

JESUS CALMED A STORM



Bible Reference: Mark 4:35-41

Date: 8/16/26

Age: 2's/3's

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6

Jesus is...

All-Powerful

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10
- Bible Story.....11:10-11:25
- Craft/Coloring Page;.....11:25-11:35
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:35-11:50
- Snack Time at Tables.....11:50-12:05
- Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our 2- and 3-year-old children as we journey through the life of Christ! 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

Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play 10:40-11:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the 3 activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in all 3 activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Play a Mirror Game

- While standing, invite children to gather in a group, standing facing you. Make sure each child can clearly see the front of you. Instruct them to watch what you do very carefully and to copy you as you do motions as if they were looking in a mirror. Slowly raise an arm, then lower it. Raise the other arm, then lower. Slowly lift your knee, then lower it. Repeat the process with different slow motions as time allows.
- SAY You watched me carefully as I did different motions. You tried to do the motions exactly like me, but sometimes they were not like me. Our key passage phrase says, 'Jesus shows us what God is like.' Jesus shows us exactly what God is like. When Jesus calmed the storm, He showed us that He is the Lord and that He has power over everything.

Wave Streamers

- Give two streamers to each child. Lead children to wave streamers slowly at first, then begin to move them faster and higher like the waves in today's story. Urge children to suddenly stop the streamers' movement when you give the signal for them to stop. Consider playing an instrumental musical piece whose tempo varies throughout the song.
- SAY When Jesus and His disciples began to cross the sea in the boat, the sea was so calm that Jesus fell asleep. But then a storm came suddenly, and the waves got bigger and bigger and bigger until they woke Jesus up. What do you think Jesus did next that amazed the disciples? Jesus calmed the storm by telling it to stop.

Make it Rain

- Guide children to work together to make the sounds of a thunderstorm. Invite children to start by rubbing their hands together, then clapping quietly, next patting their knees, and then to stomping their feet. Finally, guide children to all say "Boom!" together to represent thunder. After this, guide children to make the "storm" stop by going back to patting their knees, clapping quietly, and rubbing their hands together.
- SAY It was fun to make it sound like a thunderstorm in here with you. Our thunderstorm ended gradually, but Jesus stopped the thunderstorm in our story with just His voice! He said, 'Silence! Be still!' and everything was quiet. This showed the disciples that Jesus has power over everything. He is Lord of all. He is God. He can do things that no one else can do.



Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05–11:10

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

11:10–11:25

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 334–339 in the Beginner's Bible. Use the printed pictures or the Bible in your room to share the story with the children. If you are viewing this document online, there is a scanned copy of the story later in the document.

Jesus Calms the Storm

- Jesus and his disciples got into a boat. They wanted to cross the sea.
 - Jesus took a nap. The waves gently rocked the boat back and forth.
 - Suddenly a great storm came up. Waves splashed over the boat. Winds whipped around the disciples.
 - They woke Jesus up and shouted, "The boat is sinking! Don't you care?"
 - Jesus asked, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all?" Then Jesus told the storm to stop. Right away it was calm.
 - The disciples were amazed. They said to each other, "Who is this man Jesus? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"
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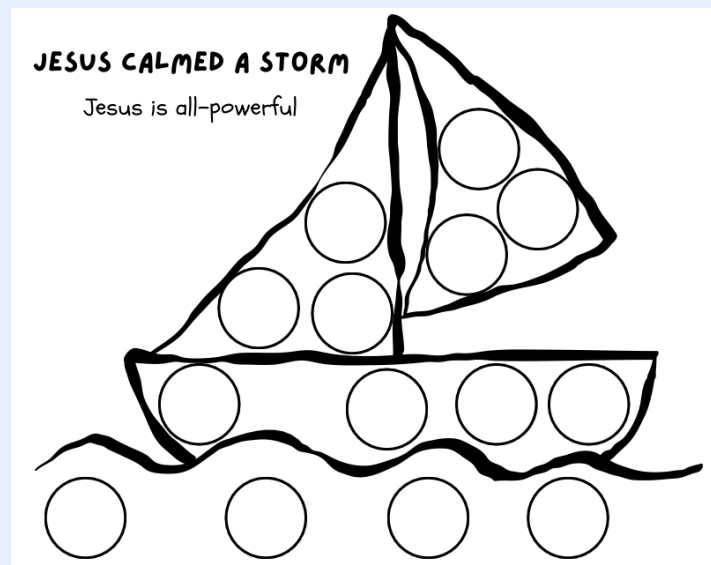
Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **Jesus is All-Powerful!**

Dot Boat

- Give each child a 'Jesus Calmed a Storm' craft page and a sheet of dot stickers. Encourage children to fill each circle on their page by placing a dot sticker in the center. Place crayons or markers on each table for children to finish decorating their page after they are done using stickers.



Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:35-11:50

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use there words or your own to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear Jesus, thank you for showing Peter that he can trust you. Help us remember that we can trust you just as much now as he did so many years ago! In your name we pray, Amen.



Memory Verse

- “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” John 14:6
- Remind kids that our story today shows us how Jesus shared the truth with the Samaritan woman! We know he is the **Messiah** and it is good to follow Him.
 - I am the way- point forward with both hands
 - the truth- hold your hands together like a book
 - and the life- Hold your hands over your head and wiggle your fingers
- This is our sixth week learning John 14:6. Say each section of the verse separately and teach the children the motions that go along with it. Practice the verse section by section with the children several times, then say the verse all together with the motions several times. Children learn through repetition! You may also find it helpful to keep the children engaged by moving around as you practice the verse (say it standing up, sitting down, walking around the room like a parade, etc.)

Snack Time at Tables

11:50-12:05

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

Free Choice Play

12:05-12:15

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





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Matthew 8:23-27

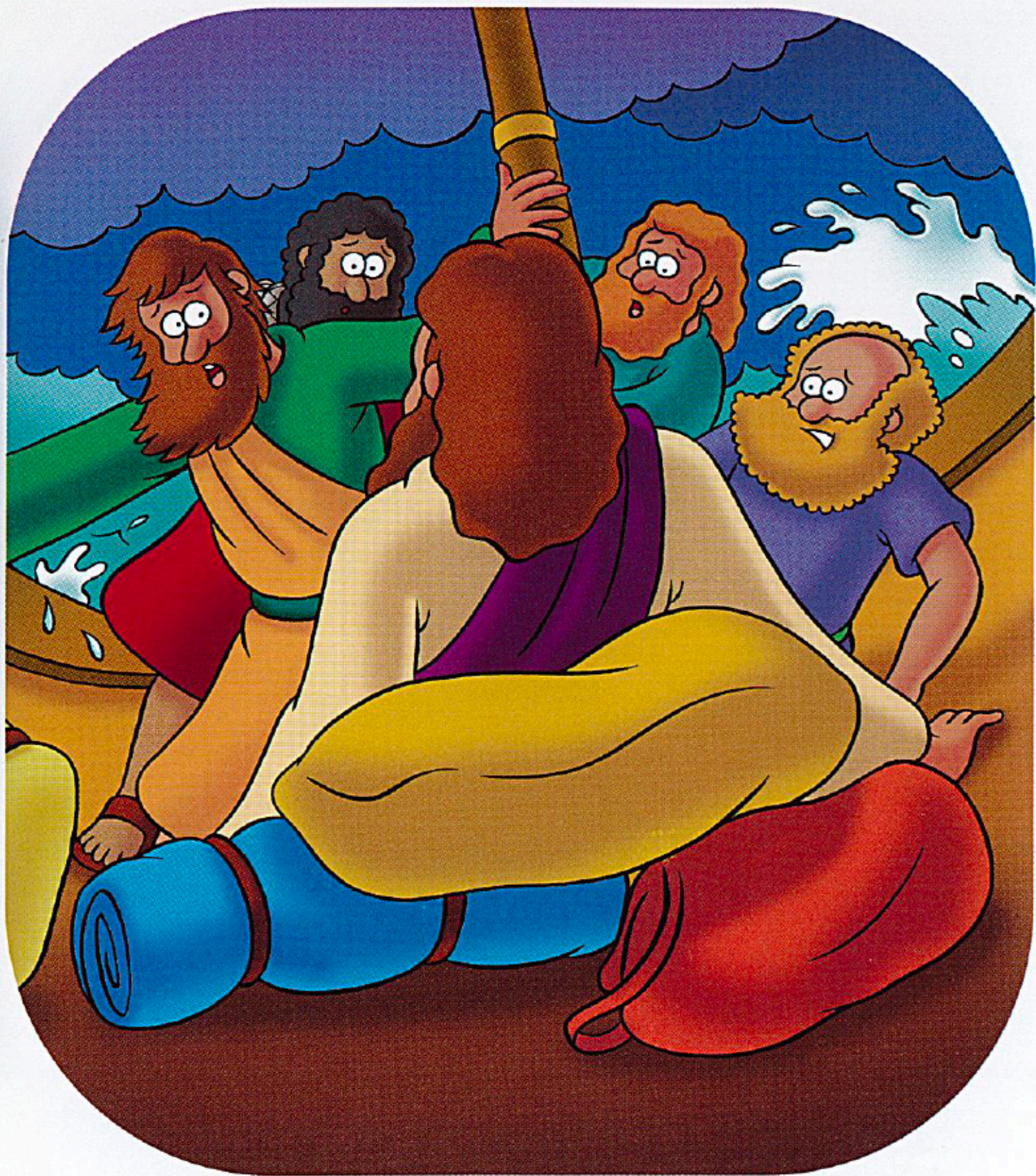
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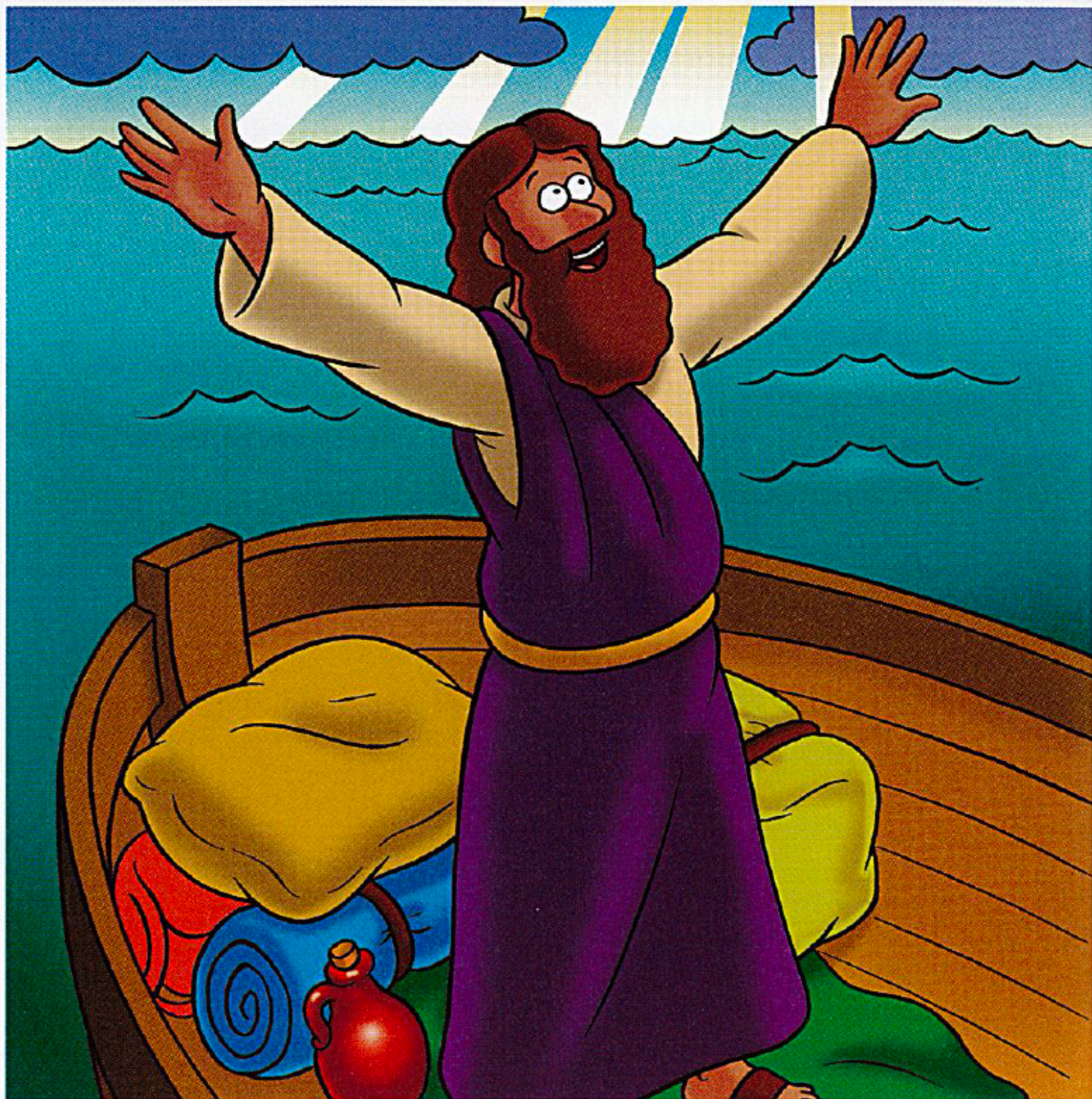
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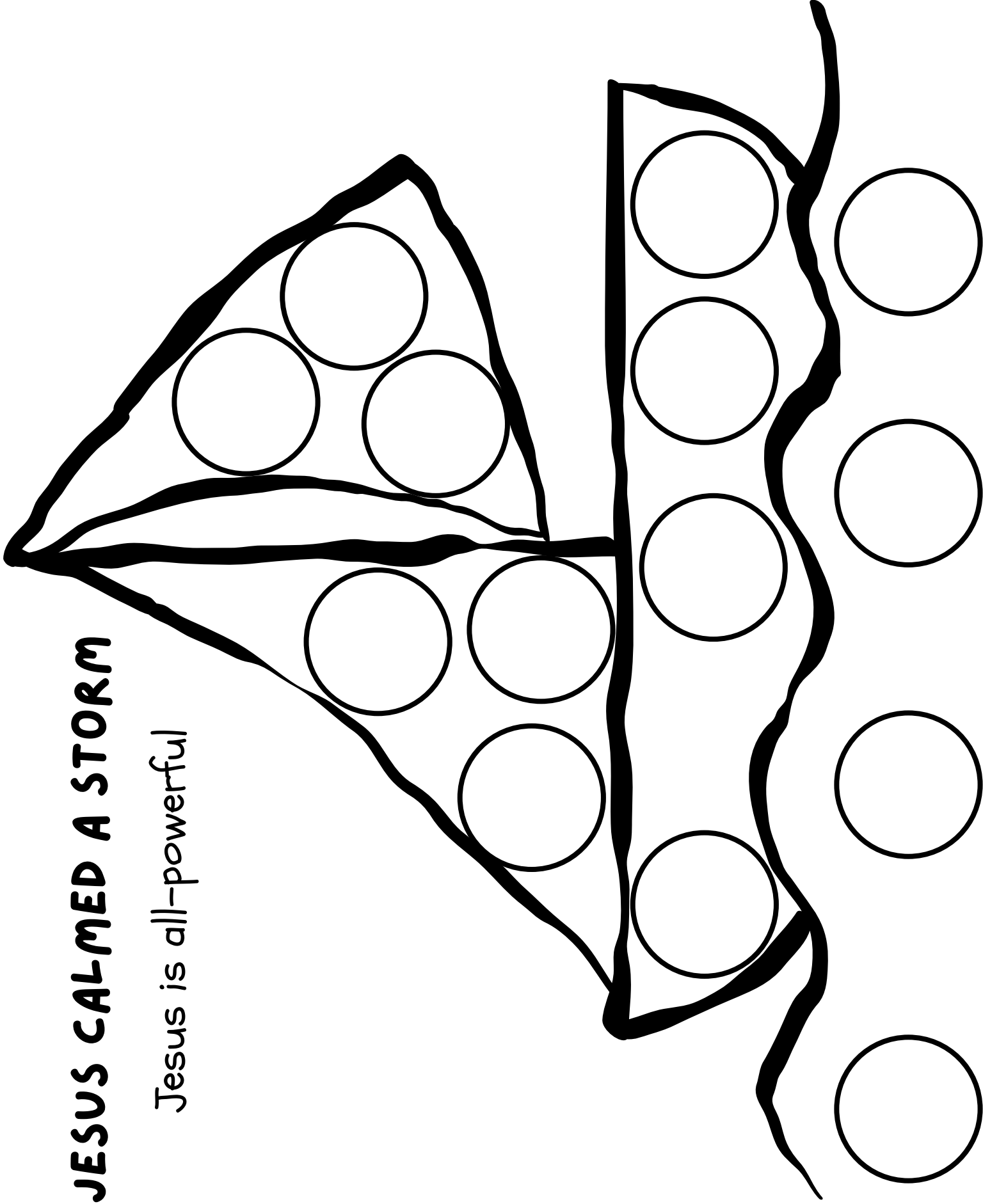
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Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

One night Jesus and His friends were sailing across the lake in their boat. Jesus was very tired. He lay down in the back of the boat. Soon He was asleep.

Suddenly, the wind began to blow. The wind blew harder and harder. The little waves got bigger and bigger. The big waves hit hard against the little boat. Water splashed into the boat. The boat was filling with water.

Jesus' friends were afraid. But Jesus slept quietly through the storm.

"Jesus! Help us!" shouted a friend. "Don't you care that our boat is sinking?"

Jesus woke up. Jesus stood up and said, "Quiet! Be still!" And just like that, the wind stopped blowing. The big waves stopped splashing.

"Why were you so afraid?" Jesus asked His friends. "Don't you know that I will take care of you?"

Jesus' friends were amazed that the winds and the waves had obeyed Jesus.

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