

Jesus Calmed a Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus is: All-Powerful

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
-John 14:6

Summer Sunday Schedule:

8:55-9:05 - Welcome/arrival
9:10-9:30 - Project Station (classroom)
9:35-9:55 - Game Station (LG1)
10-10:20 - Story Station (LG2)
10:20-10:45 - Back to classroom;
snack and transition to 2nd service

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Take time to prepare your heart and mind by spending time in the Word reading Mark 4:35-41. Note your observations about Jesus' character and what truths you see so you can share them with the kids.

Through this story, we see Jesus' authority over all creation. This is a comforting truth, especially as we navigate the storms of life. Remind kids that Jesus allowed the disciples to experience the danger of the storm and gave them an opportunity to demonstrate their faith in Him. When we face hard things we can cling to Jesus in faith, trusting that His power will see us through.

We want our kids to see that the storms of life help us to see who Jesus really is. He cares when we are scared and He wants us to come to Him for help.



When the children arrive, introduce yourself, ask them their name, welcome them to the class, and invite them to play with the other children. When most kids have arrived for first service, ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.



LESSON OVERVIEW

- None

Ask the class: **Have you ever experienced a strong storm, hurricane, or blizzard? What was it like? How did you feel during the storm? If you were scared, did anything make you feel better?** (Allow responses)

Summarize Mark 4:35-41 and then discuss the following questions:

How did Jesus calming the storm show the disciples He is God?

Remind kids that as soon as the disciples saw Jesus calm the storm, they realized Jesus was no ordinary man. Tell kids that Jesus is God and only God has power over all creation.

What is faith? Did the disciples show faith in the storm? Why not?

Explain that faith is believing that God exists and that what He has told us about Himself in His Word is true. Remind kids that faith pleases God. Discuss how Jesus pointed out the disciples' lack of faith because they feared for their lives in the storm. Help kids remember that God can be trusted at all times and that when we trust in Him we display faith in who He is and His promises.

How did Jesus show faith during the storm?

Discuss how Jesus slept during the storm not because He didn't care about the disciples, but because He knew the outcome of the storm and was in control of the storm. Lead kids to understand that as God in flesh, Jesus is one with God and trusted in God's plans. Remind kids that it was not time for Jesus to die because He knew that He had come to die on the cross for people's sins. Encourage kids to think about how Jesus' faith in God can help us remember to trust God when we go through difficult times.



ACTIVITY:

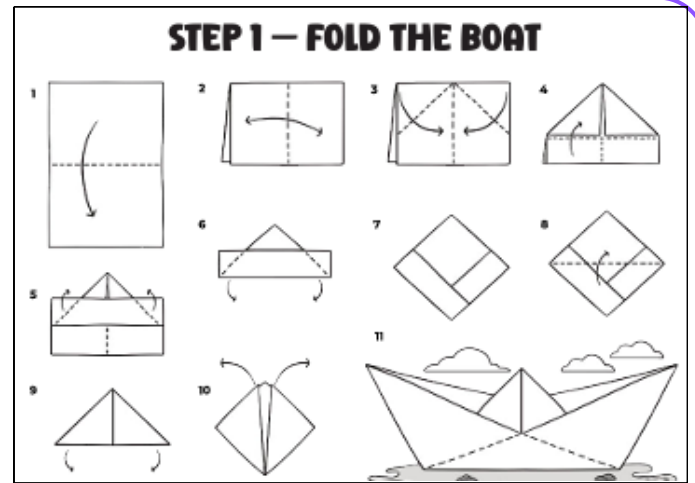
My Boat, My Storm, My Savior

- Colored Paper
- Pencils
- Markers

Pass out a sheet of colored paper to each child. Have them follow the steps to fold an origami boat.

****You probably want to try this ahead of time to make sure you understand the steps!**
This tutorial video is also very helpful and will be on the USB on your TV if you want to also play it for the class and pause it as you work through the steps together.

Watch the tutorial [HERE!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3N7EUi3-PG8)
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Afterward, talk about how Jesus cares when we are scared. In the middle of the storm, the disciples shout “Teacher, don’t You care that we are perishing?”

- Talk about how maybe they have thought something like that before - questioning if God even cares what is happening to them. Remind them that the amazing thing of this story is that Jesus doesn’t get mad or walk away. He stands up and speaks to the storm and makes it completely calm. Then He talks to His friends about their fear. Jesus cares about how each of them feel, not just about fixing the problem.

SAY: Jesus knows and cares! You don’t have to pretend to be “fine” with God. You can be honest. He always knows, but He wants you to bring it to Him. He may not take away the storm right away, but He promises to never leave you alone!

Encourage them to write ways they can trust Jesus in the storm on their boat. Have them share some of their ideas with the class.

- Pray about it! - Talk to someone you trust - Don’t panic! - Remind yourself of what you know is true about Jesus - He is good, He cares, He sees, He never leaves us alone



MEMORY VERSE GAME

Marble Maze

- Key Passage Poster
- Paper Plates
- Craft Sticks
- Pipe Cleaners
- Scissors
- Tape
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Marbles
- Paper cut-outs with words from verse

Practice John 14:6 together a few times.

Have each child find a partner.

Pass out a paper plate and marble to each pair and place an assortment of craft supplies on each table. Show them the example maze and explain how they can use their own creativity to make a marble maze for their verse.



Encourage the kids to map out a maze pattern using the paper words and whatever supplies they have on hand.

Show them how to make tunnels with strips of paper, road blocks with rectangles of paper, and even little paper “boxes” to catch the marble at the end of the maze. Use string or wooden craft sticks to create “boundaries”.

Help the kids glue or tape the objects to the marble maze. Encourage them to use a combination of glue sticks and tape for the tunnels. Finally, use a marker to map out the marble “trail” from word to word.

After the glue has dried, kids can play with the mazes by gently tipping the plate back and forth to guide the marble through the maze.