

July 8, 2018

Morning Overview

Lesson: *The Winds and the Waves Obey*

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God kept His greatest and best promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

Today our children learn about Christ's rebuke of the wind and waves and his questioning of the disciple's faith in Him. This lesson highlights a significant aspect in Christ's lordship over all creation, as Sally Lloyd-Jones writes in the Jesus Story Book Bible, "The wind and the waves recognized Jesus' voice. (They had heard it before, of course - it was the same voice that made them, in the very beginning). They listened to Jesus and they did what he said." This interplays with the significance of Christ willingly leading his disciples into danger (the storm), his disciple's obedience, and then the testing of their faith. Out of all of these things it is very crucial to understand that fear is the antithesis of faith. In Scripture, no command is given more than to "fear not." This is why Jesus questions their faith; however, this is not the end for the disciples (nor us when we are afraid). Jesus chose these disciples (Mark 3:7-12), gave them the mystery of the kingdom of God (Mark 4:10-12), were privileged to hear Jesus' teachings and explanation (Mark 4:34), and given the secret behind Christ's mission (9:30-32). Their journey of faith included more shortcomings than successes, but in the end, they were affirmed and called Christ's disciples (Mark 16:7).

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Story: Vos Child's Study Bible, Pages 288-289; The Gospel Story Bible, Pages 196-197;
The Beginner's Bible, Pages 363-367; The Jesus Storybook Bible, Pages 236-243.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: Jesus Calms the Storm

Supplies: Jesus in the boat paper, blue paper, glue, crayons/markers

Instructions: 1. Fold over top of paper to show storm clouds (enough to cover sun and clouds).
2. Attach blue paper with glue, color as desired



Relay of the Day: See Below

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

- Cherub Church** for 3's (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Craft: Jesus Calms the Storm

Supplies: Cardstock circle, cardstock boat, brads, crayons/markers

Instructions: Attach boat to circle with brad, color as desired



Relay of the Day: Peace Be Still

You and the other teachers will be Jesus and His disciples in the boat in the middle of the room. Assign half the children to be "waves" and half the children to be "the wind". Instruct the "waves" to make a wave with their body by reaching down to touch their toes then reaching up to the sky rapidly. The "wind" blows around room as if they were airplanes on a crash landing. Demonstrate with them before you act this out.

Story: *The Winds and the Waves Obey*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, when were you last scared or afraid? What was it that made you scared or afraid? In our story today, the disciples were very afraid and scared about a mighty storm, but Jesus does something incredible. Let's find out what Jesus does!
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus had spent a long day teaching; afterwards he encouraged his disciples to go to the other side of the lake. The disciples willingly obeyed Jesus' request.
- Not soon after setting sail, a mighty storm came upon the boat. The storm's waves crashed against the boat filling it with water. The seasoned fishermen – the disciples – were very afraid.
- In their angst, they awoke Jesus questioning His care for them. Jesus quiets the storm; the waves and winds cease at the command of Jesus.
- Jesus questions the disciples trust in Him.
- The disciples are amazed and left to wonder who is this man was that they are following.

Story

Transition

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The Wind and the Waves Obey

Many people followed Jesus wanting to see him or hear him teach. One particular time there were so many people following Jesus that not everyone could hear what he was saying or even see him! So, Jesus decided that he would get in a boat and have everyone stay on land. Jesus only went out a little way from land, but the whole crowd of people following him could see him and even hear him! Jesus spent a whole day teaching the crowd; it was a very long day.

Once the day had come to an end and evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." The disciples picked up their oars to row the boat and set the sails to cross to the other side. As they set off Jesus laid down in the boat to rest and he quickly fell asleep.

Not long after the disciples and Jesus were on the water, the Bible tells us a great storm arose and the boat was caught in the middle of this great storm. The Bible tells us the waves were so fierce and powerful they were breaking into the boat. With great fear, the disciples saw water coming into the boat – the boat was going to sink!

While the disciples were panicking and trying to dump water out of the boat, Jesus was at the back of the boat asleep. The disciples, seeing Jesus asleep, ran to him and shook him. Jesus woke up and the disciples said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are going to die?"

The Bible tells us that Jesus stood up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" What happened next was incredible. The winds stopped howling and blowing. The waves became peaceful and calm. The storm was gone. Then Jesus turned to the disciples and asked them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" The disciples were very much afraid of the winds and waves, they thought that Jesus did not care about them. But the disciples had forgotten that Jesus was the One who created the winds and the waves. The disciples did not trust that Jesus cared for them.

The disciples were in awe of Jesus – that means they were amazed and left to wonder who Jesus truly was! The Bible tells us the disciples said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" The disciples were unsure of who Jesus was – the Son of God!

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What had Jesus been doing all day?
- What did Jesus do so the crowd could hear him teach?
- What did Jesus ask the disciples to do?
- What did Jesus do once they started sailing/rowing?
- What came upon the boat and terrified the disciples?
- Why were the disciples scared?
- What did Jesus say to the winds and waves?
- What did Jesus say to the disciples?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Memory for Summer:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

Catechism Questions (1-20)