

# January 6, 2019

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Calming the Storm • *Matthew 8:23-27*

**Bottom Line:** I need Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

*The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.*

## **Bible Time**

- Tell It

## **Craft Time**

- Fingerprint Waves

## **Play Time**

- Stack the Cups

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## Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

**What You Need:** Preschool Bible

**LEADER:** "Today's TRUTH from the Bible (*open your Bible and lay it in front of you*) is about a time when Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were out in a boat.

"The disciples were in the boat when it started to rain. It rained harder and harder and harder. There was lightning and thunder. The boat was blowing this way. (*Lean to the left.*) And the boat was blowing the other way. (*Lean to the right.*) And the waves were crash-crash-crashing!

"The disciples were SO afraid. Everyone show me what your face looks like when you're afraid. (*Demonstrate.*) Good job! Who did the disciples need? (*Pause.*) They needed Jesus! And guess what. Jesus was asleep in the boat!

"The disciples woke Jesus up and said, 'Jesus! Save us from the storm. We are SOOO afraid!' Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid.' And then He told the wind and waves to STOP! Do you know what happened? The wind and the waves DID stop! Because Jesus, God's Son, told those waves and that wind to stop.

"You see, guys and gals, there is nothing too big for Jesus. He can calm a storm. He can do ANYTHING. So we don't have to be afraid. When you get scared, ask Jesus to help you. The disciples needed Jesus, and we need Jesus too. **Who do you need?** [*Bottom Line*] **I need Jesus.**"

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## Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

**What You Need:** "Fingerprint Waves" Activity Page, blue inkpad, wet wipes

### **What You Do:**

*During the Activity:* Retell the Bible Truth as you assist the children in using their fingerprints to fill the water with color.

### **What You Say:**

*During the Activity:* "Today we heard about a time when Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were out in a boat.

"The disciples were in the boat when it started to rain. It rained harder and harder and harder. There was lightning and thunder. The boat was blowing this way. (*Lean to the left.*) And the boat was blowing the other way. (*Lean to the right.*) And the waves were crash-crash-crashing!

"The disciples were SO afraid. Who did the disciples need? (*Pause.*) They needed Jesus! Jesus was asleep in the boat, so the disciples woke Jesus up and said, 'Jesus! Save us from the storm. We are SOOO afraid!' Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid.' And then He told the wind and waves to STOP! Do you know what happened? The wind and the waves DID stop! Because Jesus, God's Son, told those waves and that wind to stop.

"Look at your paper. Do you see the boat in the waves? Who was on the boat in our Bible Truth? (*Pause.*) Yes. Jesus and the disciples. The disciples were scared, but Jesus stopped the storm! We need to color in the waves the boat is on. Let's use the stamp pad and fill the waves with our fingerprints. I'm going to help you do it, so we are going to take turns

"Great job!"

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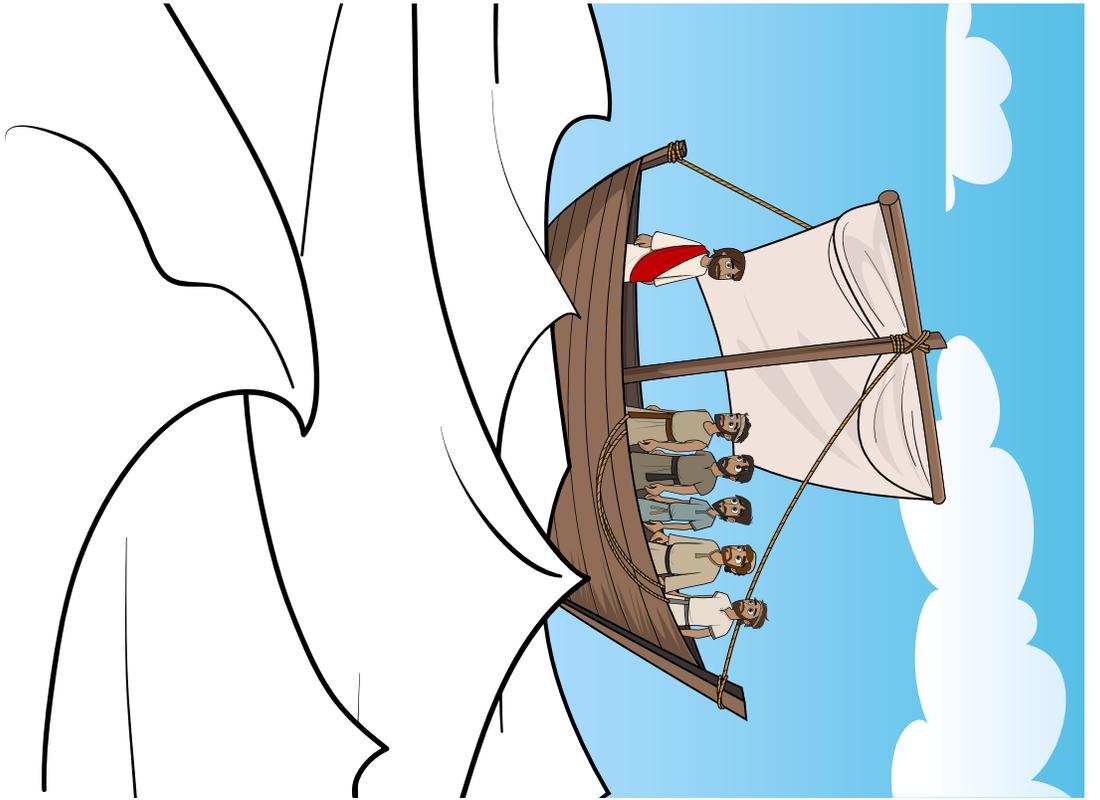
## Playtime

