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Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus showed his authority over the storm.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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The Crossing Begins

Mark 4:35-41



Evening came, and Jesus told his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. They left the crowd and took him with them in the boat. Other small boats were alongside. Mark places the event after Jesus had been teaching, but this scene turns from words spoken on shore toward what would happen on the water. The disciples were making a crossing with the teacher they had been listening to.

A great windstorm arose. Waves beat into the boat until water was filling it. This was not simply a breeze making the journey less pleasant. The account names the rising water as part of the danger. A boat meant to carry them across was taking in the lake around it. Mark does not describe thunder, lightning, or the exact distance from shore, so those details are not needed to understand their fear.

Jesus was in the stern, the back of the boat, sleeping on a cushion. His rest appears beside the storm's violence. The disciples could see the waves and the water entering, while their teacher remained asleep. The account does not tell us how long they waited before waking him or list every action they tried. It gives a clear contrast: danger was pressing upon the boat, and Jesus was resting within it.

They woke him and asked whether he cared that they were perishing. Their words were urgent and troubled. They were not presenting a calm question about the weather; they believed their lives were at risk. The question also concerned care. Could their teacher be asleep while they faced such danger? At this point in the story, the disciples brought their fear directly to Jesus, and the next action would reveal more of his authority than they had understood.

Remember: We can tell Jesus when we are afraid.

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A Great Calm and a Greater Question

Mark 4:35-41



Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind. He spoke to the sea, commanding quiet and stillness. The wind stopped, and a great calm followed. The change in the account is complete and sudden. The same water that had been driven into the boat was now still. Mark presents this as an extraordinary act of authority. Jesus did not merely suggest that the disciples think more cheerfully while the waves continued in the same way.

Then Jesus questioned them about their fear and their lack of faith. His words came after he had addressed the storm. The account does not say the waves were imaginary or that the disciples had invented a danger. It asks readers to consider their trust in the one who was with them. They had heard him teach, but this crossing was bringing them face to face with a power beyond ordinary teaching skill.

The disciples were now filled with great awe and fear. They asked one another who Jesus could be, since even the wind and sea obeyed him. The question is the final note of the passage. They did not end with a careful scientific explanation for the calm. They were trying to understand the identity of the person in their boat. Their fear of drowning had become astonishment before authority they could not easily explain.

Mark does not continue this scene by describing every other boat or listing what the disciples did after reaching shore. Its focus stays on the command, the calm, and the question about Jesus. Reading carefully lets the ending remain a question worth considering. The teacher who had slept on a cushion had also spoken to the storm. The account invites us to recognize both his real presence in the boat and his extraordinary authority over what threatened it.

Pause and think: How could speaking honestly about fear help you seek both comfort and wise practical help?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Fear Spoken Honestly



The disciples spoke directly from their fear, even asking whether Jesus cared. The story leaves that troubled question in place. We can bring honest worries to God without finding perfect words first. We can also tell a trusted adult when we are frightened. Naming a fear is not the same as deciding it controls everything. It is often a beginning toward receiving care and understanding what help is needed.

This particular rescue does not promise that every storm stops when someone prays. People who are hurt in disasters are not necessarily less faithful. Weather warnings, safe shelter, life jackets, and responsible adult guidance still matter. Children should never test faith by entering dangerous water. We can trust God and take practical precautions, remembering that the lives of people around us deserve protection and thoughtful care.

The final question asks who Jesus is. The calm points beyond relief at a better crossing toward his identity and authority. As you read, consider what the disciples had known before and what they were now trying to understand. Sometimes a meaningful story gives us a question to carry, not merely an event to admire.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus met the storm with authority, and the disciples' fear opened into wonder about who he was.

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Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What was Jesus doing when the storm began?

2. What happened after he spoke?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus calms the wind and water.
- ☐ A storm frightens the disciples, and they wake Jesus.
- ☐ Jesus and the disciples set out across the lake.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw one boat scene with rough water and another with calm water.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

We can tell Jesus when we are afraid.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Mark 4:38-40

A thoughtful conversation

This miracle reveals Jesus' identity; it does not promise that faith prevents storms or accidents. Welcome children's fears, and pair prayer with following weather warnings and trusted adults' safety instructions.

Activity answers

1. He was sleeping at the back of the boat.
2. The wind stopped and the lake became calm.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, hear us when we are afraid and guide us toward help and safety. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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