

JESUS WORKS MIRACLES

Matt. 9:27-31; 14:15-33; 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; 6:35-52
John 5:5-21; Luke 8:22-25; 9:12-17

Section 9 Lesson 6

Sunday Morning

4 - 5 years olds

PRE-TIME: Bible Facts and Review Questions

ATTENDANCE: *(Have one student at a time mark their chart while the others complete the pre-time activity.)*

PRAYER: *(Lead the class in prayer or have a child say the prayer)*

BIBLE STORY: In our last lesson we talked about how Jesus healed people, such as people who were blind (*show transparency #2 from Lesson 5*) and now they could see. (*Show transparency # 5 from Lesson 5*).

And those who were lame (*show transparency #3 from Lesson 5*) and now could walk. (*Show transparency #6 from Lesson 5*)

Even the people who were maimed (*show transparency # 4 from Lesson 5*). They were healed, too! (*Show transparency #7 from Lesson 5*)

Jesus showed everyone his “compassion”. What did we say “compassion” meant?
To show you care.

Today’s lesson is about two miracles that Jesus did on the Sea of Galilee (*show transparency #1 from Lesson 5*). Did you remember what a miracle is? It is something that is not normal and totally unexplainable. The disciples of Jesus had gone into a boat and started across the Sea of Galilee after Jesus had fed the five thousand people. Jesus was alone up on top of a mountain praying. It was night.

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It was night. A great storm came up so that the disciples could not row their boat across the water. The wind and the water tossed the boat about and the disciples were afraid. They worked nearly all night trying to keep the boat from sinking.

Early in the morning before it was daylight. Jesus saw the disciples and knew that they were afraid. He started to them walking on the water.

The disciples saw Jesus coming and thought he was a ghost (a spirit). They cried out because they were so afraid. Jesus said, "It is I. Be not afraid." When they heard Him, the disciples gladly let Jesus into the boat. Then another amazing thing happened. As soon as Jesus got into the boat, it reached shore, exactly where they wanted to be.

(This part of the lesson, use flannel graph story #119, entitled Jesus Stills the Storm, page 183-184.)

Once again, Jesus had been teaching people by the Sea of Galilee. He preached there all day and when evening came he sent the crowd of people away. He was very tired. *(Show flannel on Jesus and crowd of people)*

(Show boat sailing across Sea of Galilee) Jesus got into a boat with his disciples and said, "let us go to the other side of the Sea." They started on their trip. Jesus was very tired and he laid down in the back of the boat and went to sleep.

After a little while a great storm came up. *(Add dark clouds)*. Dark clouds

filled the sky. A strong wind began to blow (*Add waves*) causing big waves to hit against the boat. The water washed up on the sides and into the boat. The boat was about to sink. The disciples saw that the boat was filling with water and they became frightened. They thought that they would be drowned.

They saw that Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. They thought that Jesus did not know anything about the storm.

One of the disciples called to Jesus and said, “don’t you care if we die?” Jesus opened His eyes. (*Add Jesus standing on boat*) He looked at the frightened faces of the disciples. He heard the loud noises made by the storm. But, Jesus was not afraid.

He said to the wind, “**Peace, be still.**” (*Remove dark clouds and waves*) The wind stopped blowing and the water became still and smooth again. Then Jesus looked at the disciples and asked, “Why were you afraid? Could you not trust Me?”

The disciples were surprised again to see what wonderful things Jesus could do. They said to each other, “What kind of a man is this – that even the wind and the sea obey him?” The disciples had seen Jesus change water into wine, heal sick people, and walk on water.

Now they had seen Jesus make the wind stop blowing. They wondered

what kind of man he was because they had never seen anyone like him before.

Jesus did those things to make his disciples and all the people who followed Him believe that he was the Son of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go after he sent the people away? (*In a boat to go to the other side of the Sea*)
2. When he got into the boat what did Jesus do? (*Laid down and went to sleep.*)
3. Did a bad storm come up? (*Yes*)
4. How did the disciples feel? (*Frightened*)
5. Why were they frightened? (*They thought that they would drown*)
6. When they saw Jesus was asleep, what did they do? (*Waked him up*)
7. What did Jesus ask them? (*"Why are you afraid?"*)
8. What did Jesus say to the wind? (*Peace, be still.*)
9. What did the wind and water do? (*The wind stop blowing and the water became still and smooth again.*)
10. What did the disciples say to each other? (*What kind of a man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him.*)

MEMORY WORK: 12 apostles

TAKE-HOME HANDOUT(s): Two-sided puzzle (*Black/white side – Jesus walking on the water and Colored side – Jesus in boat calming the storm.*)

(*If have the time also, show the video-tape entitled "The Beginners Bible–New Testament Read-Along Video" – the story Wind and Waves Obey Jesus*)

