

Jesus Has Power Over Nature

KEY THEME

- God has authority over His creation.

KEY PASSAGES

- John 1:1–3
- Matthew 14:22–27, 14:33
- Luke 5:4–7

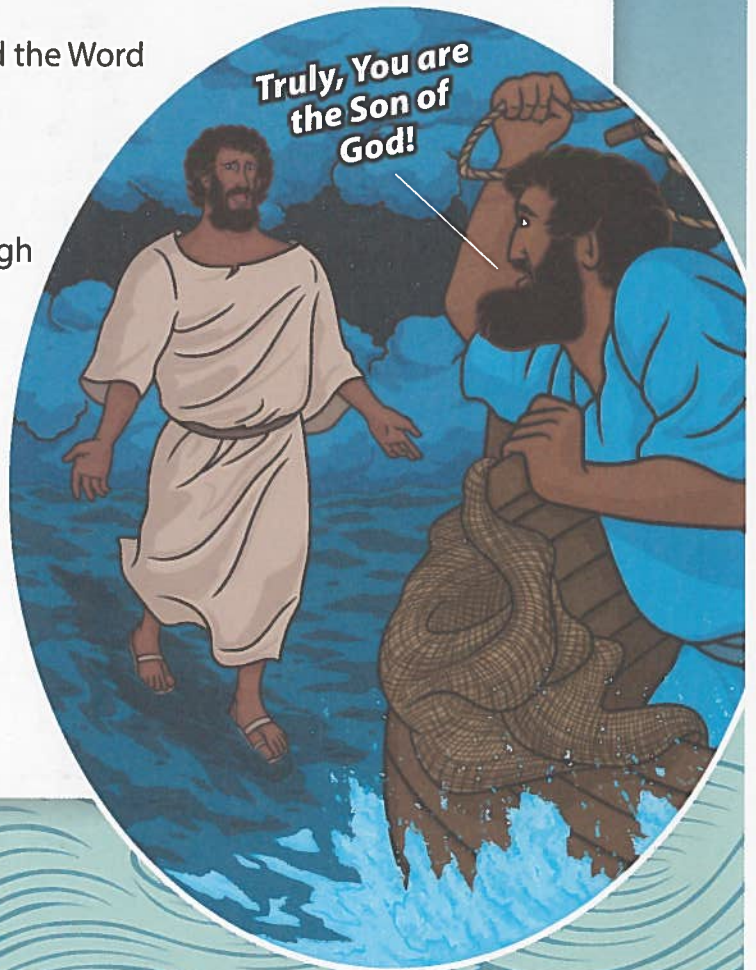


What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- Jesus is the Creator God. Everything was made through Him.
- Jesus has power over nature. He could calm storms, walk on water, and cause great catches of fish.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1** The Bible says the Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1–2). Who is the Word?
- 2** The Bible says all things were made through Jesus (John 1:3). What does that tell us about Him?
- 3** What did Jesus prove His power over when He walked on the water and calmed the sea?



Read the Word

Monday (John 3:2)
Nicodemus saw Jesus's signs. Who did he think Jesus was?

Tuesday (John 5:36)
Who sent Jesus?

Wednesday (Mark 2:10)
Jesus could heal people. But what else can Jesus do?

Thursday (John 10:30)
Who is Jesus one with?

Friday (John 14:11)
Who did Jesus say was in Him?

Saturday (Matthew 11:5)
What are some of the miracles Jesus did?

Learn the Word

Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks

And this is _____ life, that
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they may _____ You, the only
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_____ God, and Jesus Christ
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whom _____ have sent.
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John 17:3

LIVING WORD a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

The beginning of the Gospel of John talks about the Word. Fill in the words to find out who the Word is. (John 1:1-2, 1:14) Write down the letter of the alphabet that comes BEFORE the one used in the coded words on the lines provided for you. Here's how it works: B becomes A, M becomes L, T becomes S, and so on.

1. In the

C	F	H	J	O	O	J	O	H

 was the

X	P	S	E

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2. And the

X	P	S	E

 was with

H	P	E

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3. And the

X	P	S	E

 was

H	P	E

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4.

I	F

 was in the beginning

X	J	U	I

 God.

