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It was Jesus. He had come to help them, and He was walking on **TOP** of the water! Peter called out, "Lord, if it's really you, let me walk on the water and come to you." Jesus said, "Come," and Peter climbed out of the ship and started walking on **top** of the water to go to Jesus. Now, boys and girls, Jesus could walk on the water because He is God. But **PEOPLE** can't walk on the water, can we? We sink! But Jesus told Peter to come, and Peter **TRUSTED** the Lord. So he walked on **top** of the water, too. After Peter had taken a few steps, he looked down at the waves and the terrible storm, and he was afraid. All at once he started to sink! "Lord, save me!"

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## DRIVING CARD

1. What does the word trust mean? **In means that I can have faith in something. I can depend on it. If I sit on a chair, I can have faith in it. I can trust that it will hold me up.**
2. In our story today, Jesus was preaching to lots of people and it was getting late. When it was time to leave for the day, where did Jesus' disciples go? **They got into the boat and went out across the water.**
3. Where did Jesus go? **He stayed behind to be alone and pray.**
4. When the disciples rowed out into the middle of the water, something began to happen. What was it? **It began to storm and the waves were getting high and the winds were getting strong.**
5. Were the disciples scared? **Yes**
6. While the disciples were in the boat, they saw something coming towards them. What did they think it was? **A ghost**
7. Was it a ghost? **No**
8. What was it? **It was Jesus**
9. Was Jesus sailing in another a boat to meet them? **No** Was He swimming? **NO** Well then, How did He get in the middle of the sea? **He was walking on water**
10. Can we walk on water? **NO, we sink under the water**
11. How was Jesus able to walk on the water and not sink under? **Because He is God, and God can do anything.**
12. One of Jesus' disciples wanted proof that this was really Jesus. Who was this disciple who asked for proof? **Peter**
13. What did Peter ask Jesus to do in order to prove who He really was? **He asked Jesus to let him (Peter) walk on water too.**
14. Did Jesus let Peter walk on water? **YES**
15. Do you think that this was a miracle? **YES, Jesus performed many miracles**
16. When Peter got out of the boat, he trusted Jesus to keep him safe didn't he? **YES**
17. When Peter was out of the boat, was he able to walk on the water? **YES**
18. After Peter had taken a few steps, he began to look at the waves rising around him and the winds blowing and he got scared didn't he? **YES**
19. What happened when he forgot to trust Jesus? **He started to sink**
20. What did Peter do when he started to sink? **He called out to Jesus to save him.**
21. Did Jesus save Peter? **Yes** How? **He stretched out His hand and caught Peter**
22. In our own lives, should we trust Jesus to help us through hard times? **YES**
23. Did you know that when we go through hard times, like someone being ill, or someone dying, or our house burning down, it is called a storm? We go through many storms in our lives. And when we go through a storm, who should we call to for help? **JESUS**
24. Do you think Jesus will hold us up through storms in our lives? **YES. Jesus is always with us through every storm in our lives.**

