

Toddling Through God's Word: Jesus Calms the Storm

"The Disciples were on a Boat" to the tune of "Row, Row, Row, Your Boat:"

The disciples were on a boat, sailing in a storm.

Jesus calmed the wind and waves. Jesus is the Lord.

Activity 1: The Storm (Mark 4:37)

You Need:

- Black construction paper
- Blue construction paper
- Yellow chalk
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "There was a big storm! There may have been lightening! There were tall waves in the sea."

1. Let your child use the yellow chalk to draw lightening on the black construction paper.
2. Help your child cut out tall waves with the blue construction paper. Use the finished picture in activity 2 as a reference.
3. Let your child glue the "waves" onto the black paper.
4. Clap your hands or bang on a pot to create thunder sounds.

Activity 2: Jesus was Asleep (Mark 4:37)

You Need:

- Brown construction paper
- 2 pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "The disciples and Jesus were on a boat in that storm! Jesus was asleep, but the disciples were awake."

1. Help your child cut out a semi-circle from the brown construction paper to be the boat. Glue the "boat" onto the waves.
2. Assist your child in cutting the two pipe cleaners into thirds. You should have six pieces total when you finish cutting the pipe cleaners.
3. Fold the pipe cleaners like the picture shows below. When finished you should have three people. They are the disciples and/or Jesus.
4. Help your child glue the people on the "boat."



Activity 3: Emotions (Mark 4:38, Mark 4:40)

You Need:

- Emotion Chart Printable

Say: "The waves were crashing against the boat. Storms like this could sink a boat. The disciples woke up Jesus and said, "Jesus, don't you care if we drown?""

1. Print the Emotion Chart Printable attached at the end of this PDF..
2. Ask your child to point to some emotions that the disciples might have been experiencing.
3. Reassure your child that our emotions do not change the truth. Jesus loves us despite our emotions. God is in control despite our emotions.

Activity 4: The Sea was Calm (Mark 4:39)

You Need:

- Blue Jello
- Orange slice

Say: "Jesus got up. He told the wind and waves to be quiet and still. Then the wind and waves were calm. The wind and waves obeyed Jesus."

1. Place one orange slice in the blue Jello. The orange slice represents the boat. The Jello represents the sea.
2. Let your child shake the Jello and see the Jello and orange move. This represents the storm.
3. Then have your child keep the Jello still. Tell your child that Jesus calmed the wind and the waves.
4. Let your child eat the snack.



Activity 5: Tell Jesus our Fears and Be Faithful (Mark 4:39-41)

You Need:

- Prayer Cards printable

Say: "It is easy to become afraid. Sometimes there really are scary things. What are you afraid of?.....This is what I am afraid of.....We know that Jesus loves us even when scary things happen. We

know that Jesus is in control even when scary things happen."

1. Print out the Prayer Cards Printable attached at the end of this PDF.
2. Go through the cards with your child. Pray about the scary things in your child's life. Pray for courage for your child when faced with doctors, monsters, thunderstorms, broccoli, or whatever else frightens your child. Pray that he or she will trust God.





Happy



Sad



Excited



Proud



Scared



Loved



Embarrassed



Angry



Nervous



Jealous



Surprised



Sleepy

Prayer Cards

