



BABIES

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

JESUS IS POWERFUL
GOD'S AWESOME PROMISES
THE INCREDIBLE WORD OF GOD

KIDS LEADER GUIDE
FALL 2019

LifeWay | **Preschool**

JESUS CALMED A STORM

JESUS



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus loves me.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

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

BIBLE VERSE

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Mark 4:39

LIFE POINT

Jesus can tell the weather what to do.

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

September 8



BIBLE PLAY & LEARN

READ THE BIBLE

Gather: Pack Item 9: "Bible Verses;" Bible

Do: Separate today's Bible Verse. Place the verse strip inside the Bible.

- Place the Bible inside a crib. Touch the Bible marker and say the verse aloud when a baby looks toward the Bible.
- Sit on the floor with a child or hold a child in your lap. Let the child touch and turn the pages in the Bible.
- Show and read aloud the Bible Verse.
- **Note:** It is OK for a baby to rip the pages in a Bible. The child is touching a Bible! Replace Bibles when the pages are mostly gone.

PLAY WITH BOATS

Gather: Shallow tub, water, small plastic boats, straws or hand fan, towels

Do: Put the towel on the floor and place the tub on top of it. Place an inch of water in the tub.

- Shake the tub slightly to make waves.
- Wave the fan or blow the straw on the babies and the boats so the children can feel the wind and see the boats move.
- Say the Bible story statements. Let infants look at, touch, or hold plastic boats.
- Comment that missionaries sometimes travel by boat to tell others about Jesus.

MAKE BOAT PICTURES

Gather: Printables: "Boat Shape;" blue watercolor markers, spray bottle, water, scissors, tape, towel

Do: Print a Boat Shape for each child. Put water in the spray bottle and set the nozzle to mist lightly. Tape a paper to the high chair surface with the towel on the floor underneath.

- Encourage the babies to mark the boat shapes with the markers.
- Assist in holding the spray bottle to help babies squeeze the trigger, lightly misting the paper.
- Talk about the shapes and designs the ink makes as the water runs.
- Mention that the blue ink reminds you of the water in the Bible story.
- Comment: "Jesus made the waves stand still and the wind stop blowing. Jesus can tell the weather what to do."

SING TOGETHER

Gather: Pack Item 2: "Bible Picture Cards 1 & 2;" Printables: "Bible Words to Hear;" scissors

Do: Cut apart the Picture Cards and today's Bible Words.

- Display Picture Card 2 and the Bible Words as you sing.
- Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell":

The disciples were afraid. The disciples were afraid. The boat was rocking in the storm. The disciples were afraid.

Jesus calmed the storm. Jesus calmed the storm. The boat stopped rocking in the sea. Jesus calmed the storm.

The wind and waves were still. The wind and waves were still. The weather did what Jesus said. The wind and waves were still.



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BIBLE WORDS TO HEAR

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Bonus
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TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

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ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

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BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

TRY ON RAIN GEAR

Gather: Printables: “Bible Words to Hear”
Raincoats, boots, rain hats, nonbreakable mirror, basket, scissors

Do: Put the rain gear in a basket in an area where children will take an interest in it. Cut apart today’s Bible Words.

- » Help babies try on raincoats, hats, whatever they are interested in.
- » Show the Bible Words and talk about the Bible story as the children play.
- » Remind the children that Jesus can tell the weather what to do.
- » Remark: “I am glad Jesus loves me and takes care of me, even when it storms.”
- » Suggest children look at themselves in the mirror.
- » Put a hat on a baby or yourself and look in the mirror together.

MATCH WEATHER PICTURES

Gather: Pack Item 14: “Weather Pictures”
Scissors

Do: Cut the Weather Pictures apart.

- » Place the cards faceup where babies can see them. Pick up a card.
- » Ask an older baby to pat the picture that matches it.
- » Repeat until each match is made.
- » Remind children that Jesus made the wind and waves obey Him; He can do anything.