## MEMORY VERSE

**... I have loved thee  
with an everlasting love...  
Jeremiah 31:3**

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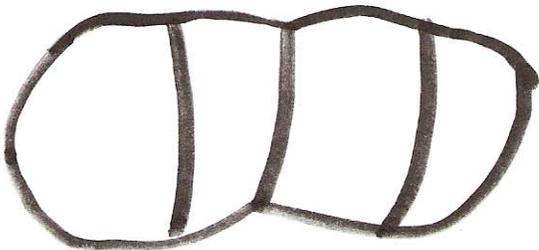
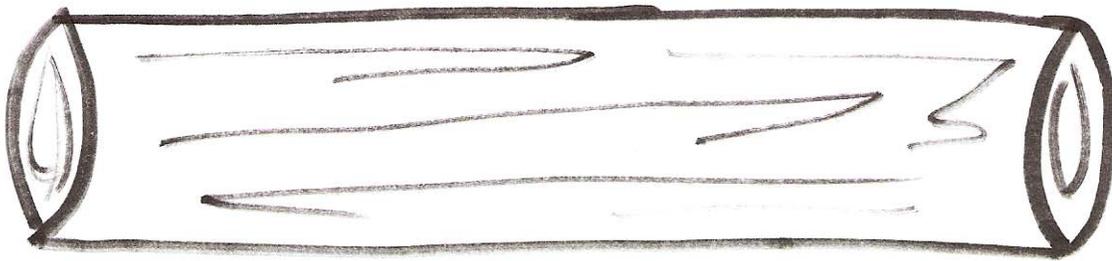
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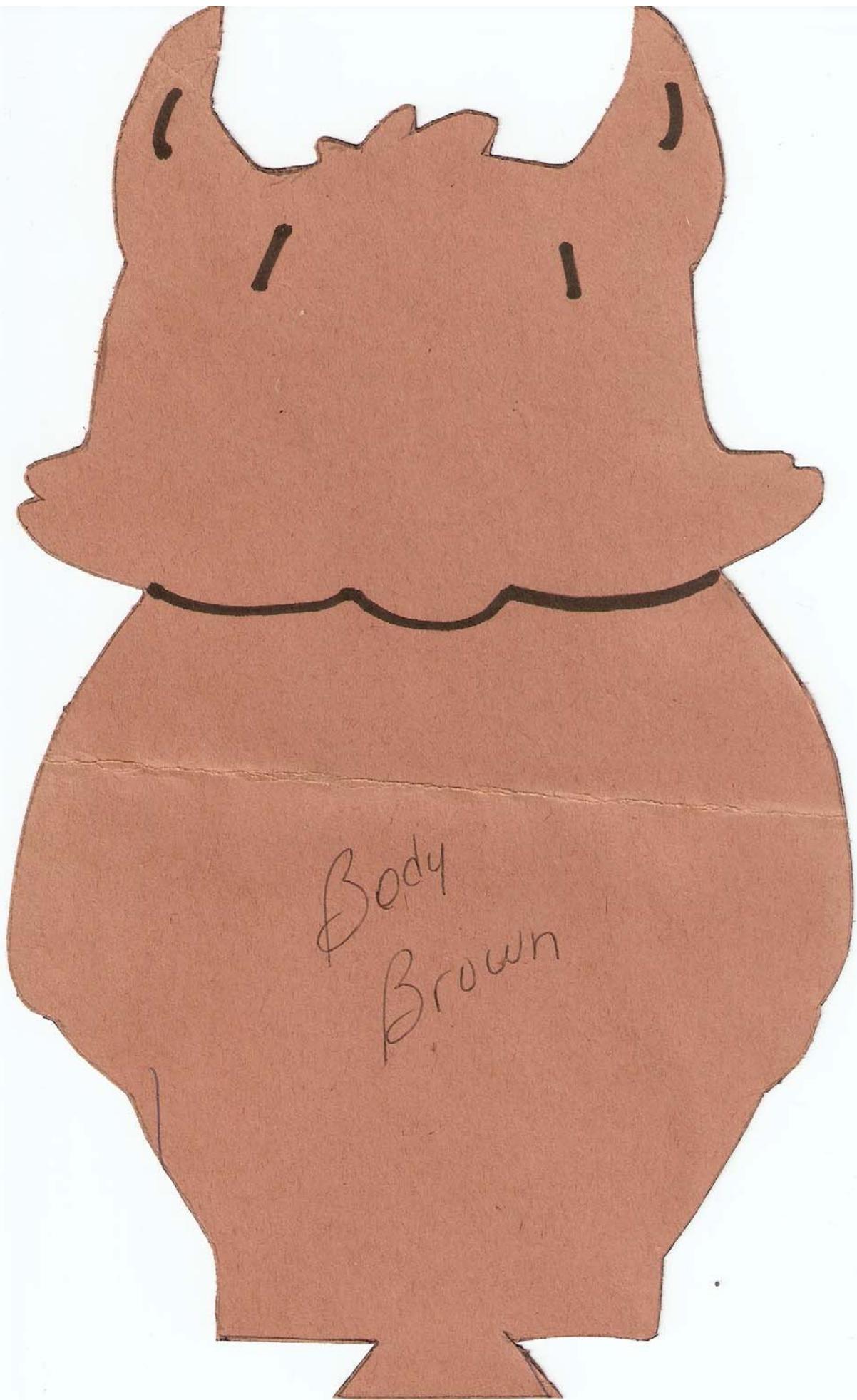
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**WHOOOOOOO  
LOVES YOU?  
JESUS DOES**





