



Jesus is God (Part 1) Calming the Storm (Part 1)

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Bible Passage: Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41

The Big God Story Jesus is God: Calming the Storm

One day, Jesus was by the sea and lots of people were listening to Him as He talked about God. There were so many people that it was getting crowded. Jesus decided to climb into a boat so everyone could hear Him. Touch your ears. Very good. Jesus also wanted them to see Him. Can you touch your eyes?

Good job. Now, let's pretend we're climbing into a boat, too – just like Jesus did. *Have the child stand and pretend to climb into an imaginary boat.* Good job!

When Jesus was done teaching all of the people, He asked one of His new friends, Peter, to throw out his fishing net to catch some fish. Let's all pretend to throw out our nets into the sea. *Ask child to throw out their imaginary nets.*

Peter told Jesus that they'd worked very hard all night trying to catch fish and they didn't catch even one fish!

Jesus told them to put their nets back in the water even though they'd already tried. Guess what happened? The nets filled with so many fish that they started to break!

Peter then asked his friends to come and help, and the boats were filled with so many fish that they started to sink. Isn't that amazing?

Peter fell down on his knees in front of Jesus. Then Jesus said, "From now on, you will be fishers of people." Jesus wanted Peter and his friends to go and tell everyone about how much Jesus loves them.

So Peter and the rest of Jesus' special friends left their boats and went out and told everyone they could about Jesus.

Blessing

Kids, may you know that Jesus is powerful and amazing because He is God.

Activities

Everybody Calm Down

When Jesus calmed the storm, the disciples, also calmed down. In this game, the kids will jump, run and flail about when you say "STORM" and will freeze wherever they are, when you say "Calm Down." Make sure to take your turn being the storm!

In our story today, Jesus told the storm to stop and calm down. We will be the "storm" and twirl around. When I say "STORM." We will freeze in place when I say "FREEZE".

I'm the Storm

Use a small cup (we use Dixie cups at our house), a straw, and a large bowl or plastic container filled with water. Take turns or have a race to see who can blow through the straw to propel the cup boat across the water.

Jesus and the disciples were caught in a giant storm in the middle of the sea. Let's use our breath to move the cup "boat" across the water. Maybe our boat will get caught in a storm, too.

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Make a Boat

Use the included diagram instructions to color, then fold a piece of paper into each kid's very own paper boat.

Jesus and His disciples went out on their boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. When they were halfway through, a storm came and rocked the boat back and forth. Let's color our paper and then fold it into a boat.

A Boat Snack

Here's a throwback snack to connect to the Bible story of "Jesus Calming the Storm."

Slice celery into 6 inch lengths. Fill each piece with peanut butter, almond butter or Nutella. Push in 13 raisins or chocolate chips to represent Jesus and the Disciples. Eat that boat.

In today's story, the disciples and Jesus went on their boat into the sea. Let's make a tasty snack that will remind us of the story.

