

Jesus Calms The Storm

Matthew 8:23-27

Kindergarten and Grade 1

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

- 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.
- Tell the kids that they are going to be part of the storm, and one person is going to be Jesus. Ask the kids to run around or roll around on the ground like they are the waves. At any moment Jesus can stand up on a chair and say "be still", when the kids who are running around hear Jesus say be still, they need to sit down and be still immediately.

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 put them face down in front of the kids. Ask them one at a time to pick a card, read it to the kids then ask them to pray about the fear. Ex. Jesus help me at the dentist (they can repeat after you if that is the easiest way). Then ask another kid to pick another fear and do the same thing.

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.