



# ART SPARK

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## It floats! It don't...

Exhausted, I sent my students in a boat across the lake. I sent the crowds away and climbed the mountainside to pray. The work is never ending. My task is daunting at times, but essential. My love for them is great and my strength must be even greater. So I pray "O Guardian of all, You are my refuge and my strength" (Ps 46:1). As I was praying the sun crossed the sky. The wind blew strong and the water swelled. In the darkest hours of the night I concluded my prayers and rose refreshed. I began the long journey across the water to my pupils. As I approached the boat I heard a frenzied commotion. I called out to them immediately! "Have courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!" Silence fell over the boat and then Peter replied "Lord, if it is really you, then tell me to come out to you on the water." I thought, "Oh, Peter! Your faith is strong." "Come!" I said. Peter climbed out of the boat and walked to me on the water! My heart sang with joy at his conviction. Truly, he is the rock on which my church will grow. (Matt 14:22-29)

## Connecting

Questions? Concerns?  
Feedback? Let me know!

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## Bl-Ooblek

I wonder what Jesus was praying about on the mountain. I wonder what Jesus was thinking as he walked across the water to meet his disciples. What wondering questions do you have about this story? Today we are going to make ooblek; a substance you have to focus on to make it hold its shape. When Peter lost his focus on Jesus and turned his attention to the wind and the waves he started to sink. It is important to remember that we need to keep focused on Jesus if we are to love and serve God to the best of our ability. When we lose focus on Jesus things can get a little bit... well, messy.

Ooblek supplies: A bowl, a spoon, 1 cup cornstarch, 1/2 cup water, and food colouring (optional).

Instructions: Add the cornstarch to the bowl. Add 6-8 drops of food colouring to the water. Add the coloured water to the bowl and stir! Voila! Ooblek! Experiment with the measurements to find the best consistency.

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous hand." (Isa 41:10)*



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