

JESUS CALMED A STORM



Bible Reference: Mark 4:35-41

Date: 8/16/26

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

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

Jesus is...

All-Powerful

Schedule

- Welcome/Arrival.....8:55-9:05
- Story Station (LG2).....9:10-9:30
- Project Station (Classroom).....9:35-9:55
- Game Station (LG1).....10:00-10:20
- Back to Classroom:.....10:20-10:45
 - Snack and Transition to 2nd Service

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our PreK and Kindergarten children as we journey through the life of Christ this summer! We encourage you to pray for the children's hearts to be open to new understanding of why we love and obey God!



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

A friend of mine recalled a childhood memory when he jolted out of bed in the middle of the night, ran into the hallway, and put his head between his knees. A tornado was ripping through his neighborhood.

As the storm passed over his family's house, it sounded like a train was roaring above them. And yet, when the winds and rain finally died down, my friend realized his brother never made it out of his bedroom. When my friend went to check on him, he was sound asleep. He had slept through the entire storm.

This image of peace amid chaos is similar to Jesus' disposition in this week's story of Him calming the storm. The disciples were experienced fishermen, but this storm on the Sea of Galilee was fierce. The waves crashed into their small boat, and the wind howled. They were convinced they were going to drown. Meanwhile, Jesus—the Son of God, their teacher and Lord—was asleep in the boat.

In panic, they shook Him awake and shouted, "Lord, save us! Don't you care that we're going to die?" Jesus stood up and said to the wind and the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Instantly, everything stopped. The sea became as smooth as glass.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and asked, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Jesus was reminding them it doesn't matter how strong the storm is outside the boat when Jesus is inside the boat.

When the storms of life rise—whether it's a health crisis, financial struggle, broken relationship, or deep anxiety—it's easy to feel like Jesus is "asleep" in your life. This story, however, reminds us that He is still in control—and He never loses His sovereign grip.

As you teach kids this week, help them see that the same Savior who calmed the wind and waves that night still speaks peace into the chaos of our lives today.

OUTLINE

Welcome and Arrival

8:55-9:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

Sail Blocks on the Floor

- Lead each child to choose a block from the room. Guide the kids to pretend the ground is a lake as they slide their blocks across the room. Instruct adult leaders to play out being a storm and block the children from crossing the lake. Play as long as there is interest.
- **SAY** What happened when you were trying to sail your boats across the lake? [Allow responses.] That's right; a leader stepped in front of you, pretending to be a storm! Storms can be scary. In today's Bible story, Jesus and His disciples were in the middle of a storm. Can you guess who has the power to calm a storm? [Allow responses.] That's right, Jesus has the power!

Play a Matching Game

- Find the nature matching cards in your bin. Show the cards to the kids and ask them to describe what they see. Arrange the cards facedown in a grid. Challenge the kids to play a memory game by taking turns flipping two cards to find a match. Continue until all the cards have been matched. Play again if the kids are interested.
- **SAY** We saw different nature pictures. Which picture is your favorite? [Allow responses.] These pictures remind me of our story and how Jesus showed He has power over nature when He calmed the storm. Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He forgives our sin and gives us life with God forever. We can share this truth with those around us too!

Play A Freeze Game

- This game resembles "Red Light, Green Light." Instruct the children to line up in an open area, with you on the opposite side. Tell them that when you show the blue paper and say **STORM**, they freeze; when you show the yellow paper and say **CALM**, they take two steps. Whoever reaches your side first may shout, "Jesus calmed the storm!" Play again as time allows.
- **SAY** In the story, Jesus was tired and sleeping in the boat. When the storm came, the disciples were afraid. They woke Jesus to ask for His help. Jesus told the wind to stop and the waves to be still. The wind stopped. The waves were calm again. Jesus showed the disciples that He is God. Jesus is God's Son! He has power over everything. We can trust in Him to save us from our sins.

