

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

STUDENT LESSON

**JESUS GROWS
OUR FAITH IN
UNCOMFORTABLE
SITUATIONS**

Open it

1. Describe a time when you felt scared to do something, but you did it anyway. What gave you the courage to face your fear?

Daily Devotions

Day 1 — Today's Theme: Explore It

Start with a prayer asking God to quiet your mind and open your eyes to read His truth in the Bible today.

Read John 6:16–21.

2. Why did Jesus withdraw to the mountains by Himself?
3. When did the disciples leave for Capernaum?
4. How far did the disciples get before they saw Jesus?
5. What was the disciples' reaction to seeing Jesus?
6. What did Jesus say to the disciples?
7. How did the disciples respond?

Day 3 — Today's Theme: Jesus Christ, Our Living Hope

Read John 6:19–21.

“Don’t believe the lie that always struggling to obey God is a worse lot in life than disobeying Him with peace. God did not make us to ‘feel good inside’ (or outside) all the time this side of Heaven; He made us to share in the sufferings of Christ, that we might also share in His resurrection. And the reality, for many, is that the resurrection kind of life in these areas of death isn’t always postponed until the life to come. But you won’t know that until you’re willing to go to the cross for as long as it takes to die (Jared Wilson, *The Imperfect Disciple*.)”

In Exodus 14, God brings the nation of Israel right up to the Red Sea where they’d be trapped – the Sea ahead of them and the Egyptian army behind them. But Exodus 14:4 says that God did this so that he “will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.”

Because what would happen is God would part the Red Sea so that the nation of Israel could cross over on dry ground. They would be delivered from their impending death (at least that’s what they thought was going to happen). In the same way, Jesus doesn’t just part the waters, but he actually walks on the water and saves His disciples from the storm.

11. What do you think Jesus is wanting His disciples to understand about who He is? What kind of deliverance does Jesus offer that Moses never could?

12. The last verse says that the disciples were glad to bring Jesus into the boat. It was their desire to bring Him in. Oftentimes, it takes scary or unpredictable times to allow Jesus into our lives. Is there any area of your life where you haven’t “invited Jesus in”? What’s holding you back from inviting Him into that area of your life?

What do you think might happen if you invited Him into that area of your life?

13. God not only uses difficult times to help us grow closer in relationship with Him, but He also uses difficult times to grow our faith, to grow our confidence of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. What is one aspect of your faith that God has solidified through a difficult circumstance?