

**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday**

**Fall of 2020 - October 4, 2020**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm**

**Emphasis:** When we ask Jesus to help when we are afraid. Jesus opens his arms and calms us.

**Bible Background:** **Storms can be scary!** Luckily we have things that can help us prepare for scary weather. Weather reports to warn us when bad weather is coming. More importantly we have people who have figured out the safest things to do in bad weather. Today's story, the disciples find themselves in a scary storm. They did not have weather reports like us, so they were caught by surprise. To make it even scarier they were in a boat.

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

**Wow! Jesus was able to make the storm stop. Jesus saved the disciples on the boat from the storm. They must have been amazed by Jesus' power! The storm listened to Jesus!**

**Questions:**

1. Have you ever been in a scary storm?
2. In Arizona we have monsoons, Share a memory about a big monsoon!
3. God made the world, how can we help take care of God's world?

**Activity:** Look up weather reports and talk about the different weather in the United States and throughout the world. Have each person share their favorite weather and why... wind, snow, rain, sunshine, (example: I like snow because I like to snow ski. Or wind because I like to see the monsoon winds moves the palm trees back and forth)

**Emphasize:** Remind them that God created the whole world and God used weather to form the world.(mountains, valleys, oceans and islands)

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to protect us, thank you for sending our parents to protect us too. We give you thanks for making a beautiful world that we can live and grow up in. Help us to protect and take care of the world you made. In Jesus name, Amen.