



UNIT 7, SESSION 4

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

MARK 4

KEY POINT

Jesus cares for us!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who cares for us? Jesus cares for us!

MEMORY VERSE

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Fear and worry are very real parts of life. Preschoolers may not understand everything happening around them, but they can sense when things feel uncertain. As leaders, we get to point them to the One who never changes: Jesus, who is always in control.

This week, you'll be sharing a story from Mark 4:35–41, where Jesus calms the storm. Sit with this truth: The disciples were in the storm *because* they obeyed Jesus.

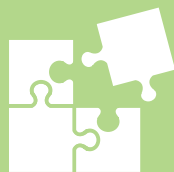
Did you catch that? The disciples were in the storm because they obeyed Jesus. Following Him doesn't mean we avoid hard things, but rather that we never face them alone.

In this week's lesson, Jesus is right there in the boat. Even when the storm seems overwhelming, He has not left. He is with us, in our home, in our car, everywhere!

When the disciples finally cried out for help, Jesus brought instant peace. Nothing is more powerful than Him, not storms, not sickness, not fear, not the unknown. The God who commands the wind and waves is the same God who cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." Before you invite children to bring their worries to God, bring Him your own. What's weighing on you today? Pause and offer it to Him.

"Lord, thank You that You are stronger than every storm. Help me trust You with my own worries so I can lead children with peace and joy. Remind me that You care for me and for every child I teach. Amen."

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “London Bridge is Falling Down”:

If you love me you will keep
my commandments,
my commandments.
If you love me you will keep
my commandments.
John 14:15

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the Bible lesson.

CRAFT: SUNSHINE/STORM WHEEL

Give each child a set of supplies to make their wheel: the circular paper with a sunny day and a storm on it, a metal brad, the half-circular paper with Jesus and the disciples on it, and markers/crayons.

Let children color in/decorate their papers, then stack them so the edges are lined up, with the Jesus and disciples paper on top of the weather paper. Use a brad to punch through the middle of the papers, and secure the wheel by bending the legs of the brad to the side on the back of the papers. Use the images below for help if needed.

Demonstrate how to spin the back of the wheel to change the weather from sunny to stormy and back again. Review the Bible lesson as you work. Be sure to write each child's name somewhere on their craft so they know which one to take home!



BIBLE TIME



Review the Bible lesson with your class.

BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

One day, Jesus was in a boat with His disciples. He fell asleep. While He was sleeping, a big storm blew in. The waves were tossing and crashing. There was thunder and lightning.

The disciples were scared, but Jesus was still sleeping! They woke Jesus and asked Him, “Don’t you care?” Jesus stood up and told the storm to “be still”. Instantly, the wind stopped, and the storm went away. The disciples knew only God could control the weather. They bowed down and worshiped Jesus. Jesus cared for them! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is God!

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

One day, Jesus told the disciples it was time to cross to the other side of the sea. Many of Jesus’ disciples were fishermen. They climbed aboard their fishing boats and began to cross. When they were in the middle of the sea, the wind began to blow. Soon they were in the middle of a storm. There was thunder and lightning. The waves were high.

Soon their boat began to fill with water. They were terrified! Meanwhile, Jesus was sleeping in the boat. The disciples couldn’t believe it. They woke Jesus and asked Him, “Don’t you care if we drown in the middle of the sea?” Jesus stood up and told the storm to be still. Instantly, the wind stopped, and the storm went away.

The disciples were in awe. They knew only God could control the weather. They bowed down and worshiped Jesus. They knew He cared, and nothing was impossible for Him.

KEY POINT: Jesus cares for us!

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. Why did the disciples worship Jesus?
4. Who cares for us? **Jesus cares for us!**

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!