



## Welcome Time

Welcome to the at Home Messy Church session for June. This month our session is all about;



This month we thinking about our summer break and all our holidays to the beach.

There's something about the fresh air and the sunshine that makes us feel happy and relaxed.

Jesus enjoyed spending time on the beach and often preached or ate on the shore.

Why not start this Messy Church session with one of the worksheets that are all about our holidays and the story of Jesus at the beach and walking on water.

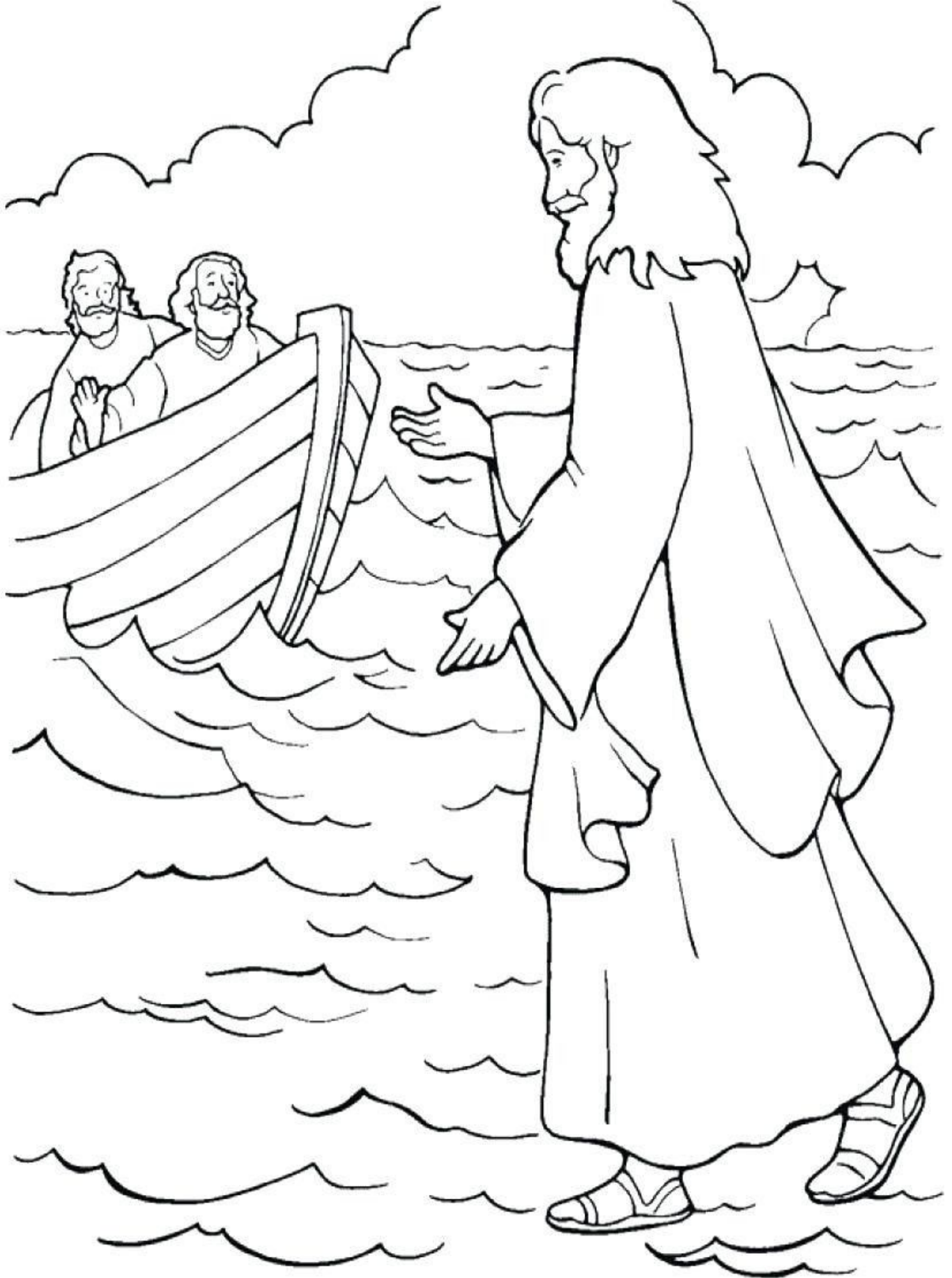
**Sheet 1** - Go to this web page where you can find a selection of colouring sheets about summer.

[12 Summer Coloring Pages \[Easy Printable PDF\] 100% Free \(ministry-to-children.com\)](https://www.ministry-to-children.com/12-Summer-Coloring-Pages-Easy-Printable-PDF-100-Free)

**Sheet 2** - Jesus walks on the water colouring sheet.

Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water.

Matthew 14:25





## Celebration Time

Jesus enjoyed spending time on the beach with his friends, and from stories in the Bible, we know that he felt relaxed and socialised with his friends there. When he wasn't cooking fresh fish for them, he was teaching parables, feeding the hungry and finding ways to encourage and equip the disciples for their future work. Jesus was such a good teacher that people came from far and wide to hear what he had to say. Not only was the beach like a big outdoor picnic area, but it was a huge classroom too and a place to find rest and relaxation. It felt good to be there!