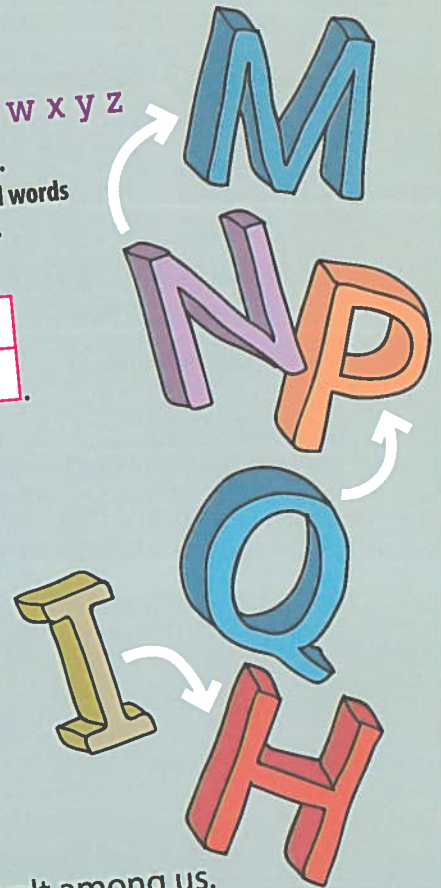
5. And the

X	P	S	E

 became

G	M	F	T	I

 and dwelt among us.



MIRACLES SHOW JESUS IS GOD

Find the words from the lesson in this word search puzzle.



STORM
WAVES
WATER
NETS
FISH
BOATS
LORD
SIMON
GOD
CREATOR
MIRACLE
WORSHIP

LIVE the Word

What if your friend asked you why God allows things like storms, earthquakes, and hurricanes? Why doesn't He just stop those things, like Jesus stopped the storm? **What could you say?**

When Jesus stopped the storm, He wanted His disciples to know that He is the Creator God! He still controls everything that happens on earth. He can cause earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes. And He can will them not to come. We have to remember that when God created all things, He created them perfectly. There were no terrible storms in His original plan. But Adam sinned and brought corruption to the world. And we sin, too! God hates sin. Sin separates us from God. When things happen like terrible storms, we learn more clearly what living without God is like. And sometimes those very storms help us to realize how much we NEED God! When we know we need God, believe that God sent Jesus to be punished for sins He did not commit, and trust Jesus to forgive our sins, we will be saved and go to heaven for all eternity. THEN the storms will be over for good.

SNEAK PEEK

Why did Jesus heal a blind man?
Come next week to find out!

HomeWord

For Parents

Jesus is the Creator of all that is. Jesus is the Sustainer of the entire universe. As Creator and Sustainer, Jesus has authority over His creation—over every atom. It is no problem for Him to change water into wine (John 2:1–11) or to multiply bread and fish (John 6:1–14).

In this lesson, we looked at two accounts from the Bible where Jesus demonstrated His power over nature. These included the miraculous catch of fish, walking on the water, and calming the storm.

As the disciples witnessed Jesus's miracles, they began to get a better understanding of who this man, Jesus, was. A defining moment for Jesus's disciples, and particularly for Peter, was the calming of the storm, recorded in Matthew 14. After Jesus walked out to them on a stormy sea, Peter showed his faith when he said to Jesus, ". . . command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). Jesus commanded Peter

to come, and Peter walked on the water. Wow! What faith! Peter is often scoffed at for his lack of faith that caused him to sink, but none of the other disciples got out of the boat!

At the end of this episode, Jesus got into the boat and commanded the storm to be still—and nature obeyed its Creator. The account finishes by telling us that "those who were in the boat came and worshipped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God'" (Matthew 14:33).

Yes, truly Jesus is the Son of God—God in the flesh—the Creator of all that is. He has power over nature. He walked on the water! He calmed the sea! He produced an overwhelming catch of fish! These things, and so many more, He did so we would know that He is the holy, omnipotent God.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord

For Family Discussion

What if your friend just can't believe some of the things the Bible says Jesus did? He just thinks it couldn't be true! **What could you say?**

The Bible was written by reliable eyewitnesses who were careful to write what was true. God inspired them to write down everything in it, including the part about miracles. The Bible is God's Word, and He does not lie. The miracles of Jesus actually happened. Jesus performed miracles to show that He was God and that God sent Him and approved of Him. Jesus's disciples saw Him walk on water, calm the storm, and cause Simon Peter's great catch of fish. Many witnesses saw Jesus's miracles and believed He was God as a result of them. The miracles in the Bible are true. They really happened. And they reveal that Jesus is the one true God, who alone should be worshipped.

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For Family Study

"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word" (Psalm 119:114). Where does confidence in God's protection and hope in His Word come from? Teach your children where real hope lies—read and memorize Scripture together.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