### **Stack the Cups**

**What You Need:** Stacking cups

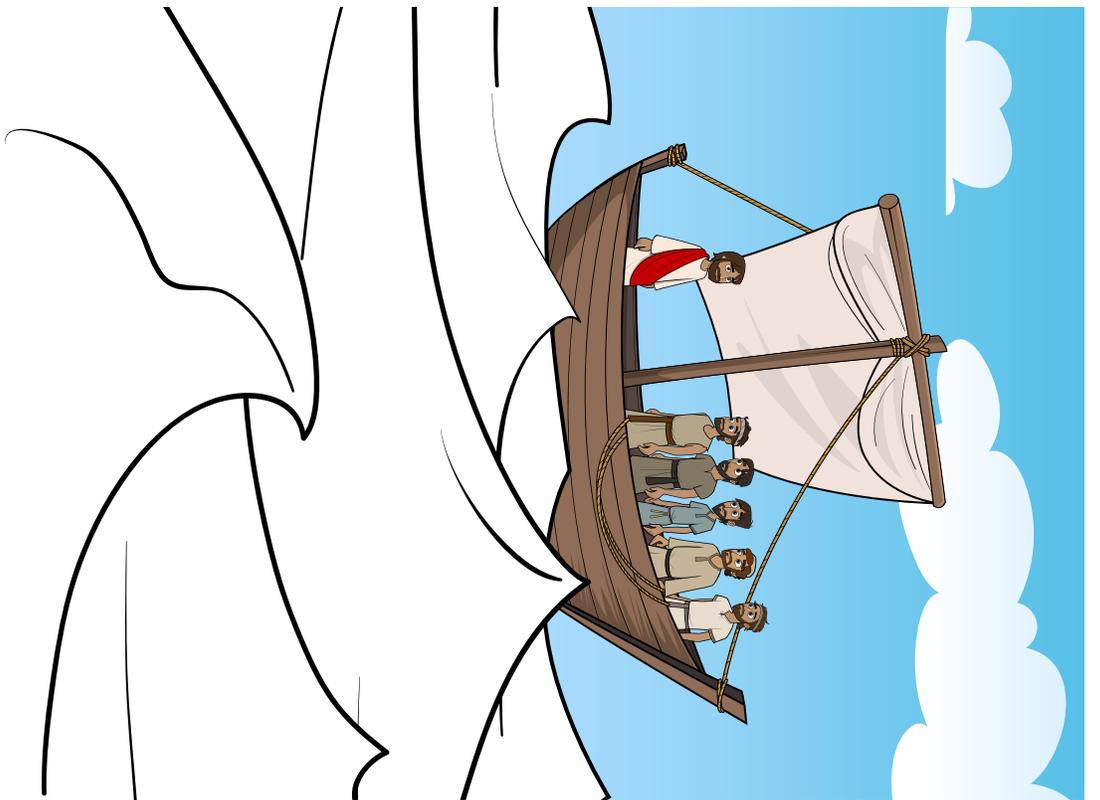
**What You Do:** Gather a group of preschoolers to stack cups with you. As you stack, say, "You need Jesus." Continue as long as there is interest.

**What You Say:** "Come sit with me and help me stack these cups. You (*stack*) need (*stack*) Jesus (*stack*). Yes, you do. You (*stack*) need (*stack*) Jesus (*stack*). You need Jesus. I need Jesus. We all need Jesus."



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