Body  
Brown



**Jesus stopped a storm on the sea.**



**JESUS TAUGHT US A WAY TO MAKE EVERY DAY HAPPY.**

# Floating and Sinking Experiment

## Materials

Clear Plastic or glass container  
Water  
Vinegar  
Baking Soda  
Cake Pan  
Food Coloring  
Various Items to sink in the water

## Directions

Place the container into the cake pan

Fill the container with 3 parts water and one part vinegar. Be sure to leave some room at the top of the container so that it does not run over when items are placed into water

Slowly add one teaspoon of baking soda, very slowly! Too much at one time and it will all bubble over the top. (Make sure you have the container set inside the cake pan in case it does run over.)

When the bubbles settle, add a few drops of food coloring.  
Notice the liquid is moving and quickly mixes in the color.

Now comes the fun part. Find some interesting items, raisins, rice, dried fruit or vegetables, broken bits of spaghetti, pieces of fruit, grapes cut in half, etc) will the items float or sink?

Drop in a few of the first items. Usually they will sink to the bottom. Wait a few minutes and then they will rise to the surface, then sink again. Rice almost seemed to dance.

# Float and Sink Game

Gather large container

Water

Various items- pencil, paper clips, pennies, anything that you want to check to see if it floats or sinks- (use your imagination)

Fill the container with water.

Explain to the children that Peter walked on top of the water, he did not sink because Jesus was helping him to float on top of the water. Allow the children to guess weather the items will float or sink and then drop them into the water and test them.

