

# JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Matthew 8:23–27



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## Jesus Calms the Storm



Jesus had spent the whole day teaching people about God. When it was evening, He had sent them all home.

Jesus was in a boat with His disciples crossing the water to the opposite shore.

He fell asleep on a pillow. A great storm came upon them and covered the boat with waves.

It was very dangerous and everyone was at risk to die. The disciples woke Jesus up and asked Him, “Master! Do you not care that we could all drown?”

Jesus got up and ordered the storm, “Peace, be still!”

The wind died down and everything became calm. The disciples were amazed that the Lord Jesus could command the sea to obey Him.

Jesus asked His disciples, “Why were you so afraid? I was with you. Do you still have such little faith?”

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress; let them sit one behind the other on the floor like sitting in a boat.

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How do the disciples react when the storm comes up?  
(They are terrified. They have fear. They wake up Jesus for help.)
- How does Jesus help? (He calms the storm with a few words.)
- Why is it possible that the wind and the sea obey Him?  
(Jesus is the Son of God; for Him everything is possible.)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus has power over heaven and earth.
- When we become afraid we believe Jesus is always with us.
- We can call on Him to help us.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- A storm can be a picture of a difficult time in our life.
- In what difficult situations can we find ourselves? What are we afraid of?
- How can we get through them?  
(We can pray. We can speak to our parents, our Sunday school teacher or our leaders.)

**Repeat the Message**  
**Jesus is almighty. He can save us in every situation.**