

Trekkers: 1st-3rd Grades

Needed: A ball, paper, pencil/markers/crayons

Memory Verse:

1. Grab a ball for this activity
2. Sit across from your child
3. Start by passing the ball to your child and say the first word of the key passage
4. Then your child will say the next word and pass the ball back to you
5. Continue until the passage is said

Key Passage: “Lord my God, no one can compare with you. You have done many wonderful things. You have planned to do these things for us. There are too many of them for me to talk about.”

Say: Our key passage reminds us that God does many wonderful things for us. Jesus is God the Son. He did wonderful miracles to show that He is God. Jesus’ most amazing miracle was saving sinners by dying on the cross and rising again.

Discussion Questions to Ask Kids (Based on the Story):

1. What was Jesus doing when the storm hit the boat?
(sleeping, Mark 4:38)
2. How did Jesus calm the storm?
(by speaking, Mark 4:39)
3. How did the disciples react to Jesus’ miracle?
(They were terrified and asked who Jesus was, Mark 4:41)
4. Why do you think the disciples were afraid?
Direct your kid to think more deeply than the simple answer of the storm they faced. Help them see that their fear came from a lack of understanding of and trust in who Jesus is. If they had known who Jesus is and trusted Him completely even in the storm, they would not have been afraid.
5. How do you react to scary or hard situations?
Guide your kid to answer honestly. Discuss when it is hard or easy to trust God.
6. How can we know that Jesus is trustworthy no matter what?
Prompt your kid to provide ways we can know Jesus is trustworthy. Remind them that God’s Word is true, and it teaches us to trust Jesus. Jesus is God the Son, and the Bible teaches us that He has control over all of creation. We also know that God only does what is good and right. Everything He does is for His glory and our good.

Say, “Jesus calmed a storm to show the disciples He is God. When we understand who Jesus is and put our faith in His work on the cross, God forgives our sins and gives us eternal life with Him.”

Activity: Lesson Reflection

1. Give your child a piece of paper, pencil/crayons/markers
2. Ask your child to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- a. What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- b. What does this story teach me about myself?
- c. Whom can I tell about this story?

Say, “ Some of Jesus’ disciples were fishermen before they followed Him, so they probably had been through some rough storms before. However, the storm from our Bible story must have been very powerful because the Bible tells us the disciples were terrified! Thankfully, Jesus is more powerful than anything in creation because Jesus is the Creator! He rules over all things. When Jesus told the wind and the waves to be calm, they obeyed. We can know for a fact that when Jesus says we can have life through faith in Him, it is the truth. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is saved from sin and death.”