



**At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9**  
**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. 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.

**Even the brave fishermen were afraid in the storm. Have you ever been afraid in a storm? Who did the followers go to when they were afraid? (Jesus.) 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. Would anyone like to tell us about a life storm you are going through right now? How can you trust Jesus to take care of you during this life storm?** Lead brief prayer for each child's life storm. If possible, ask another child to pray for the need.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**This was not the first time God controlled the wind and the waves to rescue His people. Let's find another time in the Bible.** Reveal Exodus 14:21-22. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**God parted the Red Sea, using a strong wind to hold back the waves until His people were on dry land. When God created the sea, He knew 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, what did that prove? (Jesus is God.) He is the maker and the ruler of the wind and waves. 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.)**

**What would have happened if, instead of going to Jesus, Peter had stood up and said "Quiet! Be still!" to the storm? (Nothing.) What was the difference between Peter and Jesus? (Because Jesus is God, He is the authority who orders the waves to obey, not Peter.)**

**Who are the authorities in your home, school, and nation? (Parents, teachers, babysitters, police, presidents, etc.) When is it difficult to obey your authorities? (When we do not understand or agree with the rules.) Who allowed them to be that authority? (Jesus.) 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 is trusting in Jesus' good plan for us, even when we don't understand it.)**

**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:** Storm Calmers

**CRAFT:** Storm in a Jar

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**