



November 1, 2020
3's and 4's

JESUS CALMED A STORM | Matthew 8; Mark 4; Luke 8

Memory Verse: ²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

Bottom Line: I depend on Jesus because He is in charge.

Christ Connection: *Jesus' disciples knew Jesus was a good man and a good teacher. But when Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, He showed His disciples that He is also God.*

Leader Notes:

CONTEXT

After a long day of teaching, Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. When their short sailing trip was interrupted by a violent storm, the disciples found themselves in danger with nowhere to turn- except to the One who created all things.

Several of the disciples were experienced fishermen. They had spent significant time on the Sea of Galilee, but this storm was so strong that the waves overtook the boat. The disciples were afraid they would drown. As the disciples panicked, what was Jesus doing? He was sleeping!

The disciples woke Jesus. The situation was out of their control, and perhaps they felt forsaken by God. But their reaction was full of irony: “Teacher! Don’t you care that we’re going to die?” (Mark 4:38)

The disciples obviously did not know why Jesus had come to earth. Jesus had come to rescue people from sin. In dying on the cross, Jesus would truly be forsaken by God. (See Matt 27:46) Jesus would die the death the disciples- and all sinners- deserve so that they could live forever with God. Did Jesus care the disciples were going to die? Absolutely. But He was going to rescue them from something worse than drowning. Jesus would save them from spiritual death.

Jesus calmed the wind and the waves. He displayed His power over creation and demonstrated that He is truly God. God has power over the wind and the waves. (See Job 12:15; 28:25, Psalms 33:7, 107:25-30; Amos 4:13)

As you teach this Bible Story, seize the opportunity to share the gospel. Help them understand the truth the disciples did not yet fully grasp. Who is this man? He is the Messiah, the Savior, and the Son of God.

TODAY’S TAKEAWAYS

- Every miracles of Jesus teaches us something about Jesus.
- Jesus was more than a good teacher. He is God.
- Jesus calmed a storm to show the disciples He is God.
- Be amazed by Jesus not just His miracles.
- **Bottom Line:** I depend on Jesus because He is in charge.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (15 minutes)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and small group leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day’s Bible story.



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Play it Out:

What You Need: rhythm instruments

What You Do:

- Pass out a rhythm instrument for each kid.
- Ask kids to leave the instrument on the floor till you start the music.
- As you play music in the background, give instructions for kids to shake their instruments like this... (You can use this poem to help. (Shake your instrument and shake them high. Shake your instrument and shake them low. Shake your instrument and shake them high. Shake those instruments around you go. One, Two, Three, Four)
- Then ask kids to help lead the group. When they shake their instrument others will follow what they do.
- Kids can keep instruments to use during worship in song or you can put them away.

What You Say: "We can all learn from one another, though God has especially gifted some people to teach. The best teacher ever was Jesus! When Jesus taught people, everyone was amazed. We will hear what Jesus taught people in our Bible story today!"

Worship

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible Story today."

Story Time: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Engage kid's hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

What You Do: Place a book mark in Luke 8 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it.

What You Say: "The Bible is the true story about God. Today's story about Jesus is told in not one, not two, but three books of the New Testament. It appears in the Books of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Talk about the Bible Story:"

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat. Jesus was tired, so He laid down and went to sleep. A great windstorm came, and the waves were tossing the boat. Jesus' friends were afraid, and they woke up Jesus. They said, "Lord save us! We are going to die!" Jesus got up and said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind stopped blowing and the waves were calm. Jesus asked His friends, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Jesus' friends were amazed. They said, "Who is this man? Even the wind and waves obey Him!"

Learn the Big Picture Question

What You Say: "Why did Jesus perform miracles and teach everyone? Jesus did this to show He is the Son of God and to direct people to God and His Word. When Jesus calmed the storm, He showed His friends that He is Lord of everything, even the wind and the waves.

Practice the Memory Verse:

Open your Bible to John 14:26. Read the memory verse aloud several times.

What You Say: "This verse reminds us that God gives us help to follow His Word. His Holy Spirit helps us



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remember everything we learn from the Bible.”

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (25 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Main Point that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leaders.

1. Blow boats along the water

What You Need: foam pool noodles (cut into 2 inch sections- 1 section per kid), foam sheets (cut into triangles as sails with holes punched top and bottom for straw), tape, paper, straws (1 per kid), hole punch, shallow plastic bin, water

What You Do:

- Give each kid a boat and straw with a triangle.
- Tape the sail to the top of the noodle piece to create a boat.
- Invite kids to take turns floating their boats in a shallow bin of water.
- Show a kid how to blow their straw to move her boat on the water.

What You Say ” We blew our boats around on the water. Jesus and His disciples were in a real boat on the water when Jesus calmed the storm. Jesus said, “Silence! Be still!” The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing. Everything was calm. That was a miracle- something only God can make happen. Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show that He is the Son of God.

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- o Show the poster to the kids.
- o As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- o Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include,
- o ““All (*sign for all*) this I have spoken (*sign for spoken*) while still with you (*Sign for here*).²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (*Sign for Holy Spirit*), whom the Father(*sign for God*) will send in my name(*Sign for Jesus*), will teach(*sign for teach*) you all things and will remind (*Sign for think*) you of everything(*Sign ‘all I said’*) I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**
- o **What You Say** ” Remembering everything you learn can be hard, but God’s Word is too important to forget! So Jesus didn’t just teach us about God, He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us remember. Let’s pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of God’s Word!”

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Pray-** “ Lord, we know that You are in control of all things. Help us trust You. Give us hearts that are filled with Your Spirit so we can love and obey You more each day. Amen.”
- Send boats home with kids and tell family that we are learning John 14:26 as our memory verse during this series. They can practice at home.