

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS (LESSON #3)
JESUS CALMS THE STORM

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In this lesson, the children will see how Jesus has authority over all things. Nothing is impossible with Him.

TOPICS

Courage, Faith, Jesus, Miracles, Power of God, Protection, Wonder

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 minutes)

Can You Control It? Part One Activity (See Attached)

MEMORY WORK (12 minutes)

"You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them." Psalm 89:9 NIV

Recite this verse aloud, several times as a class. Ask volunteers to share what this scripture means to them and how these words can help them through the storms in their lives.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Today's lesson will show the authority that Jesus had over the earth. As we read the story, remember what Jesus said in Matthew 28:18, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." As we begin reading, Jesus had just finished speaking to the multitudes.

Read Mark 4:35-41 (Jesus Calms the Storm)

Discussion Questions:

1. Where was Jesus during the storm? *(In the stern, or back, of the boat, asleep.)*
2. Why do you think Jesus was asleep? *(He was probably tired from preaching to the crowd.)*
3. How was Jesus able to calm the storm, miraculously? *(He commanded it to be still, as He has all authority over heaven and earth. See Matthew 28:18.)*
4. Why do you think the disciples were so afraid and had no faith? *(Answers may vary. They were focused on the storm. The disciples may have attempted to remove the water themselves. They did not turn to Jesus until the boat began to sink.)*
5. What would you have done if you were one of the disciples in the boat during this storm? *(Allow for discussion.)*
6. Let's review the memory verse. How is this verse similar to the story we just read? *(Allow for discussion.)*
7. How should we handle the storms in our lives? *(Allow children to share their answers.)*

Can You Control It? Part two Activity (See Attached)

APPLICATION (2 minutes)

In today's lesson, we've learned once again, that nothing is impossible for Jesus. Everything is under His control. All of us will face storms in our lives, but take heart and have faith, because Jesus is able to calm the turbulent times of our lives just as He calmed the storm for the disciples. When we call out to the Lord, in faith, we will see miracles in our lives as well.

Activities:

- *Jesus Calms the Storm Decoder (See Attached)
- *Jesus Calms the Sea Coloring Sheet (See Attached)

MATERIALS:

Pictures
2 Pieces of Paper
Tape



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

ACTIVITY #1: CAN YOU CONTROL IT?

PREPARATION:

Print out the pictures before class (**ALREADY PROVIDED**). Title one piece of paper "Control" and the other piece "Cannot Control."

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

***Part One**

I am going to show you several pictures and I want you to tell me if you think you can control it—meaning can you stop it, start it, tell it what to do, etc. Those that you think can be controlled I will put on the "Control" page and those that you think you cannot control, I will put on the "Cannot Control" page. (*Display the pictures of the car, sun, computer, waves, clouds, and horse. Tape the pictures on the paper under which category it goes under—control or cannot control.*)

Discussion Question:

1. Why can we control some things but not others? (*Allow children to respond.*)

***Part Two (Do this after the lesson)**

During the first part of the activity, we saw there are many things in life, for which we have no control. (*Quickly review the items on the "Can't Control" page.*) Thankfully, we know the one who has control over everything and that nothing is impossible for the Lord, our God. (*Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 28:18.*)

Sometimes we cannot see God's calm hand protecting us in the storm until it is over and the dust settles. Many times, the outcome may be different from what we think it should be.

With that in mind, how do we ask the Lord to intercede for us when we face turbulent times?

1. We should follow the disciples' example and call out to the Lord. However, it may be better to call out before our boats begin to sink.
2. We must have faith that the Lord cares for us and know that nothing is too hard or impossible for Him.
3. We must realize that the Lord's plans are perfect.
4. We should remember that God knows the beginning from the end. We may never see the big picture,

but we need to trust that God works for the good of those who love Him. (See *Romans 8:28*.)

