

Advent Reflection Resources

Week 2 - Walking on the Water



The Bible Passage

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

~ Matthew 14:22-33



Ways to enter the story

You might like to relive the story, as Peter or a disciple in the boat, and take the opportunity to talk to Jesus, to pray and worship. It might help to read or listen to the passage again. If you find it hard to keep focused while imagining things, you could try writing your reflection down. Or maybe you're artistic, and you want to paint or draw something related to the story.

Click on this link to see Yongsung Kim's 'Hand of God' picture (NB: purchasing a copy is optional!) -

<https://www.foundationarts.com/the-hand-of-god>

Click on this link to listen to Hillsong's 'Oceans' -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9nwe9_xzw&ab_channel=HillsongUNITED)

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Here are some questions to ponder as you respond.

How did it feel, to be one of the disciples in the boat that night? Have there been times when you've had to rely on Jesus to hold you through your storm, and have felt like you've been plunged into the water?

Have there been times when you've willingly got out of the boat to go to Jesus? Or would you rather stay in the boat and let Jesus come to you?

What would you say to Jesus if he asked you why you doubted? Like Andrew, is there anyone that you're feeling jealous of at the moment?

