



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 3

Calming the Storm

Lesson Aim: To trust Jesus during the storms in our lives and to obey the authorities He has given us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the biggest storm you have ever seen?

GAME: Windy Balloon Race

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF WONDERS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 65:5-8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS CALMED THE STORM

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus filled the nets with fish.

Today, let's learn how Jesus calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Point to the Sea of Galilee. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Mark 4:35-41. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Mark 4:39. Pray. Read.

Perform Readers' Theatre.

THE WAY TRUST AND OBEY

Children may remain in the "boat" used for the Readers' Theatre.

Imagine this is the size of the disciples' boat and the waves are breaking over the sides. They may have been as close to Jesus as we are to each other. What did they say when they woke Him? ("Teacher, don't you care if we drown?") Have you ever faced a difficult situation and felt alone—as if God didn't care?

Jesus wants us to come to Him with our fears and trust Him to take care of us. Jesus' followers were in a sea storm. When we are in times of trouble or danger, we are in a "life storm." Would anyone like to share a life storm you are going through right now? How can you trust Jesus? Lead brief prayer for each child's life storm.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

This was not the first time the wind and the waves heard God's voice and obeyed. When was the first time? Thousands of years before Jesus calmed the Sea of Galilee, He spoke to the waters that covered the earth. Reveal Genesis 1:1-3, 9-10. Find It First. Highlight.

Read Genesis 1:1-3. **Let's read further to see the first time the waters obeyed God.** Read Genesis 1:9-10. **The wind and waves obeyed Jesus because He is the authority over them. What does authority mean?** (Someone with the right and power to give orders and make sure rules are obeyed.) **How did the disciples react after they saw Jesus calm the storm?** (They were terrified.) **What might you think or feel if someone in your boat stopped the wind and the waves with just words?**

Jesus is the top authority in heaven and on earth. Who are the authorities in your home, your school, and your nation? (Parents, teachers, babysitters, police, presidents, etc.) **Why is it difficult, at times, to obey them?** (It can be hard to obey when we do not understand or agree with the rules.) **Jesus knows your authorities are not perfect. Jesus is the top authority, so He is the one who allows them to be in place, even though they are not perfect. How is obeying your parent and other authorities a way of trusting and obeying Jesus? For His own reasons, He put them in charge of us. Obeying them is trusting in Jesus' good plan for us, even if we don't understand it or when it doesn't seem fair.**

Jesus knows about the storms in your life. He knows when it is a challenge for you to obey your authorities. Jesus was in control of the storm in the lives of the disciples. You can trust that He is in control of any life storm or challenge you may face.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Pinwheels
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #3
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus calming the sea
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Wavy Seas

GAME: Storm Calmers

CRAFT: Storm in a Jar

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW