

Bible Discovery

Hold up a Bible. **Today we'll hear a story from the Bible about a time Jesus and his friends were in a boat. Jesus had been out with his friends teaching people about God. Then it was time to say goodbye, so they got on a boat to cross a lake. Do this with me.**

- Wave goodbye.
- Have Crews pretend to step into a boat as they get in knee-to-knee circles.
- Pretend to row the boat on a lake.
- Happily sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" together.

Jesus was tired! He lay down in the back of the boat, rested his head on a cushion, and took a nap.

- Have children curl up on the floor and put their hands under their heads and then pretend to sleep.

Let's hear what happened next.

 Read aloud Mark 4:37.

Uh-oh! A big storm came over the lake. Do what I do!

- Have Crews sit up.
- **The wind is blowing so hard! It's rocking our boat!** Sway back and forth, arms high, like the wind is blowing. Blow air like the wind.
- **The waves are crashing all around!** Have everyone throw their hands up in the air. If you'd like, walk around and mist everyone with the spray bottle.
- **Listen to that thunder!** Have everyone call out "Ka-boom!"
- **Oh no! The boat is filling with water!** Pretend to scoop out water.

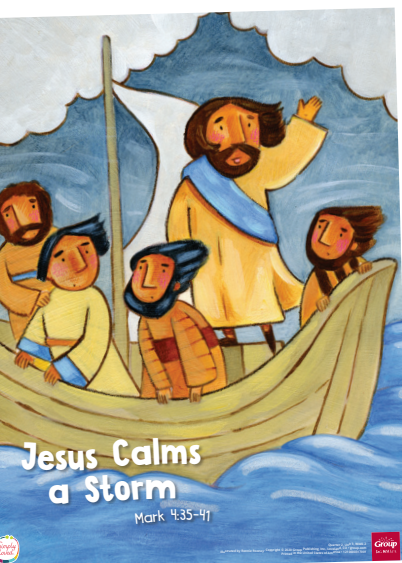
Show the Bible Story poster. Invite kids to point out the boat, the stormy waves, the disciples, and Jesus.

Supplies

- Bible
- "Jesus Calms a Storm" Bible Story poster
- spray bottle filled with water (*optional*)

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.



What was Jesus doing during the storm? Let's read and find out!

 Read aloud Mark 4:38.

Jesus was still asleep! His friends were so scared, they began to panic. Do this with me!

- Wave your hands in the air.
- Shout, **"Help us!"**
- Wave your hands in the air.
- Shout, **"Rescue us!"**

Jesus' friends thought the boat might sink. But **Jesus rescues us. (Yay, Jesus!)**
We can always ask for his help. What do you think happened next? Put your hands in your lap and let's find out!

 Read aloud Mark 4:39-40.

Wow! Jesus really came through! Do what I do.

Jesus woke up, *(yawn and stretch)*

He looked around. *(put hand over brow and peer around)*

Then he said, "Storm, calm down!" *(put hands out in front of you and lower them)*

Jesus' friends were so relieved—Jesus had saved them. But they were still a little scared. They'd never seen anyone calm a storm before, and Jesus had calmed the storm just by speaking. Wow! **Jesus rescues us. (Yay, Jesus!)**



Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.