

Jesus Calms the Storm

Readings

- 1) Job 38:1-11
- 2) 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- 3) Mark 4:35-41

Scripture Focus

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Take Away**Aids**

(pics, props, etc.)

If needed, some illustrations:

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-043-jesus-storm/>

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Message

God created the whole world, right? (Nodding.) Jesus is also God, so he can do anything, right? (More nodding.) That means Jesus can make a mountain, grow a tree, stop a river from flowing, make a dead person wake up from being dead, and heal someone who is sick. He can do ANYTHING! Our story today is about Jesus' power to change the weather.

For this one, I need some help.

Kids, you are going to be Jesus. As the storm gets bigger and louder, I will point to you and you will stand up and shout, "QUIET! BE STILL!" (Have them do it for practice.)

Congregation, you are the storm. When I say the word STORM, start waving your hands and making the sound of wind like this. (Have them do it for practice.)

Is everybody ready?

One night, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the sea (it was a small sea). The water was nice and calm when they got in their boats and headed out. Jesus was tired and decided to take a nap in the front of the boat. Suddenly, the wind got stronger and a huge STORM came up. The waves were going over the sides of the boats and they were almost sinking. The disciples called out. "Jesus! Don't you care if we drown?"

The STORM kept blowing until Jesus said, (point to the kids) "QUIET! BE STILL!" Suddenly the storm stopped. The strong wind was gone. The water was calm again. Jesus looked at his disciples and said, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith in me?" And the disciples understood that Jesus was no ordinary man. They said, "Even the wind and the waves do what he says."

Jesus was not just a man who was born at Christmas. He was also God, and the disciples were beginning to understand that.

Let's pray.

Repeat Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Only you / can calm a storm.
Help us / to always trust you.
Thank you for loving us.
We love you. Amen.

