

Jesus Calms the Storm

Theme

Jesus calms the storm.

Object

If possible, have a boat that the children can sit in while listening to the Bible lesson. (If that isn't possible, you could use an imaginary boat or arrange chairs in the shape of a boat.)

Scripture

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" Mark 4:38 (NLT)

How many of you have ever been out in a boat on the water? Since our Bible lesson today is about Jesus and his disciples in a boat, I thought it might be fun if we listened to our lesson today while sitting in a boat. Would you like to do that? OK, climb in. Now that you are all in the boat, it would probably be a good idea if I got in the boat with you. It wouldn't be a very good idea to send a bunch of children out in a boat by themselves. What if they got out in the middle of the lake and something bad happened? What if a storm came up? Have you ever been out in a boat when a storm came up? First the wind started to blow, then came the rain, thunder, and lightening. Oh my, that is quite frightening, isn't it?

Well, that is exactly what happened in today's Bible lesson. Jesus and his disciples had been traveling all around the countryside and Jesus had been teaching and performing many miracles. When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they climbed into a boat and set sail to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was very tired, so he was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a pillow. Suddenly, a fierce storm came up. High waves came up and the boat began to fill with water. The disciples were afraid and went and woke Jesus. "Teacher," they shouted, "don't you care that we are going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he spoke to the winds and the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly, the wind stopped blowing and the sea became calm. He turned to the disciples and said, "Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith?"

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

At the beginning of the lesson, I climbed in the boat with you so that I could help you if something happened. As we sail through life, things are going to happen. We will face many storms in our life. They may not be the kind of storms that we talked about in today's lesson. Perhaps we may face a serious illness or a family problem. We might make a wrong decision or fall in with the wrong crowd at school. When you face these problems on the sea of life, who do you want to have in the boat with you? I know who I want! I want Jesus. He can calm every storm. If you take Jesus with you day by day, he will be there with you in the storm.

Our Father, we know that each day we will face difficult situations. We are thankful that as we sail through life, you are always there to calm the storms. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Whos In Your Boat Group

Group Activities

Interactive Group Activities

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Sermon Title: ["Peace! Be Still!"](#) or ["Who's in Your Boat?"](#)

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

ROCKING BOAT RELAY: Divide the children into groups of three. Two of the children will pick up the third child in the group carry him to the finish line on the other side of the room. In this activity, the two children represent a boat which is carrying the third child to the other side of the lake.

"QUIET BE STILL" RUN: Let the children run around, shout, and sing until the teacher blows a whistle and says, "QUIET! BE STILL!" Everyone must "freeze" until the whistle blows again and then the children can resume their singing or shouting until another whistle blows when children will once again "freeze" and the teacher will call out "QUIET! BE STILL!". Continue to play the game several times as time permits.

BUILD A BOAT: Let the children build and decorate a boat made out of Styrofoam. (Available at craft stores, or you could use Styrofoam take-out containers from a restaurant, etc.) Use toothpicks and a piece of cloth for the sail. If a large tub (such as a plastic under-the-bed storage unit) is available, the children could float their boats as they listen to the Bible story today!

STORM CLOUDS: Give the children supplies to draw storm clouds on a piece of construction paper. Give the children markers to write various "storms" that can happen in our lives today. Write a "storm" on each cloud. Children could then draw a sun and write JESUS GIVES PEACE IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM.

BOAT VERSE PUZZLE: Give the children an outline of a boat that has been cut out of heavy paper or card stock. The teacher will write today's Bible verse on the boat with some words left out for the children to fill in! Have the children decorate the boat and fill in the blanks of the Bible verse. When they have finished decorating their boat, they will cut their boats into 6 or 8 pieces and pass their cut up Bible boat puzzle to another child to try to put the puzzle together!

BUILD A BIBLE STORY: Give the children various sizes of cut out pieces of construction paper such as squares, ovals, circles, triangles, etc. Tell the children to glue the pieces onto a sheet of construction paper to show today's story. Let the

children take turns telling the story and explaining their picture and what they learned from today's story and what STORMS that they may face in their lives.

"PEACE, BE STILL" SKIT: Let the children get into a pretend boat and rock with the waves. One child can be Jesus and pretend to sleep at the other end and as the teacher or another classmate reads today story, the children can play act as the WINDS BLOW HARD and the waves are high and the water is coming into the boat! At the end of the story, have the child who is portraying Jesus stand up and say, "PEACE, BE STILL!" Let all the children then get into the pretend BOAT and throw a small ball back and forth as each one who catches the ball tells about a "storm" that they might go through as a child.

FIVE BOATS OF PEACE: The teacher can have five outlines of boats on a poster board. Title the poster board "Five Boats of PEACE." Let the children discuss ways that we can find PEACE and CALM in our life. The teacher can write key words for finding peace on the boats. (Suggestions: Prayer, Bible, Promises, Faith, Trust, Thanksgiving, Praise, Ask, Seek.)

BOAT SNACKS: Have gold fish crackers, gummy worms, and juice for the children to enjoy inside the pretend boat!!!

Song: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

[Words and Music](#) (pdf) 

[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track (right click to save to your computer)

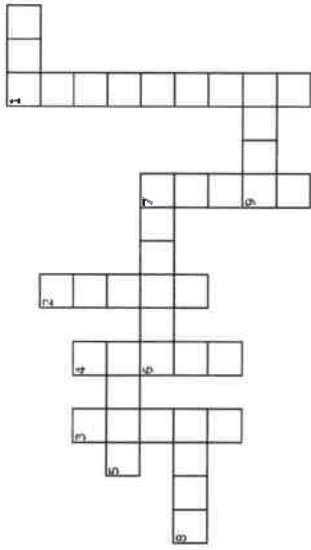
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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. A period of twenty-four hours
5. A body of water that is surrounded by land
6. To have a feeling of fear
8. A relatively small craft which travels on water
9. A raised movement of water rolling across the surface of the sea

DOWN

1. The original followers of Jesus
2. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
3. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
4. To be calm, without much activity
7. To die by being underwater and unable to breathe

PEACE	STORM	DAY	DROWN	AFRAID
DISCIPLES	LAKE	BOAT	WAVE	FAITH



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Who's in Your Boat?

