

Worship at Home June 20th 2021

Jesus Calms a Storm. Mark 4:35-41

Introduction: Have paper and crayons out or if possible black paper and chalk. Ask each person to draw a picture of a storm. What are things we might see or hear in a storm? How can we draw those things?

Read Matthew 8:23-27, or from a Picture Bible or watch clip [Jesus Calms the Storm - YouTube](#)

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with His disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then He got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey Him!"

Ask: Imagine that you are in a boat, out in the middle of a lake. Suddenly, storm clouds roll in out of nowhere, rain starts pouring down, and the waves are so high that they're sweeping over the top of your boat. You start to get scared. That's what was happening in the story we just read. During this fierce storm, what was Jesus doing? He was sleeping!

Ask: Do you enjoy sleeping when it's raining outside? It can be very peaceful when you hear the rain hitting the roof of your house. But what about when it starts storming with thunder and lightning? It can be more difficult to sleep during a thunderstorm. But Jesus didn't have any trouble sleeping! In fact, the disciples woke Jesus up by yelling at Him. Can you believe they were yelling at Jesus? The disciples knew that Jesus was the Son of God. God knows everything. Don't you think Jesus knew that there was a terrible storm? Of course, He did! So, Jesus got up and said, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then, Jesus stood up and told the wind and waves to stop. Jesus brought peace in the middle of the storm.

In your life, you will face storms, and I'm not just talking about the weather. Tough times with your family, friends who hurt your feelings, being worried about things that could happen... These are all "storms" that can come up in your life. But no matter what you're going through, God can give you peace.

Sometimes we try to give ourselves peace by saying things like *Everything is going to be okay* or *You've got this*.

But those words are based on feelings that we have when we're trying to make ourselves feel better with a pep talk.

God's peace is real. It's not just a pep talk that makes you feel good for a little while.

God's peace is permanent. It never changes—even when everything around you changes.

God's peace is a gift; you don't have to earn it. It's absolutely free.

The next time you're upset or feel like you're going through a storm, turn to God.

He is the only one who can give you real peace.

Clips: [Jesus Calms The Storm - YouTube](#)

[Kindergarten Year A Quarter 2 Episode 2 "A Big Storm" - YouTube](#)

[Jesus Calms the Storm | Bible Story | LifeKids - YouTube](#)

Songs: [Jesus Calms a Storm \(in the style of Gilligan's Island's Theme Song\) - YouTube](#)

["LOOK AT THE WAVES" | Kid Song | Sunday School Song | Jesus Calms the storm - YouTube](#)

[My God Is Powerful | Everest VBS Music Video | Group Publishing - YouTube](#)

Activity 1: Storm in a bottle.

Here is what you need:

- * A jar
- * A toothpick
- * Oil (baby oil is best, because it is clear, but I used vegetable oil and it worked fine too)
- * Food coloring
- * Paper and cardboard
- * Packing tape
- * Super glue

1. Wash the jar and remove sticky stuff from outside.
2. Fold a piece of cardboard in half and cut a little boat shape out of it. Use your scissors to cut a little hole in the bottom of the boat.
3. Cover the front and back of a small piece of paper with packing tape and cut a small sail shape out of it. Use your scissors to cut two small holes along the flat vertical edge of the sail.
4. Poke the toothpick through the hole in the boat and holes in the sail. Trim toothpick with scissors. Now you have your little boat.



5. Fill the jar part way up with water.

6. Drop some blue food coloring into the water. Drop your little boat in the water. It should float upright. Fill the rest of the jar with oil. Make sure you fill all the way to the top so that there are no air bubbles.



7. Apply super glue to the rim of the jar or to the lid. Screw lid on tightly.

Sources: Mission Bible Class, Sunday School Zone, Having Fun At Home

Activity 2: Colour and fold.

Print out the sheet below, one for each child. Colour the pictures and fold to show the storm and the calm sea.

[Tia Alê's Blog: JESUS CALMS THE STORM! - MIRACLES OF JESUS \(blogtiale.blogspot.com\)](http://tiaale.blogspot.com)



