

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 8/2/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8

LESSON: Jesus Calmed a Storm

INTRO



Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we learned about what makes a shepherd a good shepherd--do you remember who our Good Shepherd is? (let kids answer) Yes! It's Jesus! This week, we are going to learn about an amazing miracle Jesus did.

Calming the Storm - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. *Supplies:* Clear cup, baking soda, vinegar, cooking oil, towel (it can get a little messy) This is a fun chemical reaction to show kids what calming down something chaotic might have looked like. Pour about two inches of vinegar into the cup. Add two tablespoons of baking soda and watch the mixture bubble up. Then add the cooking oil until the mixture settles down again.

Say - Just like the oil in our experiment calmed the storm in the cup, in our story today Jesus is going to calm a storm too.

LESSON - JESUS CALMED A STORM



Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Calmed a Storm](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The power of the storm scared the disciples. (Kids repeat!)

Have you ever been near a lake or the ocean during a huge storm? It can be pretty scary! The waves get big, the clouds make the water dark and the thunder seems louder and more scary than it does over the land. Jesus' disciples were mostly fishermen. They had been on boats during storms a lot. So for them to be afraid of this storm, it must have been some storm! And there was Jesus, just asleep in the middle of this crazy storm!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

The power of Jesus calmed the storm. (Kids repeat!)

The disciples woke Jesus up. He saw that they were afraid of the storm. Jesus stood up and told the wind and the waves to be calm. What?! Have you ever tried to just tell the weather what to do? If not, go try it. Did it do what you said? Probably not. Well Jesus told the wind and the waves to stop and they did! This is pretty amazing power to be able to just speak and make a storm stop like that. This brings us to...

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

The power of Jesus scared the disciples. (Kids repeat!)

I don't know what the disciples expected Jesus to do when they woke Him up, but it probably wasn't, "Have a conversation with the storm so that it will calm down." The disciples were amazed and afraid. But they didn't need to worry. Jesus told the wind and the waves to be still, but He was also telling His disciples to be still. Yes, Jesus had power over the wind and the waves, but He also loved and cared for His disciples. He was showing His disciples that they didn't need to be afraid because He had them.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

The cross shows us both Jesus' power and His love. (Kids repeat!)

When the storm came, the disciples didn't know what to do. Jesus told them that they should have trusted Him to take care of them. Jesus showed them by calming the waves that He had power over creation. When He died on the cross and rose from the grave, Jesus showed that He has power over sin and death too. But Jesus didn't do those things just to show that He has power. He did them because He cared for His disciples and because He cares for us. We can trust Jesus with the scary things in our lives because He has shown that He has the power to overcome them, and that He loves us.



RESPONSE

Sing: [Psalm 40:5](#) (Key Passage Song)
[By His Wounds](#)

Pray: Dear Jesus, we are amazed that you have the power to calm storms, thank you for loving me and using your power to save me from sin. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What job did most of the disciples have? *Fishermen*
- What was Jesus doing during the storm? *Sleeping*
- What did Jesus do to calm the storm? *He told the sea to be calm*
- What is something that you are worried about that you can trust Jesus with?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Page](#)

Parent Share - What are some big things you trust Jesus with?

Marshmallow Tinker Toys - *Supplies: Marshmallows, pretzel sticks*
Create fun toys or fluffy friends by sticking marshmallows with the pretzel sticks. Then have fun deconstructing and snacking on your creations.