

Parents Connect

Bible Story:

Jesus Calmed the Storm (Luke 8:22-25)

Bible Phrase: "Even the winds and the waves obey Jesus" (Matt. 8:27).

Bible Truth: Jesus was not an ordinary man. Because Jesus was God's Son, He could do amazing things.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



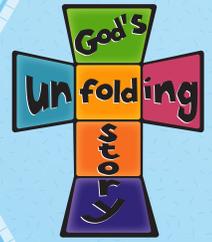
4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story For Parents

This month, we cover some of the most exciting stories from the ministry of Jesus. Kids love today's story. Just as the disciples were amazed at Jesus' power over the elements, your preschooler will be amazed that Jesus could calm a raging storm with His words! Share your amazement with your preschooler.

Begin this conversation by asking your preschooler, "Have you ever wished you could change the weather? Sometimes, wouldn't you like to make it sunny instead of rainy?"

Explain: "People do not have the power to change the weather, but in today's story we will find out about a time when Jesus changed the weather."

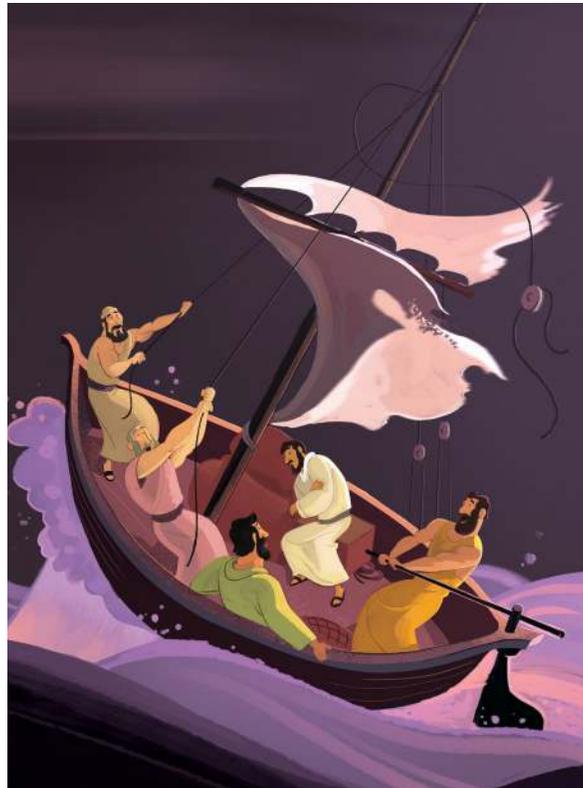
Tell the story.

Ask: "What did Jesus do in the story that was amazing?" Later in the week, share the story again during bath time. Talk about how amazed the disciples were with Jesus and His power over the wind and the waves.

Share the Bible Phrase and pray—with your preschooler all through the week.

Bible Story Jesus Calmed the Storm

Jesus had spent all day teaching the people beside the Sea of Galilee. It was almost night time, and Jesus said



to His disciples, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake."

So the disciples began to row to the other side. Jesus was probably tired from His day of teaching as He fell asleep in the boat. Suddenly, a great storm came up, and the waves began to grow larger. The winds were so strong that the boat was being tossed wildly over the lake. Water was coming into the boat. The disciples were terribly afraid! They knew a great wind could tear the boat apart. The men probably rowed with all their strength to try to get to the shore.

Finally, the disciples decided to wake Jesus. They called out saying, "Master, we are going to die!"

Jesus of course woke up and saw how afraid His friends were because of the storm. Jesus calmly got up and said, "Peace be still." The wind stopped blowing, and the waves became quiet and still. The disciples said to each other, "Wow, even the winds and waves obey Him." The disciples were amazed at what Jesus did that day.

Activity Suggestion

Help your preschooler experience the story. Get a box for a boat, a fan for the wind, some spray bottles of water for the rain and waves. You can help your preschooler decorate his or her box boat with as much detail as time allows. Add a sheet for a sail and a spatula for a paddle. Tell the story repeatedly, but this time using the wind and waves to experience the storm.

This can be a very memorable story for your preschooler.