READ BOOKS “IN THE WIND”

Gather: Pack Item 2: “Bible Picture Cards 1 & 2”
Bible; blue paper streamers; painters tape; books about wind, weather; scissors

Do: Tape lengths of paper streamers to the wall above where the books are located. Cut apart the Picture Cards.

- » Point out the streamers on the wall.
- » Say, “Look! Wind is blowing in our book area.”
- » Invite children to read books in the wind with you: “Who would like to read with me?”
- » Respond as the children join you: “In today’s Bible story, Jesus told the windstorm to stop, and it did!”
- » Read aloud books to the babies as they are interested.
- » Help children discover the Bible and Picture Card 2 as they explore.
- » Point out the various things from the Bible story in the picture.

PLAY WITH WEATHER AND BOAT PUZZLES

Gather: Knob puzzles about the weather and boats

- » Place the puzzles on the floor near older babies; hold a puzzle in your lap with younger babies.
- » Invite a child to work a puzzle with you.
- » Talk about the pictures in each puzzle as you play together.
- » Review the Bible story with the child as you work the puzzle.



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UNIT 1
SESSION 2

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. The boat was a small fishing boat, easily dragged onto shore and filled to capacity with thirteen riders. A few other boats went out with them.

A sudden and severe squall, common on the lake, challenged 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 saw and 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?"

TEACHER TIP

Babies gain control of their bodies beginning at their head and moving down to their feet. Encourage babies' motor development by giving babies some tummy time each session.



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NOTE: Downloadable versions of items identified as *Printables* are available in the Music and Print Extras Bundle. Items identified as *Videos* are available in the Digital Video Bundle.

Additional training for Bible Studies For Life: Kids is available at ministrygrid.com/web/biblestudiesforlife.

Water Play

This week while giving your toddler a bath, remind her of the time when Jesus calmed a storm. Help her to splash the water; then guide her to stop when you say: “Shhhhhh, be still.” Remark that Jesus told the water to be still and it obeyed.

UNIT VERSE

Jesus did things no one else could do.

ACTS 2:22

Shake a Towel



Gather some lightweight plastic items to bounce on a towel. Guide your preschooler to hold one end of the towel as you hold the other and make things bounce atop the towel. Remind your child of the time when Jesus calmed a storm. Help him to stop shaking the towel when you say: “Shhhhhh, be still.” Remark that Jesus told the water to be still and it obeyed.



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Talk About the Storm

Splash in the tub and talk to your baby about Jesus calming the storm and having power over the weather. Remind your baby that Jesus made the wind to stop and the waves to be still.



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CONVERSATION

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.

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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

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**BASED ON MARK 4:35-41;
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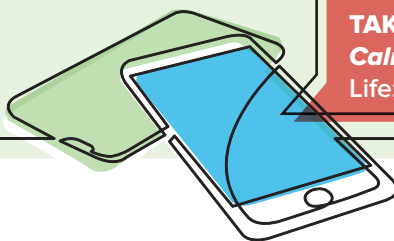
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Jesus had been teaching all day. He was tired. "Let's go to the other side of the lake," Jesus told His helpers. Jesus lay down on a cushion in the boat and went to sleep. The helpers sailed the boat across the big lake. A big wind began to blow. Water started coming into the boat. The helpers were afraid! "Help us!" they cried. Jesus woke up and looked at the windstorm. "Be still!" Jesus said. The wind stopped blowing. The waves stopped coming into the boat. Even the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus!

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





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God sent Jesus to help people.

Romans 8:3

Love other people and be kind.

Luke 6:27

We show love to God by obeying Him.

1 John 5:3

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Jesus told people about God.

Mark 1:14

Help one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

This is Jesus.

Matthew 21:11

Jesus said, "Remember Me."

1 Corinthians 11:24

Jesus said, "Love one another."

John 15:17

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray.

Matthew 6:9

Give thanks to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

God hears me when I talk to Him.

Psalms 66:19

Jesus prayed for His disciples (friends).

