

WEEK 5

BIBLE STORY LESSON



Need to Know: *Hold Up the Shield of Faith*

Bible Story: *Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)*

Supplies for acting out story: *(If you have on hand at home)*

- Pillow
- Piece of paper (to use as a fan, can shape into an accordion type fan)
- Spray bottle filled with water (with mist setting on)
- Two craft sticks or wooden rulers or paint mixing sticks (something that can represent boat oars to paddle with)

1. **SAY:** *Some of Jesus' best friends struggled to have faith and trust God's promises in the middle of a storm. Let's act out their story and see what happened!*
2. **ASSIGN** each person in your group a role to play and **GIVE** them their corresponding prop (alternative: if you do not have the supplies at home for props, create hand motions to go along with story):
 - Jesus (1 kid) - **pillow**
 - Wind (1 kid) - **paper fan**
 - Waves (1 kid) - **spray bottle with water** (CHECK to ensure it's on the mist setting)
 - Disciples - Two **craft sticks (or supplies you have on hand)** each (for boat paddles)
3. **SHOW** and **READ** the **Bible Story Cards** to the group, cueing them to act out their parts when instructed. Afterwards, **SAY**:

PreK-1st:

- *Jesus asked His disciples why they didn't have any faith. Do you think faith is a funny noise we make or do you think it's when we trust God and His promises to us? (When we trust God and His promises)*
- *Yes! Faith is when we trust God and His promises! But sometimes we forget God's promises and start to believe lies from our enemy, the devil. The disciples were believing a lie when they were in the storm. Were they starting to believe that Jesus didn't care about them?(Yes) But did Jesus care about them? (Yes) Yes, Jesus promises that He cares about all of us!*
- *We need the shield of faith to help us block lies like these that come our way so that we will always trust God and His promises to us.*

2nd-5th:

- *Jesus asked His disciples why they didn't have any faith in the middle of the storm. What does it mean to have faith? (ALLOW responses) Faith is when we believe that all of God's promises are true, and we trust Him to take care of us.*
- *Sometimes we forget God's promises and start to believe lies from our enemy, the devil. What is the lie that the disciples were starting to believe during the storm? (That Jesus didn't care about them) But did Jesus care about them? (Yes) Yes, Jesus promises that He cares about all of us!*
- *We need the shield of faith to help us block lies like these that come our way so that we will have the power to trust God and His promises to us.*



Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

(To child playing Jesus)

Jesus, let's see you wave. (Child playing Jesus waves)

One day, Jesus waved goodbye to the crowds of people he had been teaching and helping because He wanted to head to the other side of the lake with His disciples.

(To kids with craft sticks)

Disciples, you can wave goodbye to the crowds, too. (Kids with craft sticks wave)



Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and the disciples started rowing to the other side. Let me see all the disciples row the boat. (Have kids with craft sticks use them like paddles as they pretend to row the boat until you tell them to stop)

Jesus was tired from teaching and helping many people, so He lay down in the back of the boat to take a nap.

(To child playing Jesus)

Jesus, let's see you lie on your pillow and take a nap. (Have child lay their head on the pillow and pretend to sleep)



On their journey to the other side of the lake, it began to storm.

The wind was blowing really hard. (Cue the child with the fan to wave it until you tell them to stop)

And waves were splashing water into the boat! (Cue the child with the spray bottle to gently spray it until you tell them to stop)

How do you think the disciples were feeling in the middle of this storm?
(Allow responses, then have kids playing disciples make those types of faces)

They stopped rowing and woke up Jesus. (Disciples stop rowing and child playing Jesus pretends to wake up)

The disciples said to Him, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?" Let me hear the disciples say, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?" (Kids playing disciples say, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?")



Jesus did care, so He got up and ordered the wind to stop.

(To child playing Jesus)

Jesus, let's hear you tell the wind to stop. (Child playing Jesus says to person with fan, "Stop!")

Then Jesus said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"

(To child playing Jesus)

Jesus, let's hear you say that to the waves. (Child playing Jesus says to person with spray bottle, "Quiet! Be still!")

And right away, the wind and the waves calmed down. (Have kids stop waving fan and spraying water)



Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Why don’t you have any faith?”

The disciples didn’t answer Jesus, but they did talk about how the wind and the waves obeyed Him that day.

How would you have felt if you were one of the disciples and you saw the wind and the waves obey Jesus? (Allow responses)

Jesus was showing His disciples that they could believe and trust all of God’s promises because He’s in control of everything, even the wind and the waves.