

Jesus Calms The Storm

Matthew 8:23-27

Grade 2,3

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - a little kids tub or pool filled with water, a number of materials that could be used for kids to make a craft boat. Lego person.

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Psalm 55:22. Play this video while singing along, or have a little dance party. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZwSL4Y3tQk>

- have a number of materials out for kids to make their own boats - paper, popsicles sticks, corks, plastic tubs, hot glue, white glue, duct tape, elastics and anything else you can think of. Let them make their own boats.
- Once their boats have been made, ask the kids if there is anyone who wants to try their boat out on the water (warn them that their boat might get wrecked). Tell the kids that the lego person represents Jesus, put him in the boat and put the boat in the water. Give a few kids cups let them fill them with water and pour the water on the boat like it's big waves. Let the kids watch to see if Jesus falls into the water.
- Ask the kids how they would feel if they were Jesus in the boat, would they be scared? What do you think Jesus should do?

- Let's watch these video together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - The Jesus Storybook Bible, blanket

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

- Sit down with the kids and read "Captain of The Storm" on page 236 in The Jesus Storybook Bible. Ask them questions as you go through the story. Once you have finished reading, ask the kids to say one thing that they remembered.
- Play a game of popcorn with the kids. Lay a blanket down and have one of the kids lay on top of the blanket in a ball (with their knees up to their chest and their arms around their knees). Get the other kids to take an edge of the blanket and put it and move it in different ways to see if you can get the kid to pop like popcorn (let go of their knees). If the kid in the middle wants to stop the game or if they have let go of their knees they can say, "be still" and the kids holding the blanket will stop.

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed -List of fears

- Have a discussion with the kids. Tell them about a time that you felt scared. Ask them questions like: Have you ever felt scared? What makes you scared?
- Tell them the disciples in the boat were scared
- Cut out the list of fear cards and go through the fears with the kids. Give each of the kids a blank card and ask them to fill one out with their own fear. Hand out the fears so that each kid has one, ask them to act out their fear while the others guess.
- Ask the kids what they do when they are scared? Have they ever tried praying? What would you say to God when you are scared?

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets, tape a ball

- Tape the memory verse sheets to the floor in order. Ask each of the kids to stand on a sheet and make sure they know what their sheet says. Give the first kid a ball and ask them to say their part of the memory verse, then pass the ball to the next person who then says their part of the memory verse etc. Keep doing this until you can get faster and faster as a group.