

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Jesus Calming the Storm from your children's Bible.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Try searching "Jesus Calms the Storm Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Jesus had been teaching a large group of people and was ready to rest. So he wanted to cross to the other side of the sea. Not many Jews went to visit this area because the people who lived there did not believe in God.

They were using a fishing boat, so it was small and would have been tossed around in the storm. Some of the disciples were professional fishermen, and they were even terrified by the storm!

The disciples had seen Jesus do many miracles but were terrified when the storm came. They thought that the storm was more powerful than Jesus. They didn't know that Jesus could also control nature!

→ The Sea of Galilee is Israel's largest freshwater lake. Even though it is a lake, it is called a "Sea". Today, it is called Lake Tiberias. The Sea of Galilee was known for its storms. These storms would come on quickly and intensely because cold air would come down the mountains and mix with the warm air by the Sea of Galilee. This would cause strong winds, which made large waves. ←

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Jesus Calms the Storm: Quickly map out the three main parts of the Story. (Jesus and his disciples start to sail across the Sea of Galilee, the disciples are terrified when a storm comes, Jesus calms the storm)

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Where was Jesus when the storm came?	QUESTION #2 How did the disciples feel when the storm came?
QUESTION #3 How did Jesus show his power in this story?	QUESTION #4 What did the disciples learn about Jesus?



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Step Three: Do the craft and activity.

Before the lesson, Gather a large tote (or kiddie pool) that can hold water. Fill the tote with enough water for paper boats to float. Gather paper and straws.

First, students will fold a paper boat. Use these instructions for folding a paper boat. I have included a few options.

5-Minute Paper Boat using printer paper by One Little Project ([written instructions](#), [YouTube tutorial](#))

Canoe-Style Paper Boat using square paper ([YouTube tutorial](#))



The boat above uses the YouTube instructions from One Little Project.

Next, divide students into small groups and have them place their boats in their groups' bin of water. Students will use a straw to blow their boats around in the water. Challenge students to blow at the water to see if they can make waves for the boat.

NOTE: Depending on the size of your groups and the size of your containers, you might want to instruct students to put boats in the container one at a time,.

If there is time, students should make a second paper boat to take home since their first boats will be very wet at this point.

Don't want to do a paper folding activity? Use a ping pong ball instead. Have students kneel around a table (or stand if the table is taller). Then, have them work together to blow the ping pong ball off the table. You could also do this as a competition by dividing students into two teams. They will try to blow the ping pong ball off the other side of the table. Teams get a point every time the ball rolls off their opponent's side of the table.

Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus Calms the Storm' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

There are three versions to choose from!

Choose the one that works best for your class: [a blank version](#) (add your own memory verse and big idea), [a pre-filled NIV version](#), or a [pre-filled KJV version](#).

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Matthew 8:27 (NIV) The disciples were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Big idea suggestion: Nature obeys Jesus.



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MEMORIZE THIS:

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What does this story teach us about God?

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MEMORIZE THIS:

But the men
 marvelled, saying,
What manner of man
 is this, that even the
 winds and the sea
 obey him!

Matthew 8:27 KJV

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