



Unit 5, Lesson 17

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: CALMING THE STORM

MATTHEW 8:23-27;
MARK 4:35-41

THE STORY HOME

Jesus and His disciples are in a boat going across a sea. A horribly windy, violent storm starts rocking the boat. Water is splashing inside. The disciples are terrified. Jesus is so calm He's sleeping. The disciples call to Jesus to wake up and save them. Jesus gets up and tells the waters to calm down, and they do! The disciples are speechless. They have never seen a raging storm immediately turn into perfect calm. The miracle Jesus performs makes them wonder about Him and His power. Jesus does the same for us, if we ask. He can make our fearful storms of life calm and give us peace and comfort. Matthew 8:23-27 and Mark 4:35-41 both tell this story.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What do you think when the sky is dark and you hear thunder?
- I wonder if the disciples knew how to swim?
- How can Jesus make the wind and water calm down?
- Do you think Jesus can help you feel calm when you are afraid? How and why?

TOGETHER HOME

With your children, make paper boats using 5 x 7 sheets of paper or card stock. If you prefer, you can cut an orange in half and scoop out each half to resemble an empty boat. Float your boats in a sink or tub of water. Play together and race your boats. Blow on the water to see if you can rock your boat. Talk about the Bible story in Matthew and Mark when Jesus calms the storm.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and he has shown us what God is like," (John 1:18, *ncv*) is this month's memory verse. This verse is two sentences, so break it into two parts and repeat each with your children. Then put the two together and say the entire verse. Applaud your children's efforts to learn this verse. Give your children a hug while saying they are very close to you. It's important for children to have a positive image of our heavenly Father and that image starts with you.

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