# SPIN TOY GLIDER

## Materials

1 CD

1 Balloon

Spout from a water or juice bottle

Hot Glue Gun and Glue

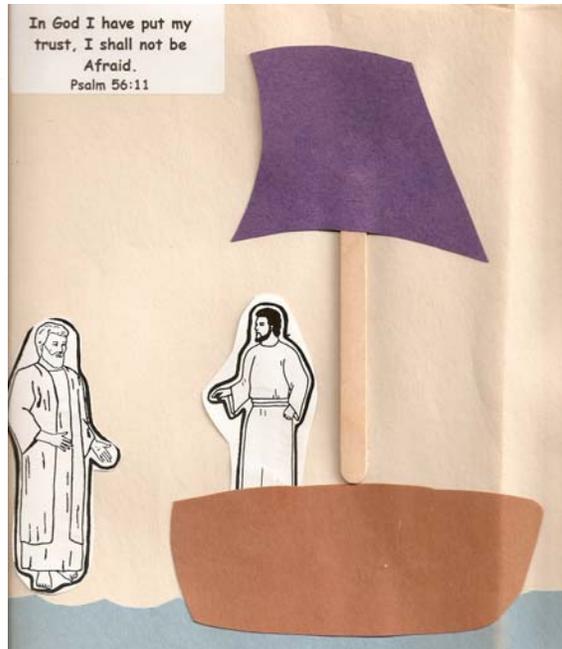
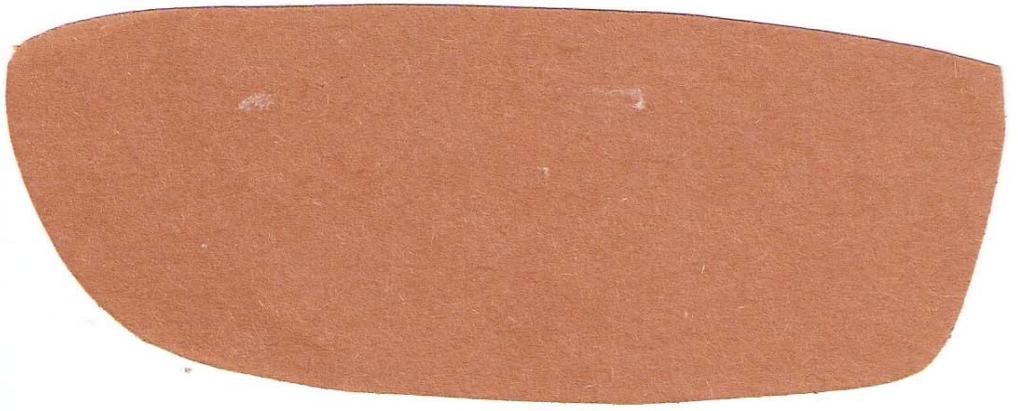
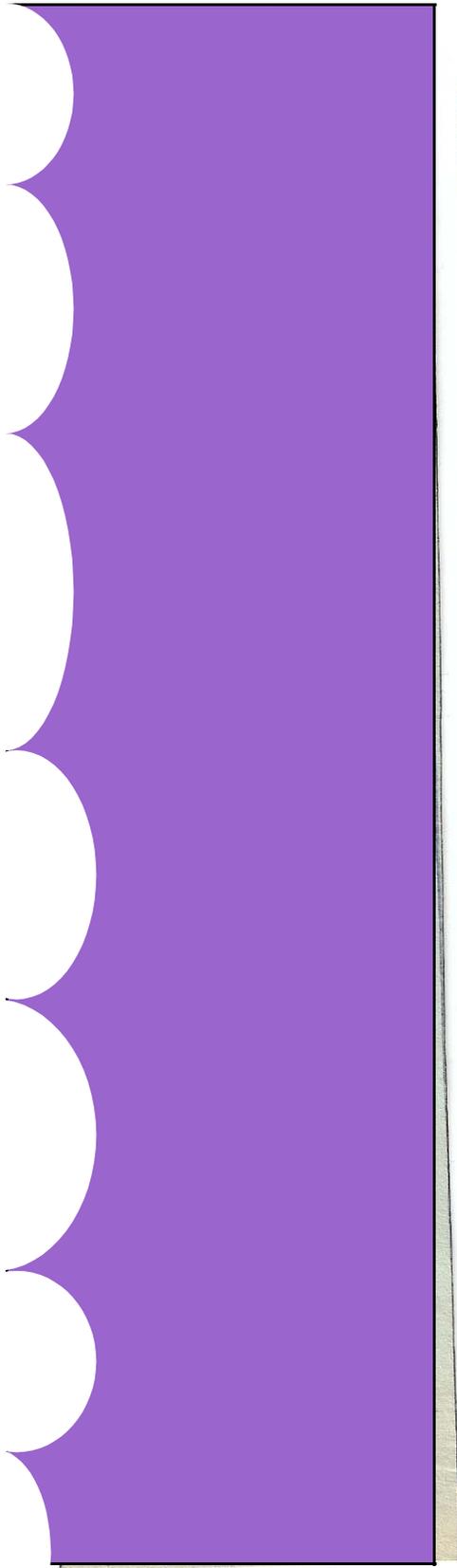
## Instructions:

- Glue the spout over the center of the CD. You can use craft glue, or a hot glue gun. Masking tape or duct tape would work too, but be sure the seal is air tight.
- Push the spout down so that it is closed and no air can pass through.
- Blow up the balloon. Don't tie it! Carefully stretch it so that it is over the spout.
- Hold the bottom of the balloon in place with one hand. With the fingers of the other hand, carefully lift open the spout.

The air in the balloon will be forced out through the drinking spout. It will create a blanket of air almost like a hovercraft. The CD, propelled by the balloon, will scoot all around the floor.

When it stops, just blow the balloon up again for more fun.





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