

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Lesson Plan:

1. *Activity:* Sit down with your children and have them draw a boat and a storm. Help them as needed. (Alternate: Have them make the boat from Play-doh.)
2. *Account:* Read the account to your children (below). Incorporate the drawings or Play-doh as desired.
3. *Application:* Share some applications with your children (examples below).



Jesus Calms the Storm (Paraphrased from Mark 4:35-41)

The account begins one day when Jesus had been sitting in a ship and teaching a huge crowd of people who were on the land. (There were other little ships near the shore there too.) Then, when it was nighttime, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's sail over to the other side of the sea." So, Jesus sent the huge crowd of people away and He and His disciples began to sail to the other side.

As they were sailing, an enormous storm with powerful winds came and the waves began to beat against the side of the ship! The waves were so big that the ship was beginning to fill with water! Jesus was in the back of the ship and He was asleep on a pillow. The disciples were terrified of the storm! They woke Jesus up and said, "Master, don't you care that we are about to drown!"

Jesus stood up and rebuked the wind. He said, "Peace, be still." And, immediately, the wind stopped and everything was very calm.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Why were you afraid? How is it that you still lack faith?"

The disciples were very afraid. They talked to one another and said, "What kind of man is that they even the wind and the sea obeys what He says?"

Application and Review: (Review the account and discuss some of the applications to your children. To encourage learning, consider giving candy or a reward when the kids get the answer right. Below are some examples.)

- What was Jesus doing when the big storm arose? (He was sleeping.)
- Were the disciples afraid of the storm? (Yes.)
- What did Jesus do to calm the storm? (He said, "Peace, be still.")
- Jesus said the disciples should not have been afraid. Why do you think He said that? (Because they were with Him and should have already learned from His many other miracles that nothing was impossible with Him.)
- What do you think it was like for the disciples to see Jesus calm the storm? (Jesus is so amazing, we can have great confidence in Him. We can trust Jesus in any situation.)