



Jesus Walks on Water

Mark 6:45-52

While I read today's story, we're going to play a game. During the game, you'll need to listen for the words, UP, DOWN, LEFT and RIGHT. Now let's practice the action you'll do when you hear each word.

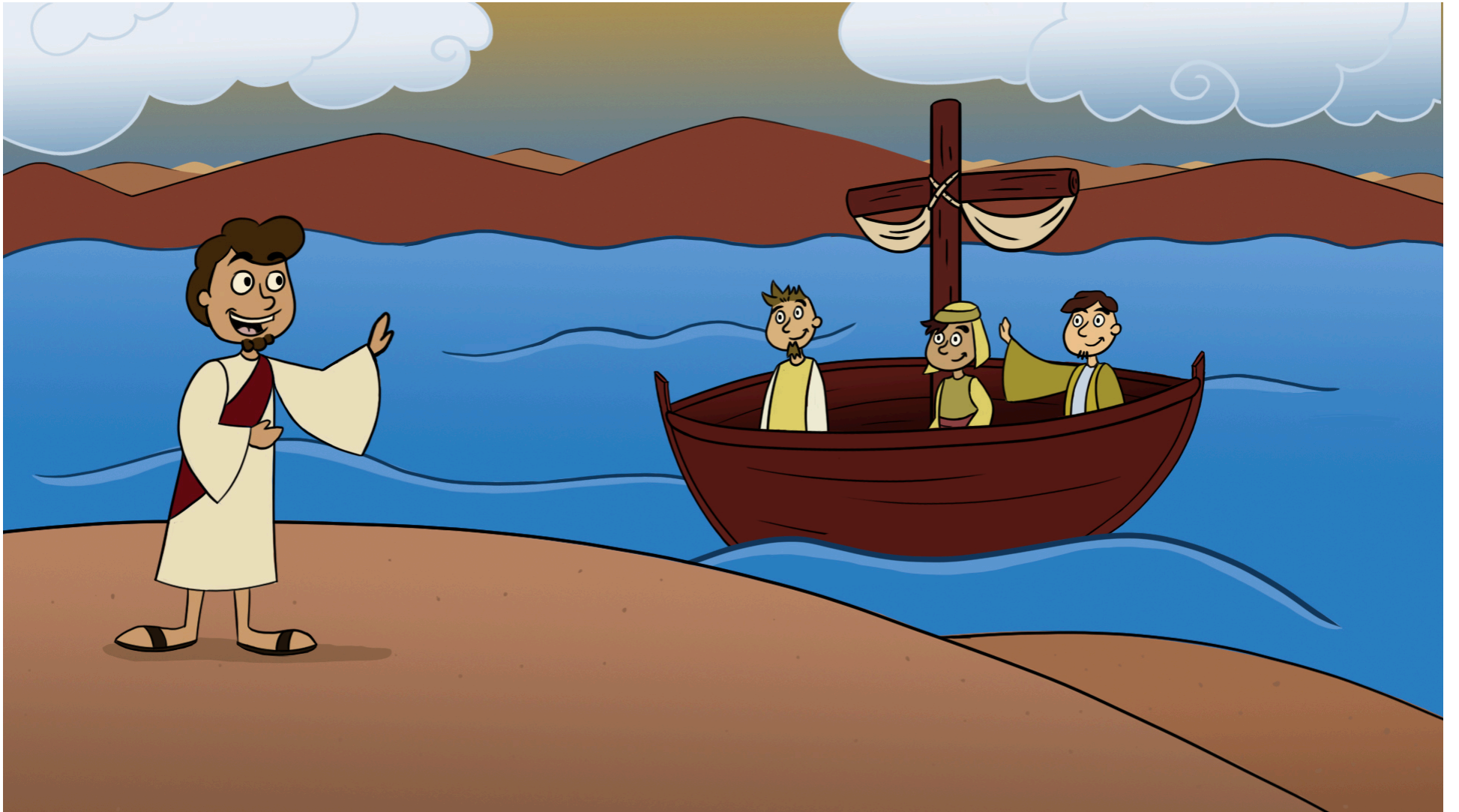
When you hear the word, "LEFT," clap to the left. (Clap to the left with kids)

If I say the word, "RIGHT," lean to the right. (Lean right with kids)

On the word, "UP," sit up as tall as you can. (Sit up with kids)

When I say, "DOWN," crouch down. (Crouch down with kids)

I think you're ready to play. Now let's find out how Jesus taught His disciples to have peace.



The disciples LEFT (clap to the left) everything behind to follow Jesus. They went with Him wherever He went.

One day, Jesus was teaching a crowd of people, and the disciples were with Him. After He spoke to the people, Jesus wanted some time to pray. So He told the disciples to go ahead of Him in a boat across the Sea of Galilee.

RIGHT (lean right) away, the disciples did as Jesus said. They climbed UP (sit up) into the boat and LEFT (clap to the left) the shore.

After they were gone, Jesus sent the crowd away and went UP (sit up) on a mountainside by Himself to pray.



Later that night, it got really windy and huge waves started to rock the boat UP (sit up) and DOWN (crouch down) and UP (sit up) and DOWN (crouch down).

Jesus saw the disciples in the middle of the storm. The wind was blowing against them. Even though the boat was a long way from land, Jesus decided to join the disciples.



Because Jesus can do anything, He LEFT (clap to the left) the shore, stood UP (sit up) on top of the water, and started walking out to the disciples!

When the disciples looked UP (sit up) and saw Jesus coming, they were terrified! They thought He was a ghost.

RIGHT (lean right) away, Jesus helped the disciples calm DOWN (crouch down) by saying, "Be brave. It is I. Do not be afraid."



Then Jesus climbed UP (sit up) into the boat, and the wind died DOWN (crouch down). The disciples were completely amazed at what they had seen.

Just like Jesus took care of the disciples, we can trust that He will take care of us too. And when we remember that God will take care of us, that means that He is growing the fruit of the Spirit, peace, in our hearts!