



### **SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS Preschool: Jesus calms the storm**

**Date:** Sunday July 5, 2026 **Teachers:** Jourdan M (lead) , Jason/Taylor D

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

**Props: \*bring from home:** a mirror & large bedsheet

**at centre:** balls, colouring sheet

#### **Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time** (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

**Two Hands kept to myself** (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

**Two Feet kept to myself** (kids cross legs)

**SPEAK KIND WORDS LIKE OUR GOD THREE IN ONE.**

**INTRO BIBLE STORY: materials:** (bring in mirror from home)

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 about what Jesus has done is the Gospel, and it is an amazing story. God made the world good and 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.

### **STORIES OF JESUS BIBLE STORIES: JESUS CALMS THE STORM**

**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*

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

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

The waves were tossing the boat the disciples were in to and fro, they were likely going to capsiz. 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.

**TEACH KEY PASSAGE: "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6**

**ACTIVITY: "Boat charades"** **materials:** chairs/or tip upside down table the kids can sit in/ or use wooden rock boat in room

Have the kids help you build a boat, and talk about how the night Jesus calmed the storm the boat was starting to get very rocky. Make rain and thunder noises and tell the kids that they are starting to get tossed around on the boat and get very afraid. This is like the storm from our story and Jesus stilled the waters because the same God who spoke the waters in the beginning of creation says "Peace be still to them. He is King and everything is His and is under His rule.

**ACTIVITY: "Be still"** **materials:** phone with song to play

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.

**PRAYER:** Father we pray that you would show us how great this story is that we are small and you are so big. Thank you King Jesus for rescuing your good world.

**COLOURING SHEET/SNACK/FREE PLAY**