

LIFE POINT Jesus can tell the weather what to do.

JESUS CALMED A STORM

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught people what God is like.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

WEEKLY VERSE

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UNIT VERSE

Jesus did things no one else could do. Acts 2:22

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

September 8



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The Gospels are portraits of Jesus. Each is complete, and together they provide a comprehensive testimony to Jesus' life. The event of Jesus calming the storm is recorded in Mark and Luke as well as Matthew. All provide wonderful details about this miracle. After sunset but before dark, Jesus told the disciples to take the boat across the Sea of Galilee to the other side. It was a small fishing boat, easily dragged onto shore and filled to capacity with thirteen riders. A few other boats start out with them.

A sudden and severe squall, common on the lake, challenges the skills of these professional fishermen. Mark was very honest with the disciples' reaction to Jesus sleeping in the boat. They complained and cried out in irritation, fear, and possibly even anger. When Jesus woke up, He commanded the storm to be still. After the storm calmed, Jesus asked, "Where is your faith?" The disciples did not trust God for their safety even though He was in the boat with them as the person of Jesus.

Luke did not imply that the disciples did not have faith, but he acknowledged they were not calling on it in the midst of this crisis. It is apparent that the Twelve had not come to terms with who Jesus truly is, but what they had just seen was opening their minds to the truth that Jesus is the Christ and Lord of all. Here they experienced another sign of God's kingdom breaking in and restoring order to creation, something that only God could do. They must have connected some dots that Jesus was in fact God in the flesh.

God's rule will extend over all and bring creation back to its original design. But, like the disciples, you still may question if the Lord will show up when you need Him. Do you waffle between belief and unbelief? How do you answer Jesus' question, "Where is your faith?"

For children, a storm can be terrifying. Their lives are full of reminders that the world is not what God intended. How can you help your kids understand that one day God will make everything right again, and until then, Jesus promises to be with them in the person of the Holy Spirit?



GROUP TIME

- » Sing together. Give each child a pair of rhythm sticks. Sing "Mighty Is He" and lead kids to tap the sticks on the beat as they sing the song.
- » Think about Jesus. Show the word card *miracle*. Read the definition on the back of the card. Tell kids that Jesus is God's Son, and He can do things that no other person can do. Remind kids that Jesus taught people what God is like. Show Teaching Picture 1 and recall last week's Bible story. Note what the miracle in that story was. (healing the official's son)
- » Pray. Thank God for Jesus, His Son. Offer opportunities for each child to pray and thank God, too.
- » Tell the Bible story. Tell kids that they will hear about another miracle that Jesus did. Open the Bible to Luke 8 and tell the Bible story.

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-Based on Mark 4:35-41: Luke 8:22-25

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- » **Recall the Bible story.** Show Teaching Picture 2. Talk about what is shown in the picture. Ask kids to tell what miracle Jesus did in this Bible story. Encourage them to talk about other parts of the story. Say the Unit Verse together.
- » Learn a Bible verse. Open the Bible to Mark 4:39 and read the Weekly Verse. Use the rhythm sticks to click a steady beat and lead kids to repeat the verse a few times to the steady beat. Click the sticks a little faster and repeat the verse again.
- » Talk about the Life Point. Show the "Unit 1 Banner." Talk about how Jesus showed His power in today's Bible story. Read today's Life Point and attach the Life Point to the bottom of the poster. Tell kids that no one else could make the weather change or could tell the weather what to do. Only Jesus did this because He is God's Son.
- » Wrap it up. Show "Jesus Calmed a Storm" video.



Decide when to have group time; then select learning activities to use before and/or after group time.



