

LORD SAVE ME



Scripture: Matthew 14:13-33; Mark 6:30-52; John 6:1-21

Memory Verse: Romans 10:13 "...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Introduction: Cut off his head! The soldiers obeyed Herod and went down to the prison and cut off the head of John the Baptist.

Picture 1 (Left panel): What Herod did was a terrible thing and it reminds me of the terrible things that we do sometimes. (Sin – what it is, punishment, who sins)

Who was John the Baptist? He was Jesus' cousin. I am sure when Jesus heard the news that his heart hurt. He decided it was time to get away with his disciples for a little while. So they went in boats to the other side of the Sea of Galilee for a vacation. The people saw where they were headed so they walked around the lake. Jesus had just sat down with his disciples when he looked up, and saw the crowds coming. (disciples possible reaction/ Jesus' reaction)

The Bible says he was moved with compassion (Jesus not only loved those people, he loves you too... scripture) Jesus teaches them and heals them, all day long. When night comes, the disciples say, send the crowds away so they can find food and a place to sleep. Jesus says, YOU feed them first. Disciples – shocked, (5000 men +) not enough food...little boy offers his lunch...sit down in groups...Jesus prays, breaks bread...disciples pass out food...everyone eats...

leftovers...5000 men plus women and children, how did he do that? Because He is (fill in first ladder lettering word "LORD").

Blank panel: At this point, you may use the blank panel space for anything you want, here are a couple suggestions:

Idea #1: Begin to transition into a Gospel presentation: You could draw in a cross and explain that Jesus was the Lord, the special one who was sent from heaven to meet an even greater need than hunger! He came to make it possible for us to have our sin forgiven. Paid for our sin...death...burial...resurrection. The just for the unjust (I Peter 3:18)

Idea #2: You could draw two hearts, one illustrating life without Christ (with "sin" written inside the heart), and the other illustrating a Christ-controlled life (with a cross inside this heart). If you are familiar with using a wax candle, you can prepare the words "COME" at the top of the two hearts with "sin" written in wax in one heart and a cross written in wax in the second heart, then when paint is applied, these wax characters and drawing will show up. If you are not familiar with the wax candle method or simply do not wish to use it, you can always just draw in these areas with your paint or a marker.

Picture 2 (top right panel): Jesus sends the crowds away, sends disciples out in the boat, goes up on the mountain to pray.

The wind on the lake picks up, boat is tossed, not getting anywhere
Jesus sees them struggling. (How did he do that? Lord – three miles out) Jesus goes to them, walking on the water. (How'd he do that?) (What time of day is it?)
Disciples see something coming toward them... aaaaaah! It's a GHOST! Jesus speaks, "Don't be afraid, it is I!" Peter, "If it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water!"

COME (you can write the word "come" anywhere if you desire to use this approach!

Peter hops out of the boat, walks toward Jesus. Distracted by the wind and waves, he begins to sink (complete filling in the title at the top of the message: Lord Save Me!). He calls out to the only one who can save him.

If you know that you have sinned and are in huge trouble with God and would like to change that, you too can call out to Jesus (refer to memory verse), the only one who can save us!

Picture 3 (Bottom right panel) Those who do not trust Jesus will die with a heart full of sin and will have to be punished. But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus says to you, COME! He who comes to me I will not cast out.

Peter called out to Jesus, the only one who could save him. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and saved Peter and he will do the same for you if you choose to call on Him.

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