

September 24
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS CALMED A STORM
MATTHEW 8; MARK 4; LUKE 8

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus' friends knew He was a good teacher. When Jesus calmed the storm, He showed that He is the Lord. Jesus has power over everything.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Is Jesus God or a person? Jesus is both God and a person.

KEY PASSAGE: *No one has ever seen God, the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

John 1:18

Key Passage Phrase: Jesus shows us what God is like. John 1:18

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to join you in group time. As children arrive, guide them to sit and to make the sound of rain by repeatedly patting their hands on their legs. Then lead them to clap their hands loudly several times to make thunder. Guide children to alternate between patting and clapping as they make the sounds of a storm in the classroom.

SAY We made a pretend thunderstorm by patting our legs and by clapping our hands. How do you feel when there is a thunderstorm? In our Bible story today, Jesus and His disciples were in a boat during a storm. His disciples were very afraid. Let's hear what happens.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date

(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY We have a new big picture question and answer this week. The question is, Is Jesus God or a human? What an important question! The answer is, Jesus is both fully God and fully human. We see this truth in our Bible story today. Only someone who is fully human would be tired enough to take a nap on a boat, but only someone who is fully God can tell the wind and the waves to be still!

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Why did the disciples wake Jesus? (*The disciples were afraid. If the boat filled up with water, it would sink.*)
3. The disciples were afraid during the thunderstorm, when are times you are afraid? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary. If a child discloses abuse or neglect, report it to the proper authorities.*)
4. Do you think Jesus can control things that cause you to be afraid? (*Yes, Jesus is fully God and fully human, so He is in control of all things.*)
5. ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***

SAY *Jesus and His disciples got into a boat and began to cross the sea. The disciples steered the boat, and Jesus fell asleep on a cushion. All of a sudden, a storm came. The disciples were afraid. If the boat filled up with water, it would sink. Jesus' disciples woke Him up. They said, 'Lord, save us!' Jesus got up and spoke to the wind. Then He spoke to the sea. Jesus said, 'Silence! Be still!' When Jesus spoke, everything was calm, and Jesus' friends were safe. The disciples were amazed. They said, 'Even the wind and the waves obey*

Him' Jesus' disciples knew He was a good man and a good teacher. When Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, He showed His friends that He is the Lord. Jesus has power over everything He made.

5. PRAY

SAY *Jesus, You know what we need because You are fully human, just like us. But unlike us, You are also fully God and can help us with all of our struggles. Help us to trust You. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

PLAY A GAME: BE STILL

Invite preschoolers to take turns leading the other preschoolers in an action such as marching, waving arms above their heads, and bending to touch toes. Each leader will select an action for the other children to do. Then, the child leading the other preschoolers will say, "Silence! Be still!" just as Jesus did in the Bible story. Once the leader says "Silence!" instruct preschoolers to stop the action. Continue play until all children have a turn to lead and as time allows.

SAY *You stopped the different actions immediately when the leader said, 'Silence! Be still!' We learned in our Bible story today that the storm stopped when Jesus said, 'Silence! Be still!' Only Jesus, who is both fully God and fully man, can command the weather and make the weather obey Him. Jesus' disciples knew He was a good man and a good teacher. When Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, He showed His friends that He is the Lord. Jesus has power over everything He made.*

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Print the "**Key Passage Phrase Puzzle**" printable. Cut the cards apart along dashed lines and mix up the four pieces. Place the key passage phrase marker and puzzle pieces at John 1:18. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage phrase and remove both the puzzle and the marker. Show children the marker as you read the phrase aloud. Lay the puzzle pieces on the floor and ask preschoolers to put it in order by using the pictures at the bottom of each card. Read the phrase again and invite children to say it with you.

SAY *Our key passage phrase says, 'Jesus shows us what God is like.' In our Bible story, Jesus calmed the storm. That was a miracle. He showed us that He is the Lord. Jesus has power over everything.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *In our story, Jesus and His friends got in a boat. Then a great windstorm came. Jesus' friends were afraid. Was Jesus afraid? No! Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus has power over everything.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Matthew 8, Mark 4, or Luke 8. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS CALMED A STORM

OPTIONAL STORYTELLING TIPS

Create the storm: Turn on a floor fan and play a thunderstorm audio track when the storm comes to the disciples. Stop thunderstorm effects when Jesus speaks.

Sit in a boat: Tape a large boat shape on the floor with painter's tape. Invite children to sit inside the boat shape as you tell the story.

One day, Jesus stood near the sea and taught crowds of people for a long time. When the day was almost done, Jesus wanted to go to the other side of the sea. So **Jesus and His disciples got into a boat and began to cross the sea.**

The disciples steered the boat, and Jesus fell asleep on a cushion. All of a sudden, a storm came. The wind blew strong, and the waves crashed into the boat. Even though many of Jesus'

*disciples were fishermen, they had never seen a storm like this before. **The disciples were afraid. If the boat filled up with water, it would sink.** Then Jesus and all His friends might drown!*

Jesus' disciples woke Him up. They said, "Lord, save us! We are going to die!"

Jesus opened His eyes and saw that His friends were afraid. He got up and spoke to the wind. Then He spoke to the sea. Jesus said, "Silence! Be still!"

When Jesus spoke, the wind stopped blowing. The waves stopped crashing. Everything was calm, and Jesus' friends were safe.

Then Jesus looked at His disciples. He asked, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

The disciples were amazed. They said, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Christ Connection: Jesus' disciples knew He was a good man and a good teacher. When Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, He showed His friends that He is the Lord. Jesus has power over everything He made.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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Two Year Olds
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CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is Lord. He has power over everything.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is Jesus God or a person? Jesus is both God and a person.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus is God's Son. John 1:18

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Invite children to stretch and yawn as they come to the group time area. Guide children to sit and rest their heads on their knees. Suggest they pretend to sleep as you talk about the Bible story. When you get to the part of the Bible story where the disciples wake up Jesus, walk around the children, and gently pretend to wake them.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at John 1:18. Invite a child to open your Bible to the marker. Say the key passage phrase aloud as you toss a ball in the air and catch it. Invite children to take turns tossing the ball in the air and catching it as they say the phrase.

ACTIVITIES

MAKE IT RAIN

Guide preschoolers to work together to make the sounds of a thunderstorm. Invite preschoolers to start by rubbing their hands together, then clapping quietly, next patting their knees, and then to stomping their feet. Finally, guide preschoolers to all say "Boom!" together to represent thunder. After this, guide preschoolers 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.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

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SAY *In our story, Jesus and His friends got in a boat. Then a great windstorm came. Jesus' friends were afraid. Was Jesus afraid? No! Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus has power over everything.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

SAY Jesus and His friends got into a boat. Jesus was tired, so He laid down and went to sleep. A great windstorm came, and water came into the boat. Jesus' friends were afraid, and they woke up Jesus. "Lord, save us!" they said. "We are going to die!" Jesus got up and said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind stopped blowing and the waves were calm. Jesus asked His friends, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Jesus' disciples were amazed. They said, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.