- **>** Pack Items 1, 7, 13: "Unit 1 Banner," "Unit 1 Life Points," "Unit 1 Word Cards"
- **▶** Teaching Pictures 1–2
- **M**usic
- **>** Videos
- > Rhythm sticks or wide craft sticks, tape



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- > Kids Activity Pages
- **M**usic
- Thin paper plates, markers, colored tape, staplers with staples, birdseed or rice, scissors

MAKE SHAKERS

- » Lead kids to complete the Kids Activity Page. Talk about different types of weather.
- Tell kids they can make shakers that resemble the sound of rain. Give each child a paper plate.
- » Lead kids to decorate the backs of the paper plates with the markers and colored tape.
- Talk about the Bible story as kids work. Lead them to think about the powerful thing that Jesus did. Look at the picture on the back of the Activity Page. Say the Life Point.
- » Help a child fold his completed plate together (with design on the outside). He can open the plate, place a small handful of birdseed or rice in the plate, and fold it closed again. Staple the plate closed as the child holds the sides together.
- » Help kids seal the sides and cover the staples with tape. This will make sure the birdseed or rice will not leak out between the staples.
- » Play "Mighty Is He." Lead kids to play their shakers. (music)

PAINT STORMY PICTURES

Cut sponges into small rectangles; clip a sponge piece on a clothespin. Pour paint into the shallow pans. Mark the Weekly Verse in the Bible with a sticky note.

- » Help a child put on a painting smock.
- Show the child how to hold a clothespin and dip the sponge into paint. She can daub or sweep the paint onto her paper. Suggest kids paint pictures of stormy clouds or seas.
- Talk about the Bible story as kids work. Say that Jesus told the wind and water to be still.
- » Look at the Teaching Picture and talk more about the Bible story. Encourage kids to talk about what they see in the picture.
- » Help a child open the Bible to the verse. Read the verse and encourage kids to say it with you.
- » Offer to print the verse on a child's paper. Or help her print it herself. (art)
- **>** Pack Items 4, 11: "Acts 2:22," "Boats"

> Teaching Picture 2

> Bible, sticky note,

smocks, pencils

paper, sponge pieces,

clothespins, shallow pans, blue and black

tempera paint, painting

▶ Blocks, tape, blue paper

USE BOAT FIGURES

Cut out the boat figures and tape them to blocks.

- » Invite kids to build docks or create a lake for the boats.
- » Talk about the Bible story as kids play with the blocks and boat figures.
- Tell kids that Jesus can tell the weather what to do. Comment that making the weather become calm was a miracle.
- » Say the Unit Verse. Encourage kids to say the verse with you.
- » Say that Jesus could do things that no other person could do because Jesus is the only Son of God. (blocks)

PLAY IN A BOAT

Use masking tape to make a large boat shape on the floor. Arrange chairs as seats in the boat.

- » Invite kindergartners to pretend to row or ride in the boat.
- » Talk about the Bible story. Note that Jesus and His disciples traveled across the lake in a boat. Suggest kids play out the Bible story.
- » Encourage children to talk about their own experiences in boats.
- » Tell kids that only Jesus could tell the weather to be calm.
- » Talk about other powerful things that Jesus did. Say that Jesus taught people what God is like. (dramatic play)
- Masking tape, chairs, small oars or pool noodles, other boatrelated items
- **>** Optional: Large cardboard box or small inflatable boat

PLAY A GAME

Place all the cards except the Start and Finish cards in the bag.

- » Lead kids to place the *Start* card and *Finish* card on opposite ends of a table. Invite kids to take turns choosing a card from the bag and placing it on the table to create a path from Start to Finish. (Note that each side of the card has a different type of path.)
- » Tell kids that Jesus and His disciples were traveling across a lake in a boat: a storm blew in.
- » Show the word card *miracle*. Talk about what Jesus did that was a miracle in the Bible story.
- » Say the Life Point. Pray and thank God for His Son, Jesus. (games)

> Printables: "Unit 1

Missions"

> Pack Items 12, 13:

) Gift bag

"Across the Lake Game,"

"Unit 1 Word Cards"

> Bible, cars, trucks, airplanes, boats, other transportation toys

SORT TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- » Lead kids to sort the transportation toys. They can choose how to sort them—by type, color, and so forth.
- » Note that Jesus used a boat and walked when He traveled.
- » Tell kids that missionaries travel to tell people about Jesus. Talk about different types of transportation they may use.
- » Open the Bible to Acts 2:22 and read the Unit Verse. Tell kids that missionaries tell others about the things that Jesus did.
- » Look at the missions pictures and read the captions to learn more about people in the country. (puzzles)

USE THE COLORING SHEET

Print a copy of the coloring sheet for each child.

