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JESUS CALMED A STORM

GAME TIME

INDOOR STORM

Assign each family member a role: rain, wind, or thunder. Ask each person to make noises that correspond to that sound in a storm.

Kids can slap their thighs for rain, whistle for wind, and make thundering noises with their mouths.

SAY: *That sounded like a huge storm. Thankfully, we weren't in any danger. Today we will learn about a real, dangerous storm and how Jesus responded to it.*

BIBLE STORY

Jesus spent all day teaching crowds of people near the Sea of Galilee. That evening, Jesus wanted to cross over to the other side of the sea so Jesus and His disciples left the crowds. They got into a boat and began sailing. Some of the people from the crowds followed in their own boats. While Jesus and His disciples traveled, Jesus fell asleep on a cushion at the back of the boat.

All of a sudden, a storm came. The wind was strong, and the waves crashed into the boat. Water was coming into the boat, and the disciples were afraid! Many of the disciples were fishermen. They had survived storms on the sea before, but this storm was different. It was so strong. If the water kept coming in the boat, the boat would sink. Surely they would all drown!



The disciples looked to Jesus for help, but Jesus was still fast asleep at the back of the boat. He didn't seem to even notice the storm. Did Jesus care that they were about to sink into the sea? The disciples woke up Jesus. "Lord, save us!" they said. "We are going to die!" Jesus opened His eyes and saw that His friends were afraid.

He got up and spoke to the wind. Then Jesus said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" At the sound of Jesus' voice, the wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing. Everything was calm. The disciples were safe. Jesus looked at His disciples and asked, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Did the disciples not trust Jesus to take care of them? The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"