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Jesus Stops a Storm

Matthew 8:23-27;
Mark 4:35-41

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One day Jesus taught a crowd of people by the Sea of Galilee. They listened to Him teach about God's kingdom.

At the end of the day Jesus told His disciples, "Let's row to the other side of the lake." They climbed into a boat and began to row. Jesus went to the back of the boat. He lay down to rest. The lake was quiet and calm. The boat rocked gently. Jesus soon fell asleep.

Suddenly a storm blew across the lake. Strong winds howled. The sky turned black with dark clouds. The waves grew and grew. Water crashed into the boat. The disciples tried to row. But the wild waves tossed the little boat up and down. Soon the bottom of the boat filled with water.

The disciples thought,

We're sinking. We will all drown! So they went to the back of the boat to wake Jesus. They shouted, "Save us, Lord! Save us before we drown!" Jesus stood up. He spoke to the wind and the waves. He said to them, "Peace! Be still!" The waves stopped tossing. The wind stopped blowing. Stars twinkled in a clear sky. It was perfectly quiet.

Jesus looked at His disciples. "Why are you so afraid?" He asked. "Don't you believe in Me? Don't you know that I can always help you?" The disciples were amazed. They said, "How does Jesus have such power? Even the wind and waves obey Him."

Jesus protects us.



Parents: Fill your bathtub with water and have your child sail a toy boat in it (you can use a Styrofoam egg carton to make your own boat). Splash in the water and make a storm. Talk about being careful near water. Remind your child of how Jesus stopped the waves. Trust that God has good plans even when it is very stormy outside.