- » Lead kids to color the page.
- » Talk about the Bible story as children work.
- » Toss the cube and answer questions about the Bible story.

CLEAN UP

» Guide boys and girls to work together to clean up the room.

- > Pack Item 10: "Question Cube"
- > Printables: "Jesus Calmed a Storm" Coloring Page
- **>** Crayons
- **>** Option: Send the sheet home as a story reminder the kids can color during the week.



JESUS CALMED A STORM



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the kindergartners to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Tell kids to count as you clap and then take the same number of steps toward group time. Clap and wait for kids to move. Repeat until all kids have moved to the group-time area.

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

JESUS CALMED A STORM, MARK 4:35-41; LUKE 8:22-25

» Tell kids that Jesus is God's Son and He can do many powerful things. Ask kids to listen to the Bible story to discover what Jesus did in a boat.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » Jesus and His disciples crossed the lake in a boat.
- » Jesus went to sleep in the back of the boat.
- » A large storm blew over the lake. Waves splashed against the boat.
- >> The men tried to sail the boat in the strong wind and waves.
- » The men thought the boat might sink.
- » "Teacher!" they called to Jesus. "We are going to die."
- » Jesus woke. He called to the wind to be quiet. He said to the lake, "Be still!"
- » The wind and the water became calm.
- » Jesus' disciples were amazed. "Even the wind and sea obey Jesus," they said.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » What did Jesus do when He got in the boat?
- » Why did the disciples become afraid?
- » What did Jesus do to help the disciples?
- » Why were the disciples amazed?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

Tell the kids that Jesus can tell the weather what to do.

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SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

The wind blew and blew,

The waves were strong and rough,

Jesus told them to be still,

The wind and lake were calm.

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Print the words of the Weekly Verse on a large piece of paper. Show the verse and read it to the kids. Say the verse together. Tear a wavy strip from the bottom of the verse. Lead kids to say the verse again, supplying any missing words. Tear another wavy strip from the verse and say it again. Continue until kids say the entire verse from memory. Open the Bible to Mark 4:39 and show kids where the verse is located in the Bible.

PRAY

Thank God for the Bible that tells about His Son, Jesus. Ask God to help people at your church learn more about the things that Jesus did.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize during the activities: Jesus can tell the weather what to do.

- 1. Draw a storm mural. Tape a long piece of paper on the wall. Offer blue and black crayons and washable markers for kids to use. Tell kids to draw stormy pictures on the paper. Talk about the Bible story. Tell kids that the disciples were afraid when the storm blew on them in the lake. Jesus stood and told the wind and lake to be still. Say the Bible verse with kids.
- 2. Rock babies. Lead kids to wrap the baby dolls in small blankets and pretend to rock them to sleep. They can place the "sleeping babies" in a crib or small bed. Mention that Jesus was sleeping in the back of the boat; He kept sleeping even when the storm started. Talk more about the Bible story. Say that Jesus could tell the weather what to do because He is God's Son.

- 3. Play a matching game. Print the words of the Unit Verse on cards, one word per card. Make two sets of words. Mix the cards and lay them facedown on a table or the floor. Guide kids to take turns flipping over two cards to find words that match. When matches are found, set the word cards aside. When all the words have been found, separate the two sets. Encourage two groups of kindergartners to put the verse in order. Say that Jesus did things that no other person could do. Talk about what Jesus did in today's Bible story.
- 4. Play a searching game. Hide the Teaching Picture or a copy of the Kids Activity Page in the room while kids are not looking. Lead kids to search the room to find the picture. When the picture is found, ask the finder to tell one thing he remembers from the Bible story. Ask the child to hide the picture while everyone else looks away (to continue to game). Say the Life Point together.

CLEAN UP

Play upbeat music while kids work with you to put away materials and clean the room.