Attendance

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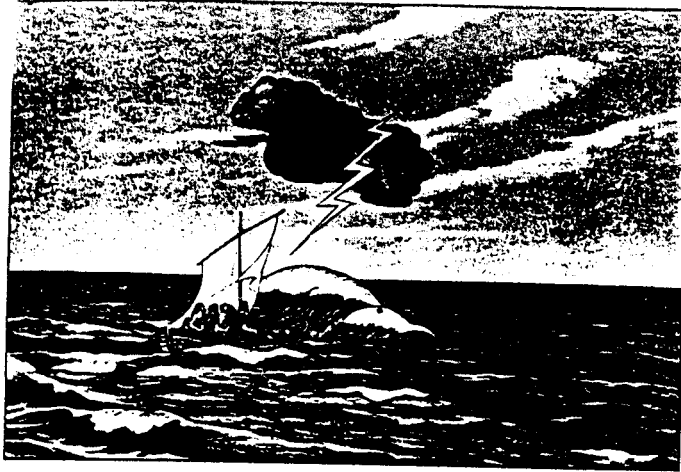
Jesus Stills the Storm

MEMORY VERSE: "He commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey Him." Luke 8:25

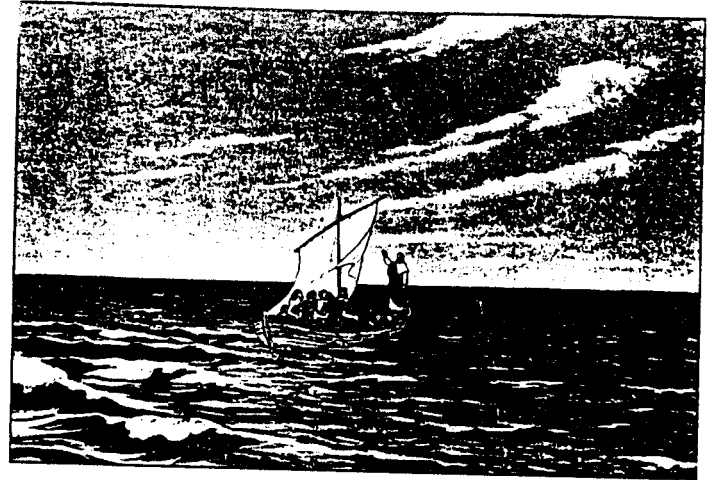
SCRIPTURES: Matthew 8:23-34; Mark 4:35 to 5:20; Luke 8:22-40

AIM: When we are afraid we can trust Jesus.

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Jesus was tired and hungry. All day He had been busy preaching, teaching and healing. Now at the end of the day, Jesus needed to rest. So He said to His disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." The disciples and Jesus got into one of the boats and pushed from the land. Weary, Jesus went to the back of the boat and lay down. He went fast asleep.

Suddenly dark clouds filled the sky, hiding the stars and moon. A strong wind began to blow causing big waves of water to hit against the boat.

The disciples had never been in such a bad storm. They watched as the waves became bigger and bigger. The waves lifted the boat high, then tossed it down again. Water was now coming into the boat.

The disciples worked with all their might, bailing out the foaming water as it swirled around their feet and legs. But however fast they worked, more water kept pouring over the sides. Soon, they knew the boat would sink and they would all be drowned.

"Master! Master!" they called. But their voices could hardly be heard above the noise of the wind and waves. It was dark and they could not see Jesus. The disciples were terrified.

Finally a flash of lightening lit up the boat. To their astonishment they saw that Jesus was still asleep.

One of the disciples called, "Jesus, don't you care if we die?" Jesus opened His eyes. He looked at the frightened faces of the disciples. He heard the loud noises from the storm, and he saw the boat sinking into the water. But He was not afraid.

Jesus stood up. He held up His hands and said to the angry sea, "Peace, be still." Immediately the wind died down. The waves calmed and the water became smooth

again.

Then Jesus looked at His disciples and asked, "Why were you afraid? Could you not trust Me?"

The disciples gazed at Him in awe. They whispered to each other, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him."

When Jesus and the disciples arrived at the other side of the lake they heard piercing screams. Two demon possessed men came running out of a graveyard. The men were so strong that no one could tie them down. They could break out of anything, even chains. They were a constant source of terror to the people in the nearby town.

The disciples ran, but Jesus stood still. He was not afraid. He knew that Satan had control over these men; but Jesus also knew that God is stronger than Satan.

Calmly Jesus held up His hand. The men stopped. Then Jesus commanded the evil spirits to come out of the men.

A herd of pigs was feeding in the distance. The demons begged, "If You send us out, send us into these pigs." That is what happened, and the whole herd rushed over a cliff and drowned in the water below. The disciples looked on in amazement.

The herdsmen hurried away to the nearby city. They spread the news as they ran.

As the people came running to find out what had happened, they saw an amazing sight. The two men, who for years had been the terror of the neighborhood, were sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right minds.

It seems strange, but the city people were very afraid. The crowd began begging Jesus to go away and leave them alone. Maybe they were worried they would lose

Jesus were to stay. He could help other people in need.

So Jesus got back into the boat. The men who had been freed from the demons begged Jesus to let them go along. But He said, "No. Go home to your friends. Tell them what great things God has done for you." They

You too can call upon Jesus to help you when you are afraid or in trouble. There may be some things that frighten you, but Jesus can protect you and help you not be afraid.







