



SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS JR/SR: Jesus calms the storm

Date: Sunday July 5, 2026 **Teachers:** Rachel A, Vicky W, Susan

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 14 **KEY PASSAGE:** John 14:6

Props: *bring from home: mirror (Vicky) large sheet (Susan)

INTRO BIBLE STORY JR & SR COMBINED : materials: (mirror from home)

Vicky

Jesus came to earth (what holiday do we celebrate to remember that?) Christmas! Jesus came to bring God's kingdom to this world because we needed His Kingdom on earth- things on earth were not good!

The Good News is called the? (The gospel!) Gospel means good news! It is the good news about what Jesus has done- and it is an amazing story. God made the world good and when human evil messed it up, God came in Jesus the son to rescue the world!

We can't see God with our eyes, but we can know what God is like by looking at Jesus, and when we look at the New Testament in the Bible it tells us all about Jesus

This is a mirror. (show kids themselves in the mirror and have them say who they see). The image of yourself is the exact image of you. You don't look in it and see someone else, you look in it and see yourself!

When we look at Jesus we are able to see God. Jesus is God. We are learning stories about Jesus to show us what God is like. Today we are going to hear a story from the life of Jesus: Jesus calming the storm, we learn through this story that God has creative power to stop the winds and the waves.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: Jesus calms the storm

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Rachel

materials: (white board, marker) (leave out missing letters to the underlined words and have kids take turns filling in the word)

Jesus said, I am the Way the Truth and Life. John 14:6

ACTIVITY: "making waves" **materials:** (bring in a sheet from home, use a ball from the bin)

Susan

The waves were tossing the boat the disciples were in to and fro, they were likely going to capsize. The sea represents the chaotic darkness. Jesus comes onto the water, and He says to the water peace be still. He has authority over the water, and the winds and the waves obey him. It was his word at the beginning of creation that separated the waters above from the waters below, and now He is commanding the chaos to cease. His arrival is bringing an end to the chaos of the world, first setting it right by giving his life in self emptying love, and then rising again to announce a whole new creation. The world will be set completely right when King Jesus returns again.

Make "waves" with the blanket so the ball bounces and see if you can keep it in the sheet.

SING A SONG: "My God is so BIG, so strong and so mighty there's nothing my God cannot do, the mountains are his, the valleys are his, the stars show his handiwork too! Repeat first line (have kids add different things in the song that belong to God and show his handiwork) *Vicky*

BIBLE STORY WRAP UP AND REVIEW

Rachel

(kids have to mimic swimming to the front to answer the question)

Where were the disciples in this story? (in a boat)

What were the disciples feeling? (afraid)

Where was Jesus and what was he doing? (in the boat sleeping)

What did Jesus say to winds and the waves? (peace be still)

What happened when Jesus spoke?(the wind and waves obeyed Him)

What does this teach us about Jesus? (kids can give their best answers)

It teaches us that God is powerful and loving. Jesus is King over all creation and everything is under His rule. He has the power to stop the wind and the waves at His command. He brings order to chaos (just like he did in the beginning when He created everything), but it also shows that God uses His power to love and care for people. The disciples said, don't you care that we are going to die? Jesus showed them He does care by stopping the storm, but His greatest act of love was when He chose to be crucified on the cross and He died and rose again, to rescue us.

ACTIVITY: "Be still" materials: (phone with song to play)

Vicky

Play a song from your phone and have the kids dance, move all around the room, when you say, "be still" the kids have to stop and be still.

Pray: "King Jesus you are the Messiah the one this world needed to rescue it, the one we need to rescue us.

Thank you! Amen.

COLOURING SHEET & SNACK

ADDITIONAL GAME IF TIME ALLOWS:

Susan

(line up chairs like sitting in a boat and give commands for the kids to move to the right or left of the boat, to duck if the sail comes down, to stand at attention or to go overboard)