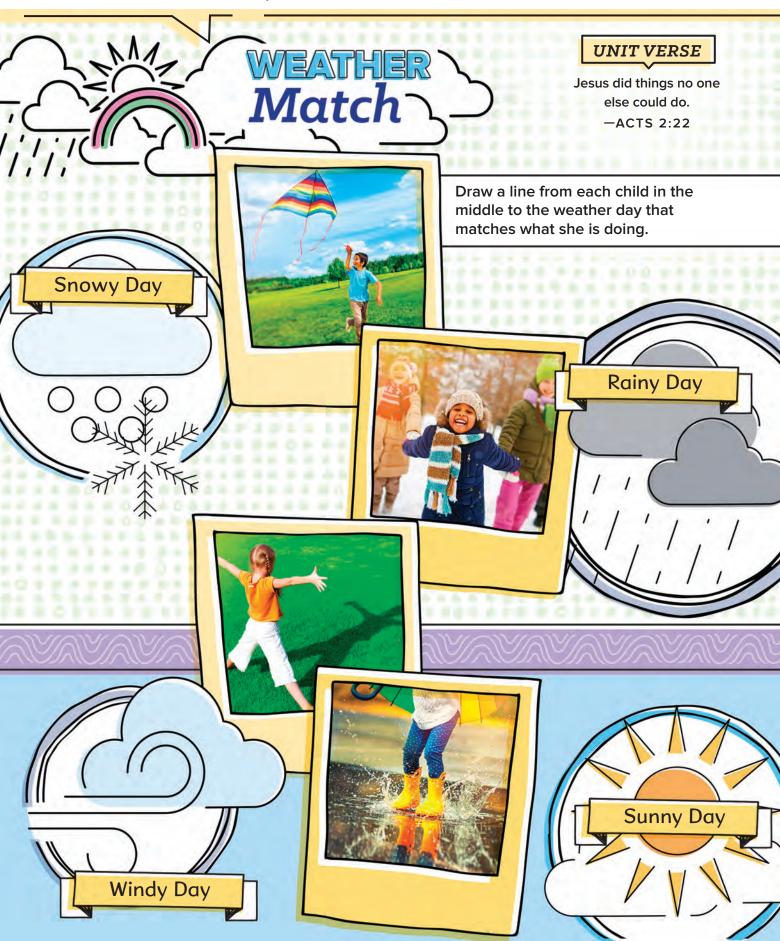
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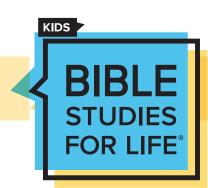
Tell kids to listen and move with you. Call out motions: touch your knees; stomp your feet; clap three times; turn around once; and so on. After a few movements, call out "freeze." Ask one child to unfreeze and tell you something from the Bible story. Start the motions again.

DISMISS

Make sure each child has his belongings as he leaves. Thank parents for bringing kids to church. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.









CONVERSATION

Jesus Calmed a Storm

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THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, your child learned that Jesus tells the weather what to do. When the disciples were frightened by a sudden storm, Jesus spoke, and everything became calm!



LIVE IT OUT

If your child is afraid of turbulent weather, take the time to pray with her. Review the Bible story of the storm that the disciples faced and how Jesus helped them. Remind your child that Jesus (and God) are in charge of the weather.



Jesus taught people what God is like.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Mark 4:39
Monday: Jeremiah 5:22
Tuesday: Psalm 148:8
Wednesday: Job 38:8
Thursday: Matthew 17:27
Friday: Jeremiah 10:13
Saturday: Matthew 21:19



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the **Jesus Calmed a Storm** section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



JESUS HEALED THE OFFICIAL'S SON

-John 4:46-54

Jesus and His disciples were in the town of Cana. An official, a man who worked for the king, came from another town. He wanted to talk to Jesus. The man's son was sick and about to die. The man asked Jesus to come and heal his son.

"Come before he dies," the man said.

Jesus said, "Go home. Your son will live."

The man believed what Jesus said. He started to walk home. On the way home, he saw some of his workers. They told him that his boy was alive. The man asked when his son got better.

"He began to get better at one o'clock in the afternoon yesterday," the workers said.

The man thought about the words Jesus said. The boy began to get better at the same time Jesus spoke to him. The man knew that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus spoke the words, and the boy was healed.

UNIT VERSE: Jesus did things no one else could do. Acts 2:22

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LIFE POINT: Jesus can heal people.

