

Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday
Fall of 2020 - September 27, 2020
All Ages

Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm

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

Bible Background: Today 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 save the disciples. But before the storm came, the disciples were out fishing. Many of the disciples had been fishermen before they left to follow Jesus, so this was something they were good at. We are going to practice our fishing in a storm, as we master the facts of our story.

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 of the story?
2. What was the most exciting part of the story? What was the scariest part of the story?
3. (The disciples were afraid in the storm) What does it feel like to be afraid? Describe some ways in which feeling afraid is like being in a storm?

Activity:

Supplies: Bed sheet and balls or stuff animals of various sizes

We will be playing with a (parachute) bed sheet, which will be our Sea of Galilee. Have members of your family hold the ends of the bed sheet. Then put the balls or stuff animals in the middle of the bed sheet (the fish in our fishing net). Start moving the bed sheet and

practice making storms. Then listen to Jesus! (Jesus tells the storm to stop...then stop moving the bed sheet) It will be fun to start slow and then a big storm!

Emphasize: When we are afraid Jesus can help us! When we pray and ask Jesus for help, Jesus helps us and calms our fears.

Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer: Dear Lord, like the disciples whose boat was being swamped in a storm and were afraid, we sometimes feel afraid too. Like the disciples we have Jesus with us! We thank you for staying with us when we are afraid and for calming us today. In Jesus, Amen