

Jesus' Power is Amazing Calming the Storm

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' power is amazing.

Calming the Storm • *Matthew 8:23-27*

Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

1. Stop the Storm

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning

What You Need: Floor tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape a large outline of a boat on the floor

During the Activity: Invite the children to get in the boat with you and help you act-out today's Bible story.

After the Activity: Talk about how amazing it is that Jesus has the power to stop a storm.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. We heard an amazing story from the Bible about Jesus stopping a storm! Get in the boat with me so we can talk about it."

During the Activity: "Is everyone in the boat? Good! Today, we'll pretend we're Jesus' friends, the disciples, and this is a boat. We're riding in the boat with Jesus, and there is water all around us. Let's rock side-to-side like this (*demonstrate*) because our boat is floating on the water. (*Encourage the children to gently rock side-to-side with you.*)

"As we sail along, a big storm comes! It starts to rain and thunder, and the boat rocks even harder, like this! (*Encourage the children to rock in a big motion side-to-side with you.*) Being in a boat on the water during a big storm is very scary! Someone get Jesus! Tell Him we need help! Everyone say, 'Help us, Jesus!' (*Encourage the children to say, 'Help us, Jesus!' several times with you.*)

"Jesus stands up and tells the storm to stop . . . AND IT DOES! Look, there's no more rain or thunder, and we're rocking gently again. (*Encourage the children to gently rock side-to-side with you.*) Everyone say, 'Thank you, Jesus! You are amazing!'" (*Encourage the children to say, 'Thank you, Jesus! You are amazing!' with you. Repeat acting-out the story if time allows.*)

After the Activity: "Jesus has the power to stop storms because Jesus is God's Son. That makes Jesus amazing! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

2. All in the Boat

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, *Bottom Line*, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “All in the Boat” Activity Page (print page 3, sample on page 4), cardstock, corrugated bulletin board border in two different blues, scissors, large craft sticks, crayons, double-stick tape, and stapler

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “All in the Boat” on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Cut bulletin border into eight-inch lengths, two per child (one of each shade). Stack the two different blue borders together with the back border higher than the front and staple along each side.

During the Activity: Have children color the boat and the disciples. Tape the boat cutout to the craft stick and slide in between the two bulletin borders. Show children how to move the boat back and forth.

What You Say:

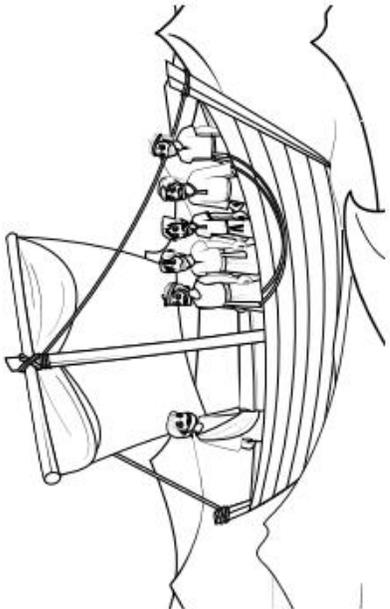
Before the Activity: “Friends, have you ever been on a boat? Today in our story, Jesus and the disciples were on a boat when a big storm came. Let’s make a boat craft to help us remember the story.”

During the Activity: “Color your boat and the disciples. *(Pause.)* Now tape the boat to your craft stick. *(Pause.)* Slide the craft stick into the waves and move it around like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Keep it moving. When the disciples were out in the boat during the storm, they were scared. They asked Jesus to help. He stood up and told the storm to stop, and it did. Stop your boat. *(Pause.)* Jesus had the power to stop a storm.”

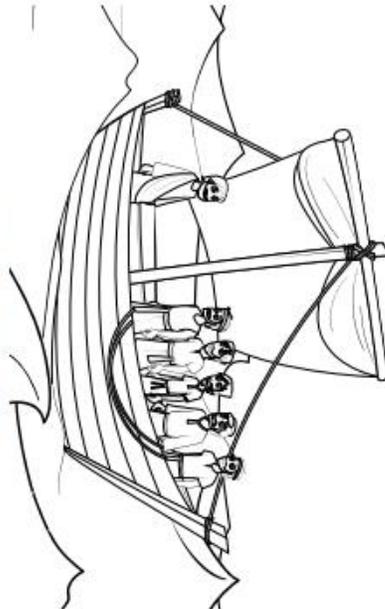
After the Activity: “Jesus is God’s Son, and He is out-of-this-world amazing. Only Jesus could stop a storm. **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**”

Prayer

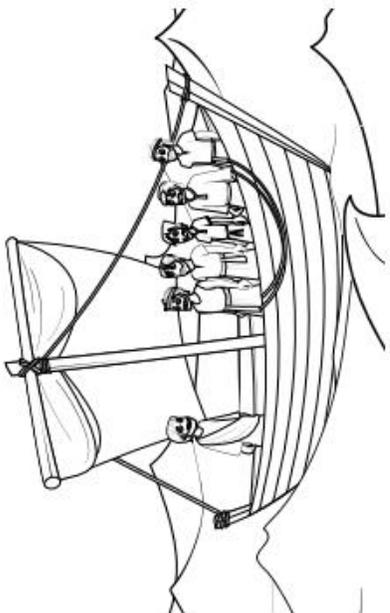
Parent: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us when we’re afraid. Help [child’s name] remember that Jesus is with [him/her] when [he/she] is afraid of [what child listed]. Help [child’s name] remember that Jesus is with . . . *(continue with each child.)* Jesus is amazing, because He has the power to do anything! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



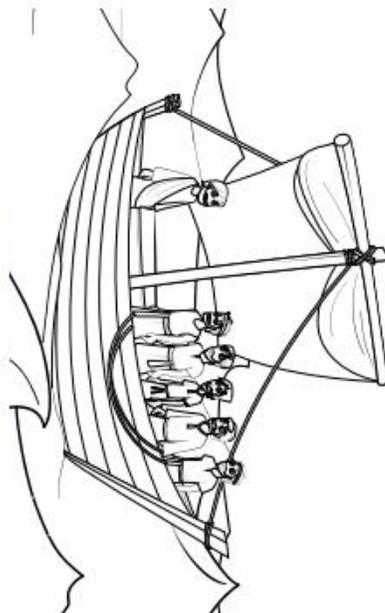
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