GROUP TIME

Sing and move. Play "The Dancin' Song." Lead kids to move as it suggests.

Say a Bible verse. Show the banner and read the title. Tell kids that Jesus did things that no one else could do. During this unit, kids will think about powerful things that Jesus did. Read Acts 2:22 together. Lead kids to say the verse with you. Alternate saying the verse loudly and softly.

Tell the Bible story. Ask kids to listen for what Jesus did that no one else could do. Tell the Bible story in your own words.

Think about what Jesus did. Read today's Life Point. Tell kids that Jesus healed the man's son just by speaking. Jesus did not see or touch the boy. Jesus performed miracles. Jesus has power to do miracles because He is God's Son. Tape the Life Point to the bottom of the "Unit 1 Banner." Review the Bible story.

Recall the Bible story. Talk about what is shown in the Teaching Picture. Encourage kids to recall the Bible story. Allow a child to toss the "Question Cube." Read the question and allow the child to answer. Repeat with each child.

Pray and sing. Thank God for all the things Jesus did. Sing "Jesus Is Powerful."

Wrap it up. Show "Jesus Healed the Official's Son" video. Read the title on the banner and review how Jesus was powerful in the Bible story.

JESUS CALMED A STORM MARK 4:35-41; LUKE 8:22-25 • TEACHING PICTURE 2

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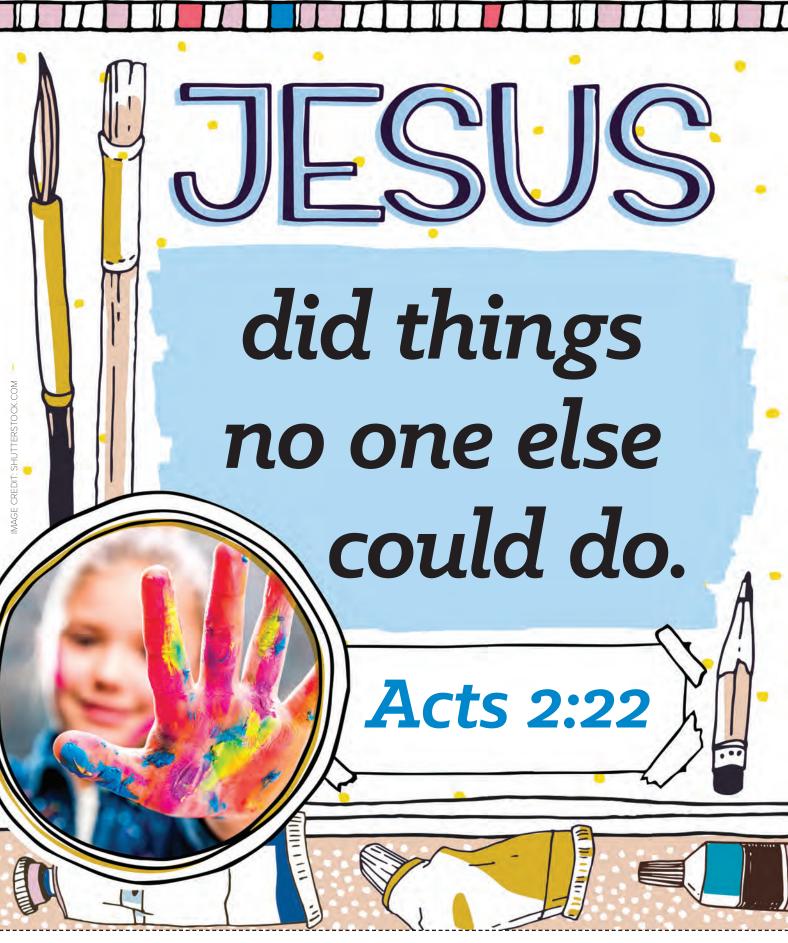
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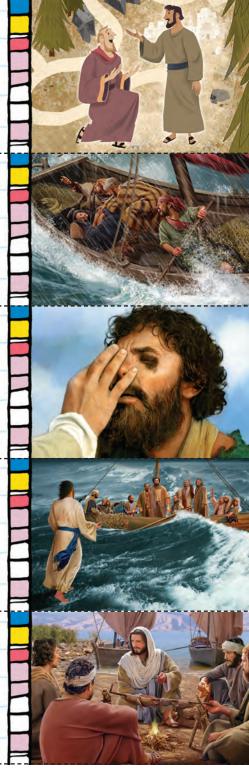
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Jesus can tell the weather what to do.

