

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 1, Lesson 3

# **Calming the Storm**

Lesson Aim: To trust Jesus can calm the storms in our lives and to obey Him as the wind and the waves did.

## **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. Pray. Read.

Perform Readers' Theatre.

### **THE WAY** TRUST AND OBEY

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

Have you ever seen huge waves or been in a big storm? What kinds of things can a strong wind do to trees, homes, or boats on the sea? Even the brave fishermen were afraid. Have you ever been afraid in a storm?

Who did the followers go to when they were afraid? (Jesus.) Jesus kept His followers safe in the storm. How does this miracle help us trust Jesus to keep us safe?

Just as the followers were in a sea storm, when we are in times of trouble or danger, we are in a "life storm." Do you remember a time

that felt like a life storm? What did you do? Jesus wants us to come to Him with our fears and trust Him to take care of us. Jesus has the power to calm any sea or life storm!

What did the wind and waves do when Jesus gave them an order? (They obeyed.) Jesus wants us to obey Him just as quickly as the waves did.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

This was not the first time God controlled the wind and the waves to rescue His people. What other time did God's people watch as the sea obeyed Him? Allow children to guess. Let's find our answer in the Bible. Reveal and read Exodus 14:21-22.

God parted the Red Sea and used a strong wind to hold back the waves until all His people had crossed the sea on dry land. When God created the sea, He knew that thousands of years later, He would tell Moses to part the Red Sea. More than a thousand years after that, Jesus used the sea to show us how to trust His protection and obey His Word.

The followers knew God was the one who made the Red Sea part. When they saw Jesus make the wind and waves stop, that proved He was God. He is the maker and the ruler of the wind and waves.

If time allows, play QUIET! BE STILL! in the GOT TIME? segment.

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

#### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Pinwheels
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus calming the sea
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

#### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Wavy Seas **GAME:** Quiet! Be Still! **CRAFT:** Storm in a Jar

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Musical Chairs

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**