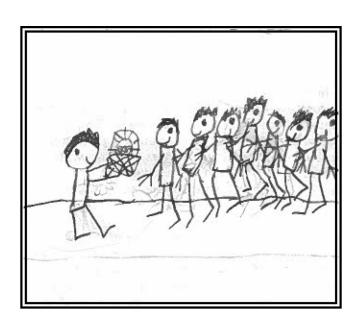
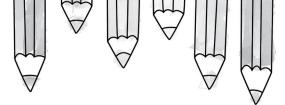


# **Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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Name: Cophia Wales Age: 7



## Just a word from Mr. Mac

#### Claude E. McRoberts III . Senior Minister

Dear Children,

While swimming this summer, have you tried to walk on water?

If you tried to walk on water, how long would it take for you to sink down into the water?

We have a swimming pool at our house, and when my son was very close to your age, when we would get home from church, he would try (IN HIS CHURCH CLOTHES) to get on the raft and go from one end to the other without falling off the raft (IN HIS CHURCH CLOTHES). And even now he still enjoys jumping off the side of the pool onto the raft ... FEET FIRST. But guess what? He falls every time. He can't stay on a raft standing up much less walk on water.

#### Only Jesus can walk on water!

Only Jesus, because He is God. He made the world and everything in it. He made the seas and all that they contain. He brings storms in, and He takes storms out. He rules the seas, the oceans, the rivers, the ponds, and yes, the swimming pools. And He can walk on water.

In our passage this morning, Jesus walks 3-4 miles on the sea of Galilee ... in a storm ... to His disciples who are scared for their lives! And He gracefully walks on the water like it's no big deal. In fact, it scares the disciples more to see Jesus than the actual storm!

But when He tells them, "It is I; do not be afraid," they are glad. The storm stops (completely! Even the waves become as calm as if there had been no storm.). And they are immediately where they were headed to minister to more people.

Jesus was teaching His disciples a lot of things, and in doing so, He is teaching you and me a lot of things. I hope you will listen to this very important story in the Bible today as I preach. And have a good time talking this week with your mom and dad about this story.

I love you,

Mr. Mac



# Do you have a: Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for? Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

#### Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear	Mr.	Mac,	
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## A Guide to Family Worship July 19 - July 24

Suggested questions for mom and dad to use this week:

- 1. Mom and Dad, once again, why not read the passage (John 6:16-21), and then you and/or your children tell the story in your own words. Acting it out at home can be very fun.
- 2. Discuss the word "sovereign" with your children. A big word that could change their lives forever; certainly make God even bigger in their eyes.
- 3. Read the parallel passages in Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:45-52. They provide lots of details that John does not, including Peter's attempt to walk on the water.
- 4. Talk about and encourage your children with the truth that Jesus is praying for them ALL the time.
- 5. And finally, try to get very personal and intimate with your children about how much Jesus is their Savior and Friend. How can they apply Jesus' words: "It is I; do not be afraid?" And how cool is it to have a Friend so powerful?!

#### THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!! 10 EASY STEPS

- #1 Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.
- #2 Try really hard to make the same time every day.
- #3 It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.
- #4 Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.
- #5 Sing a song or two together.
- #6 Take prayer requests.
- #7 Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.) Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks.
- #8 Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.
- #9 <u>Have a Leader of the Day:</u> they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/or tell something that happened to them that day.
- #10 Dad, pray this over your children: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

# Sermon Art

Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

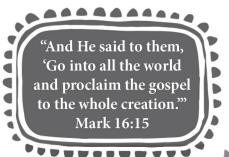
# This week's lesson is on

Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).

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## Meet Our Missionaries!



#### Jonah and Jennifer Ninevah

Trinity supports the work of "Jonah and Jennifer" whose work is so sensitive that we cannot share their actual names or location. Their Muslim country is ranked within the top 5 of all nations for extreme religious persecution against Christians. Radical factions are the most visible threat, but the most common source of danger for converts is their own families, since conversion from Islam is seen as cause for shame or even blasphemy. In spite of this hostility, the church exists and even meets regularly and openly in some places although covertly in others. When COVID began to shut things down in their country in the Spring of 2020, Jonah and Jennifer returned to the US to live close to their daughter and her family although they plan a return to their country when travel restrictions are lifted. Jonah uses Zoom for preaching, teaching, and discipleship so he is reaching even more of his countrymen now who are scattered around the world.

# Music and Hymns

## #689 "Be Still, My Soul"

Have you ever gone through a hard time and you didn't know what to do or where to turn? This hymn reminds us to be still and know that God will take care of everything. He is the one Who rules the waves and the wind. He tells everything what to do and He created everything. He has a plan for your life, even when your own plans don't go the way you think they should. Proverbs 16:9 says, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Trust God and rest in Him during times of sadness. He loves you; be still and rest in Him.

## #529 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Verse one says "Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded, love Thou art." Jesus is pure love. 1 John 4:8 says "God is love." Divine love is quite different than the love we know here on earth. We, as humans, love people, but we can never truly grasp the love Jesus has for us; His love is so much deeper. He is willing to forgive us no matter what we have done. He loves everyone and wants them to be with Him forever. This is why he offers us the free gift of salvation if we will just believe in Him. Jesus loves all people, even bad people that we would never think of forgiving. He is willing to forgive them right now if they are willing to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Isn't this is an amazing love?!

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. James 5:7



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