

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.18: THE WIND AND THE WAVES OBEY JESUS

Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; and Luke 8:22-25

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; and Luke 8:22-25.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

When the Lord was on earth, He spent a lot of time near the Sea of Galilee. He often talked to huge crowds of people near that sea, and healed many people, too. Today's story is about what happened one time when the Lord got into a boat with His disciples to sail across the Sea of Galilee.

The Lord had finished talking to a big crowd of people at the edge of the Sea of Galilee. He said to His disciples: "Let us cross over to the other side of the sea." So, in their boat, they began to sail across the sea.

But while they were sailing, a big windstorm began. The wind blew fiercely, and big waves were crashing into the boat. The boat was filling up with water, and the disciples were very afraid that the boat would sink, and that they would all drown!

Now while this was all happening, the Lord was asleep on a pillow at the back of the boat. The disciples ran and woke Him up and said, "Don't You care that we are all going to drown?"

The Lord stood up. He talked to the wind and the sea, and said: "Peace, be still!" As soon as He said that, the wind and wild waves stopped! Everything was calm and peaceful again!

The Lord said to His disciples, "Why were you so afraid? Don't you believe that I will always keep you safe?" The disciples were amazed that the Lord could even make the wind and the waves do what He said!

This story really shows us how powerful the Lord is, doesn't it? He is even more powerful than a wild, wild storm! The Lord told the disciples that they didn't have to be afraid - they should have known that the Lord is always taking care of them, even if it looked like He was asleep.

Sometimes we might feel like the Lord isn't taking care of us, but He really is - every single minute! Let's try to remember that, and He will always keep us safe.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and you say it after me.

Then He arose...
and said to the sea,
"Peace, be still!"...
and there was a great calm.

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

1. Using the patterns, cut for each child a boat, a figure of the Lord, and a group of disciples. Draw simple lines to make them look like disciples and the Lord.
2. Glue the disciple into the right of the boat. Using a paper fastener, attach the Lord into the center of the boat, positioned so that He can lie down in the left side of the boat.
3. For each child, have one sheet of white construction paper, and one sheet of dark blue. Using the pattern, trace and then cut a hole in the middle of the white paper. Write "Peace, be still!" at the bottom of the white sheet.
4. Put the white paper on top of the dark blue sheet. Tape them together on the left—hand side so they can be opened like a book.
5. Close the two sheets of paper together. Take the boat and position the figure of the Lord so it is upright. Glue the boat onto the dark blue sheet through the hole in the white sheet. *Put glue only on the bottom and side edges of the boat* so that the figure of the Lord can be freely moved up and down.

Doing the project:

1. Have the children open up the page so that they see the dark blue sheet. Explain that first they will make a picture of the wild storm that began when the Lord was asleep in the boat. (Have the Lord lying down.) Encourage them to draw wild waves in the sea, and lots of dark clouds, rain, and lightening.
2. Have the children make the Lord stand up in the boat. Remind them of how He said "Peace, be still!" Now have them close the white sheet and make a picture of a calm sea, with smooth, blue water, a bright sun, blue sky, and maybe some birds. Have them glue cotton ball clouds in the sky.

Example:



"Peace, be still!"

