



Use Week of:

Unit 24 • Session 1

Jesus Calmed a Storm

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 8; Mark 4;
Luke 8

STORY POINT: Jesus showed He is
God's Son.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 40:5

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus has power
over everything He made.

Bible Story for Toddlers

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat. Jesus was tired, so He laid down and went to sleep. A great windstorm came, and the waves were tossing the boat. Jesus' friends were afraid, and they woke up Jesus. They said, "Lord, save us! We are going to die!" Jesus got up and said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind stopped blowing and the waves were calm. Jesus asked His friends, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Jesus' friends were amazed. They said, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Babies Gospel Gems

- * Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm.
- * Jesus told the wind and waves to be still.
- * Jesus showed His friends that He is the Lord.

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BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Matthew 8. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm, and the disciples were afraid. Jesus told the wind and waves to be still, and they obeyed! **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON**, and Jesus' friends worshiped Him as Lord. [*Pray for the babies.*]

Sing a hymn

Sing the first verse of "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." If you are unfamiliar with the song, listen to it online before the session. Consider holding and pointing to the Bible or Bible story picture as you sing.

SAY • The Bible tells us how **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON**. Jesus has power over everything He made, including the wind and waves!

Make raindrop art

Provide painting smocks to protect clothing. Help each baby make raindrops on her paper using a washable blue paint dauber or old blue washable markers. Write the story point or Christ connection on her art. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus showed His friends that He is the Lord. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Rock with the waves

Play gentle ocean sounds. Hold a baby securely as you gently rock him back and forth. Talk about the Bible story as you vary the height of your "waves."

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. The disciples were afraid, but Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus has power over everything He made. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security guidelines. Give parents today's big picture card. Repeat the gospel gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

TODDLER Activities

Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Matthew 8. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

Decorate rain sticks

Begin the first part of making rain sticks according to the "Make a Rain Stick" printable. Help toddlers assemble the rain sticks. Provide crayons and stickers for toddlers to decorate their rain sticks. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers work.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus showed His friends that He is the Lord. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Practice the key passage

Print and cut out the key passage card. Tape it to a small boat. Sit with the toddlers in a circle. Show them how to make waves by bringing their arms up and down as you pass the boat to the right. When you say, "Peace!" they must put their hands in their laps. Read the key passage and play again.

SAY • Jesus told the wind and waves to be still, and they obeyed. Jesus has power over everything He made. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Blow bubbles

Provide bubble solution for toddlers to blow bubbles as you hold the wands. Place a small fan out of reach to show toddlers how the "wind" moves the bubbles. Keep towels handy. Retell the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. The wind was strong and scary. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON** by calming the storm.

Spray a boat

Place a plastic boat in a small bin with an inch of water. Give toddlers spray bottles of water to mist the boat. Keep towels nearby. Tell the Bible story.

SAY • **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.** Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. Jesus has power over everything He made.

BONUS Teaching Hour

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Transition activity: Play out sitting on a boat

Outline a large boat shape on the floor with painter's tape. Guide toddlers to sit inside the boat in rows. Sit in the front of the boat. Pretend that the waves are rocking the boat by guiding toddlers to lean side to side or bounce up and down on their knees or bottoms. Say "peace," and guide toddlers to settle. Tell the story.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. Jesus' friends were scared, but Jesus was asleep! Jesus told the wind and waves to be still, and they obeyed. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.** Jesus has power over everything He made!

Read books about wind/water power

Check out books from your library about wind or water power. Read the books to toddlers. Review the Bible story.

SAY • The wind and waves are very powerful, but Jesus has power over everything He made. Jesus told the wind and waves to be still, and they obeyed. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Sing about the story

Sing "With Jesus in the Boat" and perform simple hand motions. If you are unfamiliar with the song, listen to it online before the session. Tell the Bible story.

SAY • Jesus and the disciples were in a boat during a storm. Jesus showed His friends that He is the Lord. **JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD'S SON.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.