Jesus can help people.

Jesus can do things I cannot do.

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UNIT 1 LIFE POINTS

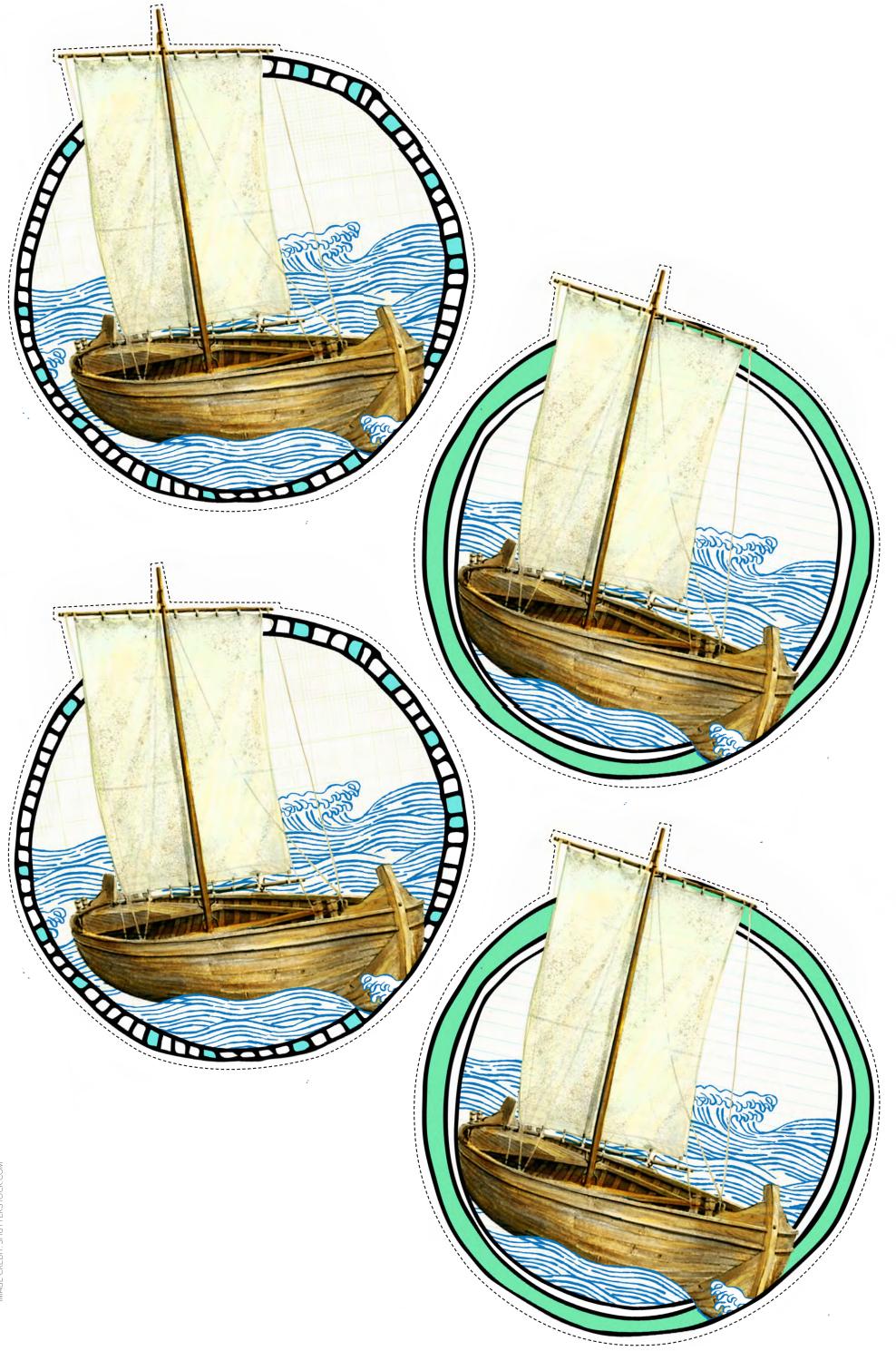
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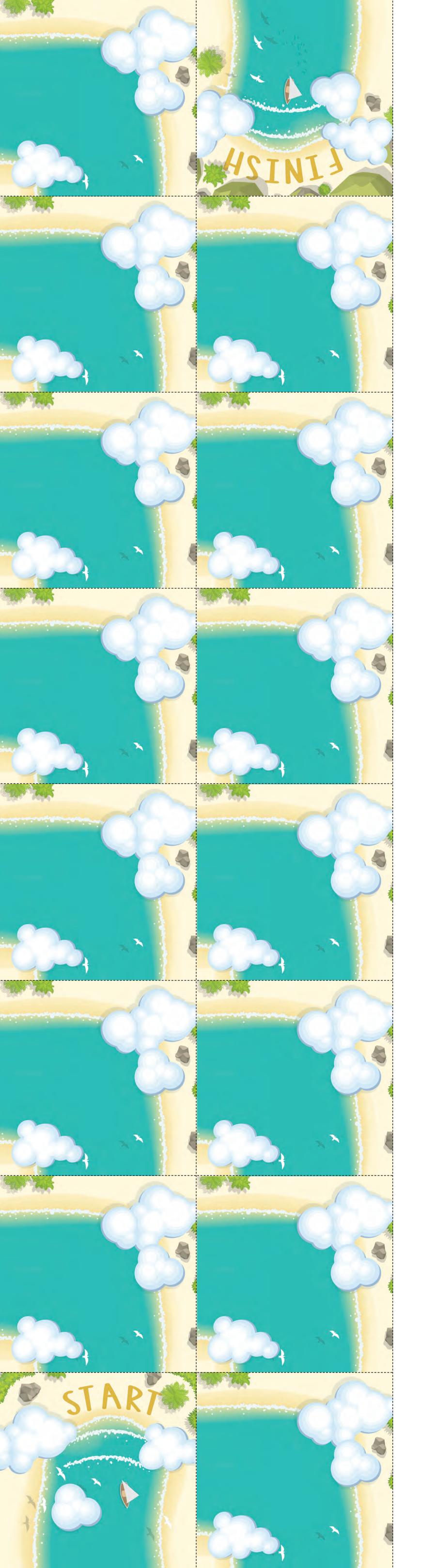
Instructions: Cut apart the strips. Use the strips in group time; attach the appropriate strip to the "Unit 1 Banner" (Pack Item 1) each week. Talk about the things that Jesus did. Lead kids to realize that Jesus was God's Son and powerful.

