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²² Then Jesus made the followers get into the boat. He told them to go to the other side of the lake. He said he would come later. He stayed there to tell everyone they could go home. ²³ After Jesus said goodbye to the people, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. It was late, and he was there alone. ²⁴ By this time the boat was already a long way from shore. Since the wind was blowing against it, the boat was having trouble because of the waves.

²⁵ Between three and six o'clock in the morning, Jesus' followers were still in the boat. Jesus came to them. He was walking on the water. ²⁶ When they saw him walking on the water, it scared them. "It's a ghost!" they said, screaming in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus quickly spoke to them. He said, "Don't worry! It's me! Don't be afraid."

²⁸ Peter said, "Lord, if that is really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Come, Peter."

Then Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. ³⁰ But while Peter was walking on the water, he saw the wind and the waves. He was afraid and began sinking into the water. He shouted, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Then Jesus caught Peter with his hand. He said, "Your faith is small. Why did you doubt?"

³² After Peter and Jesus were in the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the followers in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You really are the Son of God."

Jesus Heals Many Sick People

³⁴ After they crossed the lake, they came to the shore at Gennesaret. ³⁵ Some men there saw Jesus and knew who he was. So they sent word to the other people throughout that area that Jesus had come. The people brought all their sick people to him. ³⁶ They begged Jesus to let them only touch the edge of his coat to be healed. And all the sick people who touched his coat were healed.

What's The Question?

How can Jesus be 100 percent God and 100 percent man?

Kids' Answers

"He did things like his Dad (100 percent God) and he did things like we do (since he's 100 percent man)."

Candice, 10

"God sent Jesus to live in a body on earth, so He was man and God at once."

Rachel, 8

"He's the Son of God first. Then, when he was born on earth, he became the Son of Man, too."

Stefanie, 12

"Anything is possible for God."

Donald, 12

What's Your Answer?

Carey's Comments!

Modern people find it easy to believe Jesus was a man, but difficult to believe he was God. In Jesus, God and man are united with two natures in one person. Even though the natures are united in Jesus Christ, they remain separate, whole and unchanged, without mixture or confusion.

The Bible says, "He was like God in every way, but he did not think that his being equal with God was something to use for his own benefit. Instead, he gave up everything, even his place with God. He accepted the role of a servant, appearing in human form" (Philippians 2:6-7).

In our pride, we want to hold on to what we have. But Jesus as God lowered himself and became a servant. He entered the world as a baby. He grew up in the small town of Nazareth, where he learned how to be a carpenter. Jesus began his ministry knowing it would lead him to a lonely cross where he would give his life for our sins that we might live.

This is all very hard to understand, but it is true. As Donald said, "Anything is possible for God."

Think About This: The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man in one person. This makes him unique!

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Bonus Question

Jesus left the glory and riches of heaven to become a servant on earth, what should we leave to serve him?

(Bible clue: Matthew 16:24)



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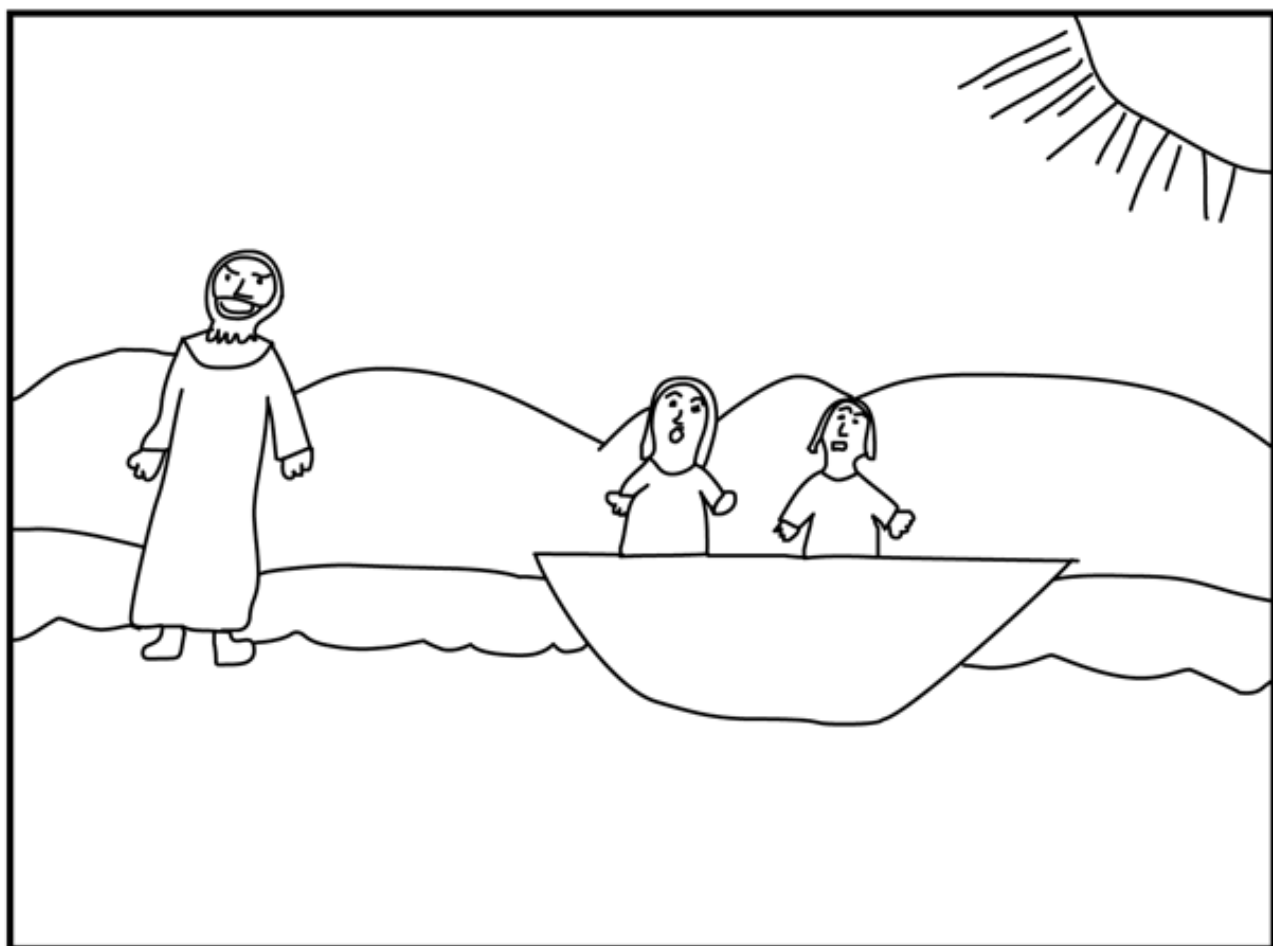
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