



SPARK

Week 17 - Jesus Calms the Storm

Week of Feb. 8 Focus:

What kind of man is this? Even the winds & the waves obey him!" Matthew 8:23-27

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Jesus tells the disciples to cross the sea. It is night & a dangerous time to cross the Sea of Galilee.
- A storm comes up and the disciples are afraid and Jesus is asleep in the boat with them.
- Jesus commands the storm to stop & immediately it does.

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 17 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: [Jesus Calms the Storm - Faith over Fear.](#)



Opening Prayer

+ Almighty & powerful God, We know you have the power to create our world with your word and to stop storms with your word. Help us always to listen to your words in the Bible and obey them. We love you Lord. Amen. +

PRAY

SHARE

Family Connection

In this passage Mark is showing the disciples (and us) who Jesus is; Mark is showing us the divinity of Jesus. Even creation obeys His commands. Mark is also showing us that Jesus/God is always with us and there is no need to fear. This week share a time when you witnessed God's power in your life, or in someone else's life or in nature.



Perhaps, you were rescued from a personal storm. How/when do you call out to God to rescue you?

This is a wonderful Scripture to use our Four Senses Questions:

Literal: What did it mean? It was night, (any good fisherman of Galilee would know not to cross this unpredictable body of water at night; there was a storm; Jesus was present & unafraid. The disciples doubted Jesus' care for them. (Hmmm....sound familiar?)

Allegorical: Where is the Triune God? Jesus is showing us: He is one with God.

Moral: How should I act? Do not be afraid. He is always with you. Don't doubt His care for you.

Anagogical: Why look to heaven? This is not our home. We are being called to the other side; to cross life with all its trials & joys to get back to heaven.

LEARN



Read the Bible Story

This story can be found in Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25 (Page 58-59 in Picture Bible Stories)

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- Look at the picture in your book or on the lesson? What do you see? How does the picture make you feel?
- How do you feel about storms? What makes you feel safe/better in a storm?
- Can you imagine being in a boat when a storm came up?
- How do you think the disciples felt?
- How did the storm stop? (Jesus told it to be quiet.)

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? *(Jesus is showing us that He has power even over the wind. The same power that God had in the beginning to create the world. By just speaking He stopped the storm. A secondary lesson: Jesus is with us in the storms. We do not need to be afraid. He is always with us.)*

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

[Jesus Calms the Storm](#) (1 min) Great for our youngest viewers!

[Jesus Calms the Storm](#) (2 min) A little more detail!

LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



1. Write a simple prayer to be used to call out to God in times of need. Or, find one online to use.
2. Retell the story using your Bible figures....Faith over Fear!
3. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Mighty God, thank you for being with us in storms. Thank you for keeping us safe. We pray for people who might be afraid right now, like people who are sick. Please help us to always call on you to help us. Amen +

Dig Deeper!

[The Four Senses of Scripture](#) - A different, more visual 1 page article

[Did Jesus really calm a storm on the Sea of Galilee?](#) (3 min) Fascinating Facts!

[Calming the Storm](#) (Very short article on trust)



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