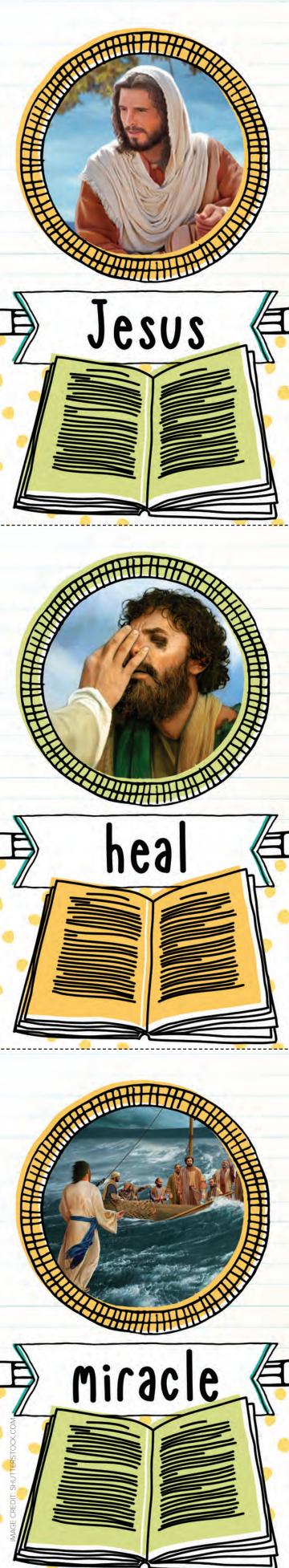


answer questions about the Bible story. **Instructions:** Cut out the cube and fold in the tabs. Use tape to seal the corners of the cube. Stuff with paper to make the cube more durable before sealing the final edge. Invite kids to roll the cube in group time and



