



March 2019
Follow-up letter

This year in Messy Church we have learned that . .

- God created water and God kept Noah and the animals safe when it rained so much. He God made the water of the Red Sea open so the people could cross through.
- Jesus Birthday is at Christmas
- God made water come from a rock
- When Jesus was baptised God said "This is my Son"
- This month . . .

A guest visited us in Messy Church to tell us what happened when he stopped looking at Jesus. This is what he said.

"Hi, my name is Simon Peter and I lived a long time ago. I was a fisherman and, more importantly, I was one of the first followers of Jesus. I used to live by a big lake where we used to go fishing. There were often storms, and then it could get rough very quickly, and then it was quite dangerous to be out in a boat.

One day Jesus told us to go over to the other side of the lake in the row boat, and said he would join us later. But then the wind started to blow and soon we were all pretty tired. Just then someone said, "Hey guys, look! What the heck is that?" There was someone, with his hair and his robe streaming out behind him and—you're not going to believe this—he was walking on top of the water. It was amazing!

Someone shouted, "It's a ghost! Help!!! What are we going to do?" And then someone said, "Guys, it is Jesus!" I said the stupidest thing, I said, "Jesus, if it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water too." And Jesus kinda grinned with a mischievous grin and said, "OK, come on then!" And he held his hand out to me. I carefully put my foot down in the water and . . . It was like walking on the ground. It was amazing. And I took one step, and then another, keeping my eyes on Jesus' hand stretched out towards me.

I was nearly there when a little voice in my head said, "Peter, this is so stupid. Have you noticed the wind and the waves?" And I thought, "Help! I just remembered I can't swim! I'm going to drown!" And immediately I began to sink. I shouted, "Jesus—glug-glug-glug—help!!!" And suddenly I felt a strong hand grabbing mine and pulling me up again. It was Jesus saying, "Peter, Peter, you were fine while you were looking at me, but when you looked at the waves, you began to sink." And he held on to my hand, and we got into the boat. And, the wind suddenly stopped. And all the guys in the boat said to Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God."



You know, I never forgot that time. And I remember when life gets difficult "I have to keep my eyes on Jesus—think about him, talk to him" (because he is still with us even though we can't see him). And I have found that the storm might not stop straight away as it did that day—but I will be safe because of the power and love of Jesus, the Son of God.

You can read the story in the Bible in [Matthew 14 22-33](#)



We made boats with oranges and strawberries and paper



The children and even some adults "walked on our water and the "lake". See more pictures on Facebook.



Next Time - Thursday April 18, 5 – 7 pm.

Doors open 4:45pm.



Come and find out what Jesus did with his friends and water, just before Easter.

Check out www.rockonlocke.ca/what-we-do/messy-church and www.facebook.com/sjemessychurch

We learned a new song

When the water's rough and deep
Fix your eyes upon Jesus.
He alone has power to keep
Keep your eyes upon him
Jesus is a gentle friend
One on whom you can depend
He is faithful to the end
Fix your eyes upon him

Here is a maze to have fun with.

Jesus Walks On Water. Matthew 14:25

