

Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday
Fall of 2020 - September 20, 2020
All Ages

Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm

Emphasis: God protects us from the storms of our lives.

Bible Background: Today in our story, the disciples were saved from the storm. The storm plays a big part in our story today because it allowed Jesus to show his power and strength. But before the storm came, the disciples were out fishing. Many of the disciples were fishermen before Jesus said to them, come follow me. So being in a boat was familiar and they understood the dangers of the sea.

Open with the Bible Story: (Read) Matthew 8:23-27 Read from the Spark Bible (page 286 "The Storm") or a Family Bible.

Questions:

1. What do you think about the disciples and what they did on the boat? (They were really scared and woke up Jesus for HELP!)
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples when they woke him up? (Jesus said, why are you afraid? Have FAITH! Faith is knowing that God and Jesus are always with us.) Jesus is telling the disciples and us, that he is always with us even when we are afraid, just pray...Jesus says, I am with you.

Activity: Supplies a Big Bowl of Water

Emphasize: Water can be seen in storms as rain, snow, and hail, but it also has a place in the church. It is used in our Baptisms. This is where God claims us as God's very own and reminds us that God will never leave us even when we are scared and feel like we are alone.

Have each person sprinkle water on another person. As they sprinkle, have them say: Remember Jesus calms the storm. (Watch out this could get to be a bit crazy with little ones but fun:)

Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to protect us and love us through the storms in our lives. May this water remind us that you are always with us and you have the power to calm even the wind and the waves. In your name we pray.
Amen