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UNIT 1 WORD CARDS
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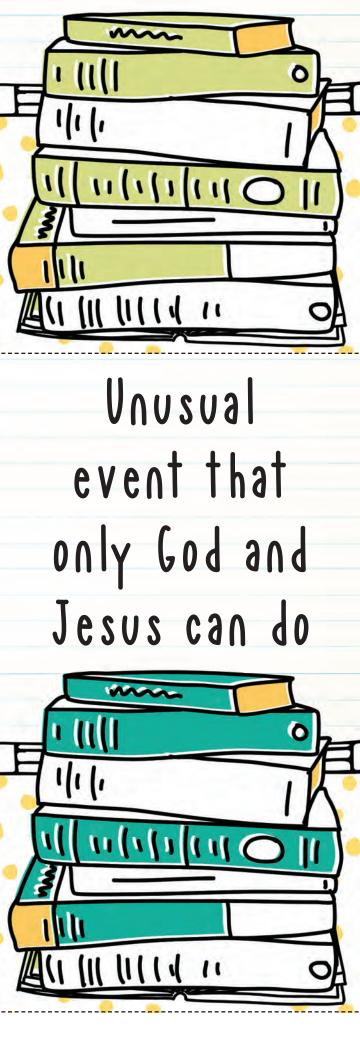
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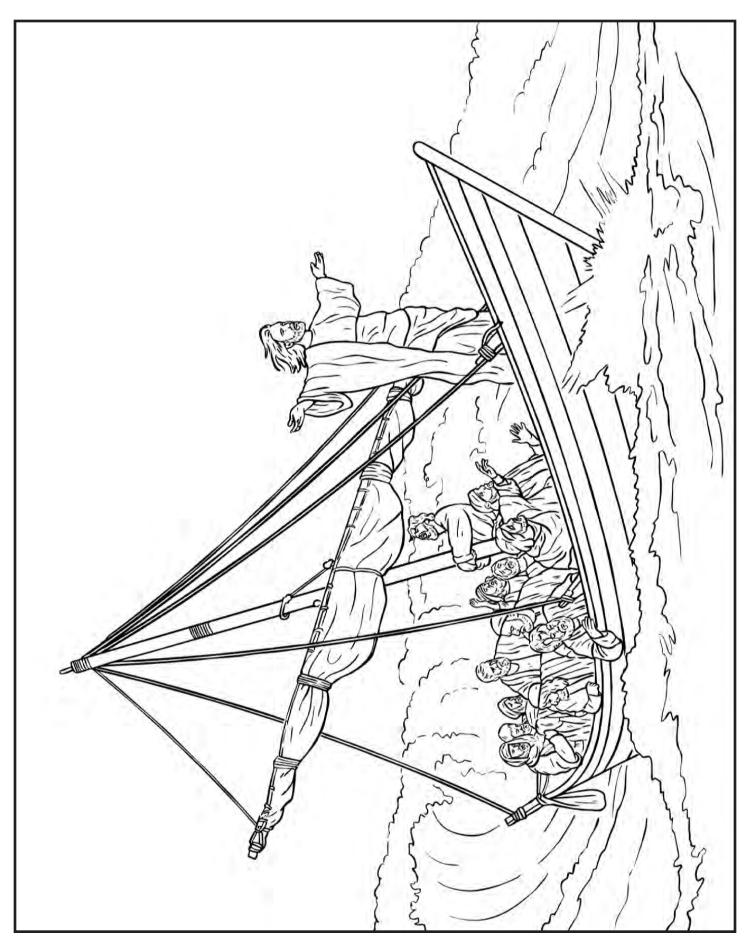
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God's one and only Son



To make someone well





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