

WEEK 4
LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Wow! Jesus has the power to save.

BIBLE

**Jesus Walks on Water: Matthew 14:22–36;
Mark 8:31–38**

Whether it's a rocket car powered by soda and mints or a tornado in a water bottle, there's so much in our world that can fill us with awe. The world of STEM is full of things that look like little miracles, but they're nothing compared to the miracles God can perform. In this four-week series, kids will take a look at some of the miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry. Through stories showing the power of Jesus, they'll no doubt go, Wow! Jesus **has the power to heal, to calm our fears, to provide, and to save.**

Wow! Our world is filled with all kinds of wonders, but none are as wonderful as Jesus! Technology might have helped power our world and make life easier for everyone, but when I think about how Jesus has the **power to heal, calm our fears, and provide**, I can't help but ask, "Is there anything Jesus can't do?" Let's discover one more very important thing that can only happen through the power of Jesus!

POLL | Machine Code

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer the following statements by shaping one hand into a zero to indicate a "no" and holding up an index finger to indicate a "yes."
- Computers use binary code, which is made up of zeroes and ones. Let's try communicating with this code. **Hold up a zero for "no" and a one for "yes!"**
 - I can swim.
 - I'd rather go to the beach or a lake than to a swimming pool.
 - I'd rather swim in a pool than at the beach or a lake.
 - I like using floaties when I swim.
 - I am afraid of the deep end of the pool.
 - I have been on a boat before.
 - I like to dive off the diving board.
 - I like going on water slides.
 - I need or like to use goggles when I swim.
 - I can hold my breath underwater for more than ten seconds.
 - I think I could be a lifeguard one day.
- We have talked a lot about water today and a lot about saving. Just remember that no matter where we are or what we're doing, **Jesus has the power to save!**

BIBLE STORY | Watch the Bible Story from the online lesson from Matthew 14:22-36

DISCUSSION

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**
 - **How did the disciples respond when they first saw Jesus walking on water?** *They were afraid! They thought he was a ghost.*
 - **What did Peter ask Jesus to do in order for him to step out of the boat?** *Peter asked Jesus to tell him to come out onto the water, too.*

- **Why did Peter begin to sink?** *He began to doubt and became afraid.*
- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**
 - **What are some things that may cause you to be afraid or to doubt?**
 - **Why do we need Jesus to save us? (Be careful not just to focus on “getting to Heaven”. Having a relationship with Jesus and God and being part of God’s original plan for humans are good things to focus on. We need a Savior to be with God.)**
 - **Whom can you tell about the power of Jesus to save us?**

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SCRIPTURE | **Mark 8:31–38**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** **Read Mark 8:31-38**
- Jesus knew that he would soon face certain death, but to Peter or any of the other disciples, that must have sounded ridiculous. He was Jesus — the Jesus who had the power to do anything!
 - Jesus could heal people and calm storms using only his words. Jesus could take a small amount of food and feed thousands of people with it. Jesus could even walk on water! Surely he could avoid dying!
 - The thing is, he totally could have, but he chose not to. Instead, Jesus chose to die on a cross, even though he did not deserve to. Jesus stuck with God’s plan to save the world from the power of sin, to show that the power of God is greater. And if you know how this story ends, you know just how powerful this is . . . Jesus is even more powerful than death.
- So when we say, **"Wow! Jesus has the power to save!"** we’re not just talking about a simple water rescue. We’re talking about the incredible rescue of our souls. Because of what Jesus did, we can be saved from anything that tries to separate us from God.
- And once we are saved, our story with Jesus doesn’t end there. That’s just the beginning. We can then go ahead and tell others about Jesus’ awesome power to save!

PRAYER

- Wow God, you are powerful! Whenever I feel like I’m sinking because I am hurt, scared, or disappointed, you have the power to save me from my pain, fear, and sadness. Thank you also for loving us so much that you showed us the greatest saving power there is through your son Jesus. Amen.

ACTIVITY OPTION #1 | **Life-sized Tech**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Act out the following types of technology, such as a washing machine, toaster, hoverboard, vacuum robot, laptop, security system, microwave, coffee maker, or fan. The objective is to act out **being the machine**, not just using the machine.*
- Isn’t technology cool? Technology is all around us, in our homes and schools and even here at church. Technology is basically anything that was designed to help us solve problems in a new or better way. **What problem do you think your machine was designed to solve?**
- The power of technology saves us from spending lots of time and energy to do things. Some machines work hard to complete their tasks. Thankfully, saving us is not hard work for Jesus! Jesus is always ready and waiting for us to look to him and trust him to save us!

ACTIVITY #2 | Bible Story or Memory Verse Printable

Print either or both the Bible Story and Memory Verse Printable. This will help remind you of the Big Idea for today and also our monthly memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE | **1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)**

- **"In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."**

INSTRUCTIONS: Watch the video from the online lesson page and practice this month’s memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL).



BIG IDEA: Wow! Jesus has the power to provide.

BIBLE: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand: John 6:1-15; Psalm 25:1-10

