

SUMMER 2024

Unit 2, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Don't let cultural expectations define your role.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Everyone wants to tell you how to live your life! Sound counsel from a godly, respected individual is fine, but all counsel—especially from those immersed in the world—should be carefully weighed in light of God's Word. The culture of the world is ever-changing, so what the culture expects of us is fickle. God does not change, and when we see where God is at work, we can embrace that and join Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Ask your child if she has ever been afraid during a storm, like the disciples. Tell your child that Jesus is powerful because He is God's Son.

A large crowd of people had gathered by the lake. Jesus sat in a boat and spoke to them. The people sat on the shore and listened to stories that helped them learn about God.

Late in the afternoon, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's go across the lake." They left the crowd and sailed toward the other side. Jesus went to the back of the boat and went to sleep on a cushion.

While Jesus was sleeping, a big storm came up. Wind and waves rocked the boat. Water splashed into the boat. The disciples were afraid. They called, "Jesus! Wake up! We're in danger!"

Jesus stood up. He told the wind to stop blowing and the waves to be still. The wind stopped! The waves became calm and still! The disciples were surprised by Jesus' power.

KIDS

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Live It Out: Use the verses in the Daily Bible Readings to learn more about Jesus' power over nature. Because Jesus had power from God. Praise God for His power.

Jesus had been teaching people much of the day. When evening came, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's go to the other side of the lake." Jesus and the disciples got in a boat.

The disciples rowed across the lake and Jesus rested in back. A huge windstorm came up. Waves were crashing! The boat was in danger of sinking!

The disciples were afraid. They finally woke Jesus and said, "Teacher, don't you even care that we are going to drown?"

Jesus got up. He said to the wind and the water, "Silence. Be still!"

The wind stopped. The water was calm. The boat was afloat. Jesus asked the disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have faith in me?"

The disciples asked each other: "Who is this? Even the wind and the water obey Him!"

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-4; 23:15-18

- Why do you think Jonathan was willing to give his throne to David?
- When have you found yourself in the middle of a conflict between people you care about?
- How is God calling you to encourage someone in their faith?

Live It Out: We are products of our environment. We will certainly be influenced by the people we're around, but we are also responsible for the choices we make. Therefore, as much as it depends on us, we should surround ourselves with godly people. Further, we should take responsibility for every choice we make, seeking to honor God in all our ways.

It can be easy to let others' opinions and perspectives influence our lives more than is healthy, but God is our final authority and His Word is our ultimate source of wisdom. Ask your student if he or she has any questions about God's will for his or her life. Take time every day this week to pray together for God's direction and guidance.