Close your eyes and imagine that you are sitting on a beach. Feel the sand under your feet and the sun on your face. Breathe in deeply and out slowly. Imagine you can hear the seagulls in the distance and the soft lap of the water on the beach.

In our story today, which can be found in Matthew 14:22–33), the disciples had set off in a boat. They had been busy fishing all day and were now relaxing at night-time. They looked out across the ocean and saw Jesus in the distance. As he got closer, they could see that he was walking on top of the water. They were scared, but as he got closer, he said, 'Don't be afraid, it is me, Jesus!' Peter spoke next and said, 'If it is you, Lord, let me come out to you on the water.' 'Come on, then,' Jesus said. Peter stepped out of the boat and started to walk towards Jesus. Just then the wind started to blow hard. Peter got scared and started to sink down in the water. 'Help me! Jesus, save me!' Jesus reached his hand out to Peter and pulled him out. 'You didn't believe enough, you looked down and started to doubt'. That was the moment that Peter had started to sink. How he must have longed for the safety of the shore. Jesus pulled him to safety, and they both got into the boat and sailed back to the beach.

Now open your eyes again. Here are two questions to think about:

- What do you think Peter should have done instead, when he heard that wind blowing?
- What ways can we be more faithful to Jesus in our everyday lives?

I think that Peter had been happy following Jesus and was willing to go that little bit further and trust in him completely when he stepped out of the boat. Maybe that's a bit like how we feel when we are in a new situation. We start out confidently and with good intentions, but then we sometimes drift or lose sight of what our end goal is. We long for the safety and comfort of the shore when we are in deep water, but if we are faithful followers and keep our eyes on Jesus, we will know that we are never alone and that we always have someone we can trust when we need it the most.

Watch Steve, our minister, on our Facebook page as he talks about this Bible passage.

Why not watch and join in with this song all about Jesus shining in the darkness and leading us to safety.

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## Craft Time

### 1. Beach jar.

**Talk about** - Holidays and visits to the beach. Think about the sand under your feet and the warm sunshine. There's something about the beach and the sunshine that makes us feel happy and relaxed.

**You will need:** jar, chalk, salt.

- Pour some salt on a piece of paper.
- Choose a coloured chalk.
- Roll the chalk over the salt and watch it change colour.
- Poured the salt from the paper into your jar.
- Choose another colour and build up your coloured layers of sand.



### 2. Recycled boat.

**Talk about** - the friends of Jesus were out in a boat, fishing.

**You will need;** materials from your recycle bin!

Gather together some clean recycling and build some boats together. Can you include a sail? What other boats can you create? Test your sailing boats out together, perhaps in the bath or paddling pool. Do they float? Will they reach the other side?

### 3. Storm in a bottle.

**Talk about** - how everything always settles still once it has been left alone for a while. Just as the wind blew and Peter had doubts, Jesus brought some sense of safety and calm to the situation and it became peaceful once again.

**You will need:** an empty plastic bottle; water; washing-up liquid; decorations such as sequins, foil, pom poms, beads; sticky tape.

- Fill a plastic bottle almost to the top with water.
- Add a tiny drop of washing-up liquid.
- Choose some small objects to put in, such as shiny beads or sequins, pom poms or even kitchen foil rolled into small balls.
- Tightly seal the bottle by adding tape around the lid to secure it.
- Shake the bottle and hold it as the contents settle.

Can you see a storm in your bottle?







## Craft Time

### 4. Pasta Necklace.

**Talk about** - How we can have faith in Jesus, as Peter did when he stepped out onto the water.

**You will need:** Pasta, string, card, scissors, pens, hole punch.

- Cut out a heart shape from coloured card and punch two holes on either side.
- Write 'Have faith in Jesus' on your heart.
- Measure and cut a length of string that will be the correct size for a necklace.
- Thread the string through the holes in the sides of the heart so that it is in the middle of the necklace.
- Tread pasta onto the string, either side of the heart to make your necklace.



### 5. Food craft - Jesus walks on the water.

**Talk about** - Jesus performs impossible things and is able to walk on the water.

**You will need:** Jelly, jelly baby, bowl.

- Make your jelly according to the instructions on the packet.
- Allow the jelly to set in a bowl.
- Place a jelly baby on the top of the jelly—this is Jesus walking on the water!





## **Meal Time**

Many of us enjoy a barbecue when we go to the beach. Do you know that Jesus had a barbecue on the beach with his friends and cooked them fish? (You can read this story in John 21).

The Messy Church meal for July is a barbecue with your family and friends in the sunshine in your garden. Alternatively, eat fish and chips when you next go to the beach! Follow this with ice cream or an ice-lolly!

Let us pray before eating together;

**We thank you Lord for the food before us**

**The shelter around us**

**The family beside us**

**And the love between us.**

**Amen.**

If you would like to share your Messy Church activities please send any photos to #tmcfamily.

**God bless you all and we pray that you keep safe and well over the coming weeks -**

**From the TMC Messy Church Team.**