John 17:9





Jesus



Jesus



disciples (helpers)



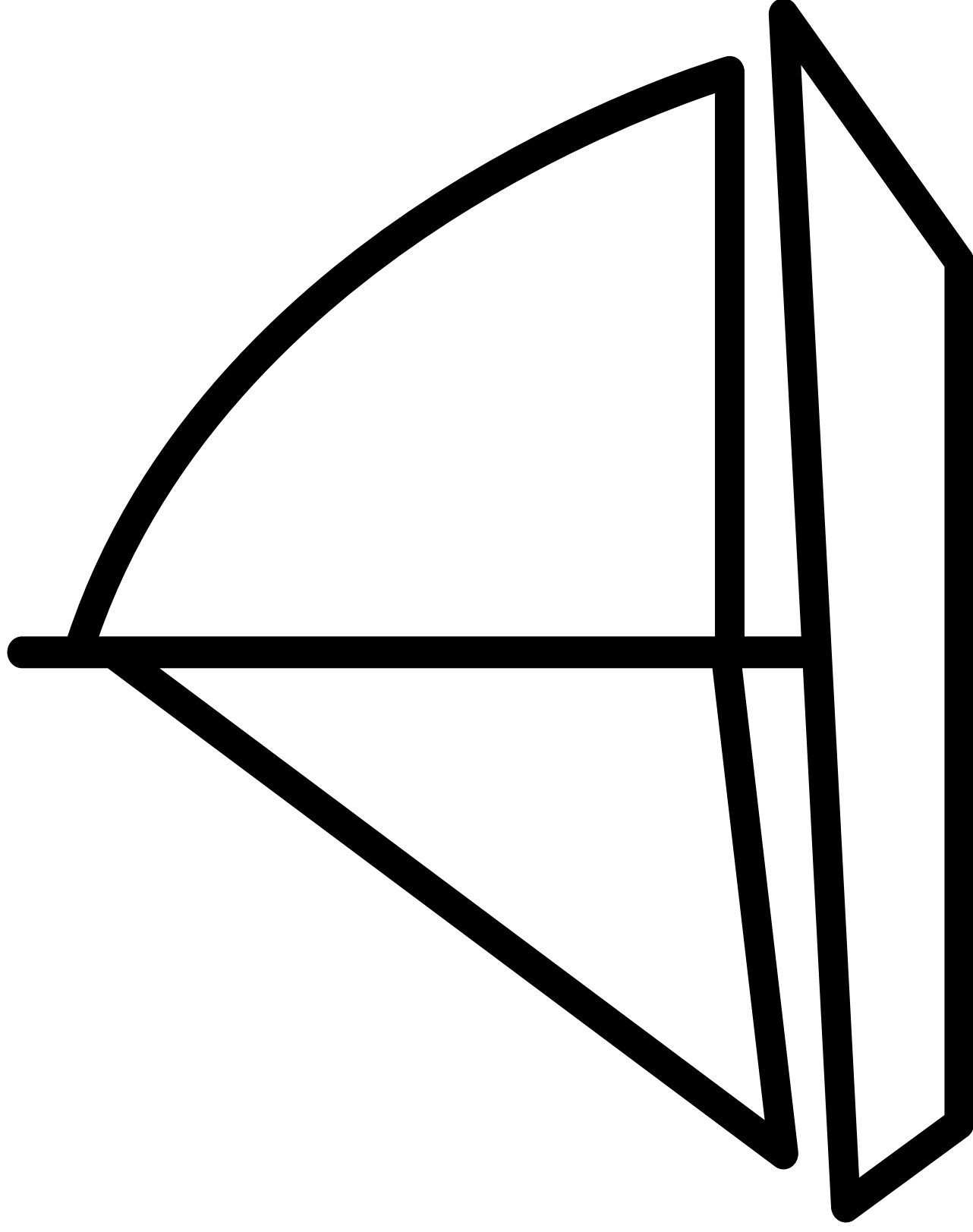
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