Story Station (Large Group 2).....9:10-9:30

Project Station (Classroom) 9:35-9:55

Jesus Calms the Storm Spinner

- Give each child one of the 'Jesus calms the storm' circles and one of the half circles with Jesus and the disciples. place crayons or markers on each table and encourage the children to color both pieces. As they finish coloring, give each child a metal brad. Help them stack the half circle on top of the full circle, then put the metal brad through both holes and bend it in the back to secure. Show the children how they can hold the front piece and spin the full circle to watch the sky change from stormy to sunny. Remind them that Jesus showed his disciples that he is all-powerful by calming the storm.

Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- Jesus is all-powerful! He has control over all things, even the wind and the waves.
- Jesus is fully God and Fully Man.
- Jesus knows and cares when they are afraid or worried.
- They can trust Jesus in the storms of life.

Sample Questions:

- What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- What surprised you in the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- What was Jesus doing when the storm started? (sleeping)
- Why did the storm suddenly stop? (Jesus told the wind to stop blowing and the waves to be still.)
- Who has power over nature? (Jesus)
- Is the Bible true? Yes, the Bible is true.

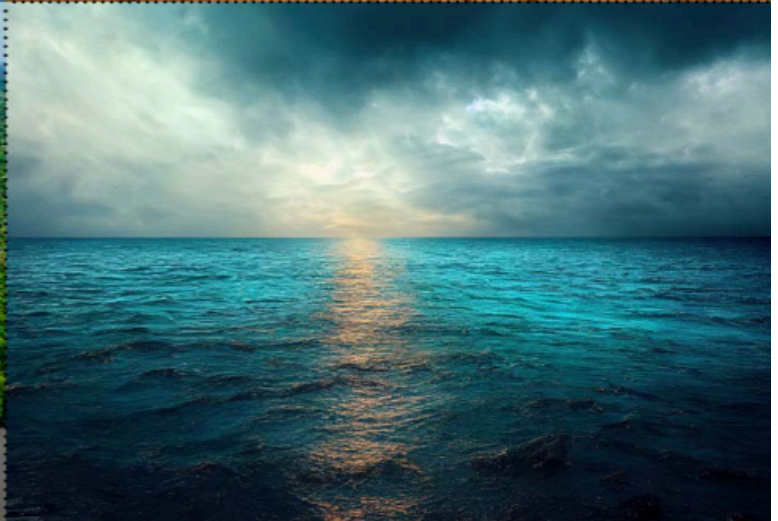
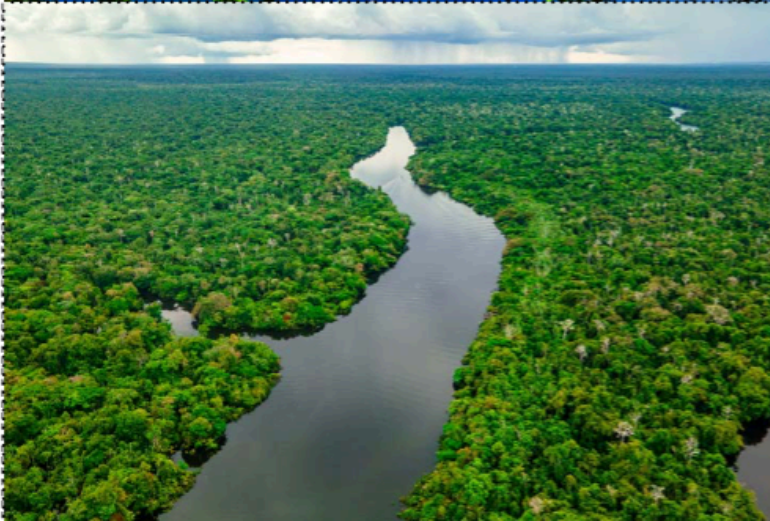
Practice Memory Verse

- Read the memory verse aloud. Say the memory verse together while making it "rain" using snapping, clapping, rubbing hands together, stomping feet, and so on.
- SAY The disciples were actually with Jesus in the boat when the storm came. The disciples were afraid. Jesus calmed the storm to show the disciples that He is all-powerful. Even though storms can be really big and might be scary, Jesus is still more powerful!

Game Station (Large Group 1).....10:00-10:20

Back to Classroom.....10:20-10:45

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