



JESUS CALMS THE STORM



Matthew 8:23-27

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!"



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet

TABLE #2 - Water bin with boats

Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Remind preschoolers we can “look” at Jesus by remembering His words in the Bible. Discuss the following situations:
- **When we are scared of a storm or the dark:** Psalm 89:9 [God] rules the mighty sea. He calms the stormy waves.
- **Afraid to try something new:** Joshua 1:9 “Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don’t be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go.”
- **Do not want to do what your parents say:** Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents the way the Lord wants. This is the right thing to do.
- **Today, we will learn how Jesus’ friends were afraid and who they asked for help.**



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Options: 1) Read the story from The Beginner’s Bible page 334; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

God is good and always right.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the June 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Assist preschoolers with learning the key passage.

Psalm 145:17

Everything the Lord does is right.

With love he takes care of all he has made.



ACTIVITIES

BOATS ON THE SEA

- Using the rocking seats, encourage preschoolers to take turns rocking the chairs back and forth. Make sounds like wind and rain. Review the story while having fun.
- **What did Jesus do when He got on the boat? Why were the disciples afraid of the storm? Who did they seek for help? Who calmed the waves and wind? We can always trust Jesus to help us. No matter what we are experiencing, we can always ask Jesus for help. He will never leave us.**

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FLOAT BOATS

- Allow interested Preschoolers to test items which float and which do not. Keep the towels close by for quick clean up. Encourage preschoolers to blow on the boats to move them across the water.
- **Have you every been on a boat? How about the ferry to Seattle? Can you imagine what it would be like to be inside the boat in a large storm? Jesus is so powerful that He calmed the storm and made the water still. Is God good? Yes! Is God always right? Yes! Can we trust God? Yes! Does Jesus care for us? Yes!**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.