think it must have been like to be on that boat and see Jesus make the storm stop just like that?**

These are just two of the stories that are really fun and interesting to read. There are many, many more. When we read the Bible, try to put yourself in the story. Think about what it must have been like to experience the things that happened.

**Ask: What can we learn as we read the Bible?**

When we read the Bible, we can also learn things that can help us. When we read a story, we can see things that the characters learned. We can think about those things and see how we can change our ways or start doing something God's way.

**Ask: What does the Bible tell us about God's plan?**

The Bible not only has great stories to read, but it helps us learn more about God and do things His way. As we are reading, God may help us to see something that we should do or may stop doing.

**Ask: What does the Bible tell us about God's love?**

The Bible also helps us know something VERY important. God helped people write the Bible to help us know how much He loves us. Different people wrote different parts of the Bible. Each part helps us see how God has a plan for us and loves us. The most important way He showed His love is by sending His Son, Jesus, to live here.

Jesus wanted us to be able to go to Heaven. He knew that because we are dirty with sin, we could never get to Heaven by ourselves. He knew that there was one way to help us, to make us clean--if He died in our place for the wrong things we have done. So, that's what Jesus did. He died for us.

**Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?****Romans 10:9-10**

**That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.