Mark 4:35-41

Word Search Puzzle

A F R A I D J T E E Q E L A J
 K T D Y Z E T U F Q Z F Z W I
 S T I L L N L Q A S I C G O D
 E V E N I N G W I N D B A H W
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CUSHION	CALM	LAKE	WOKE	WAVES
SLEEPING	STORM	AFRAID	WATER	WIND
DISCIPLES	BOAT	JESUS	DROWN	FAITH
SILENCE	STILL	EVENING	OBEY	HEAD

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Word Jumble

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the answer.

BAOT	□ □ □ □	2
DOWRN	□ □ □ □ □	4 3
WEAVS	□ □ □ □ □	1
CMLA	□ □ □ □	5



When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!"

Mark 4:39a (NLT)

JESUS CALMS A	□ □ □ □ □
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PUZZLE CLUES

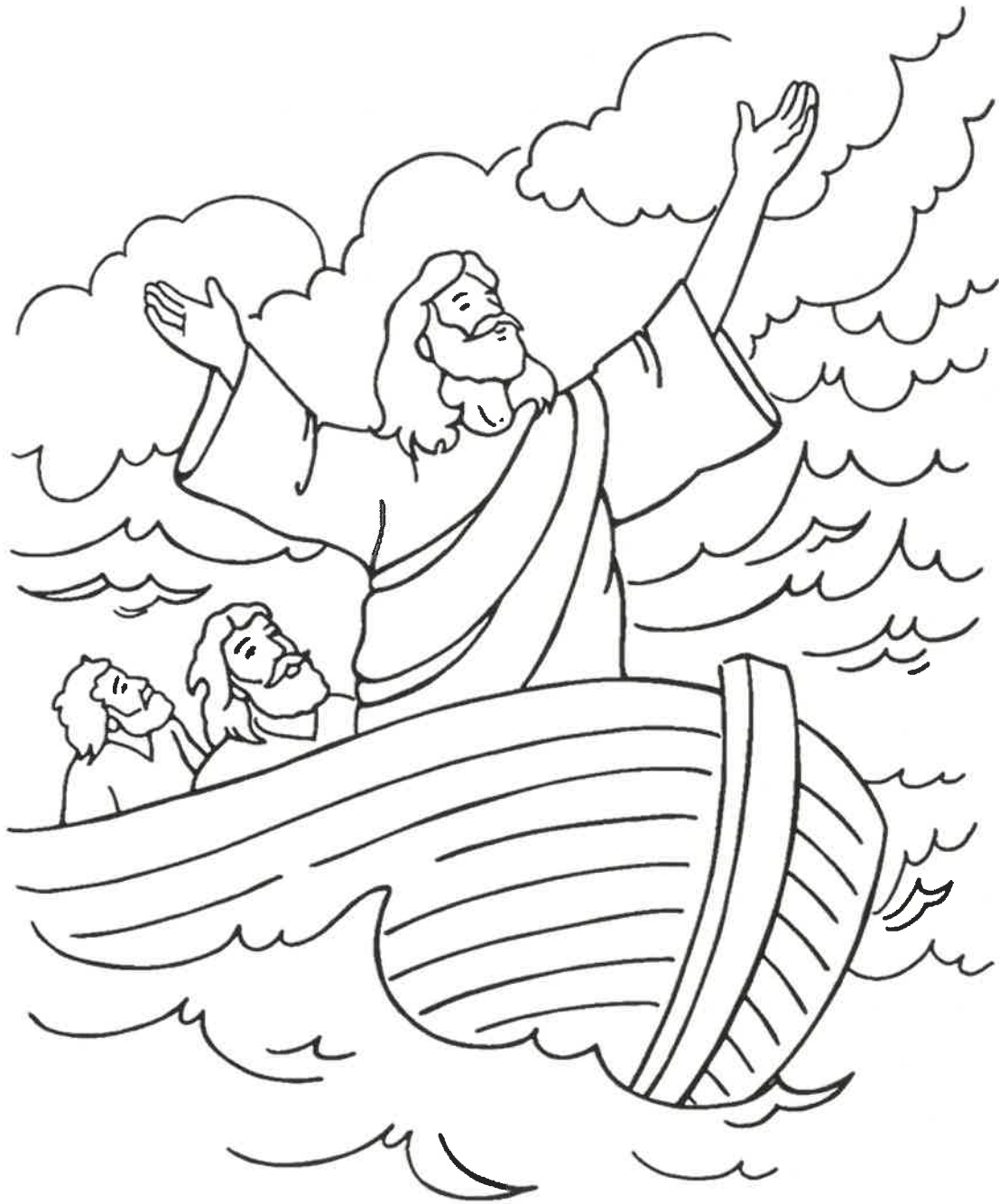
1. Jesus and his disciples got in a _____.
 2. The disciples were afraid that they were going to _____.
 3. Jesus spoke to the wind and the _____.
 4. After Jesus spoke, the sea became _____ on the sea.
- Answer: There was a fierce _____ on the sea.
Check your answers in Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)

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The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Mark 4:41 (NLT)

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