5. We can take comfort in knowing that the Lord keeps His promises

Jesus Calms the Storm

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39

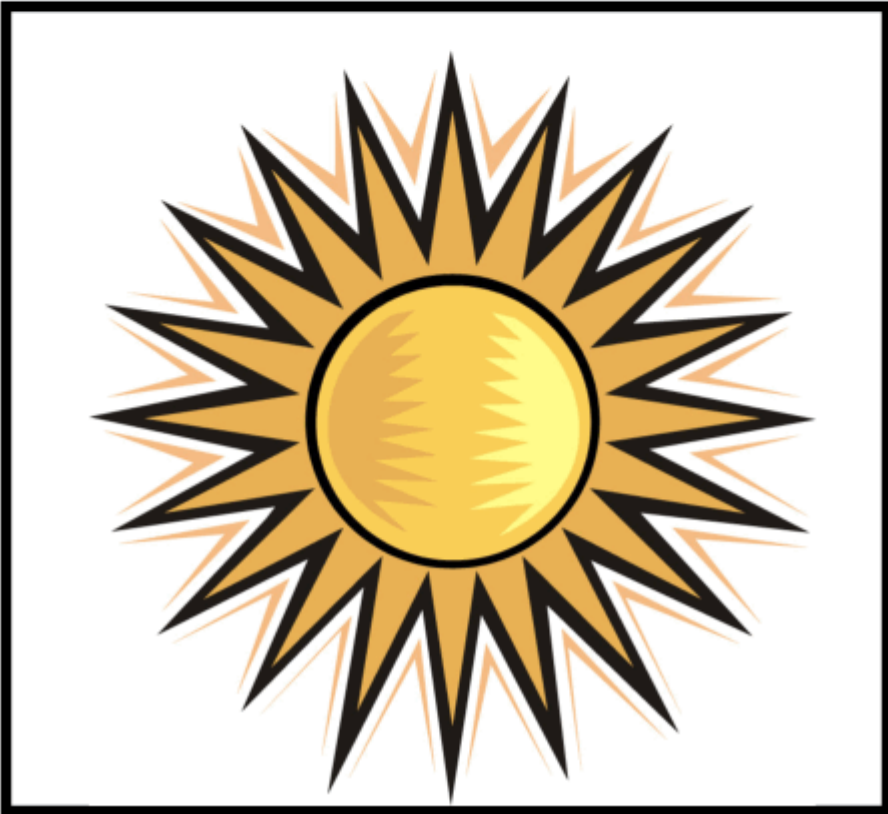
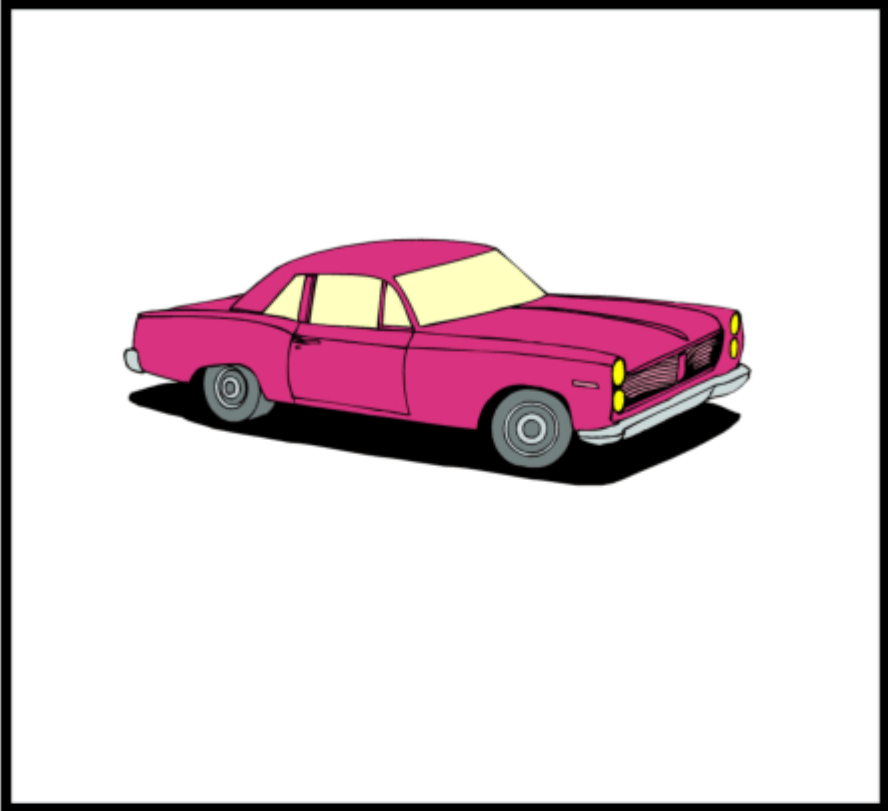
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Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

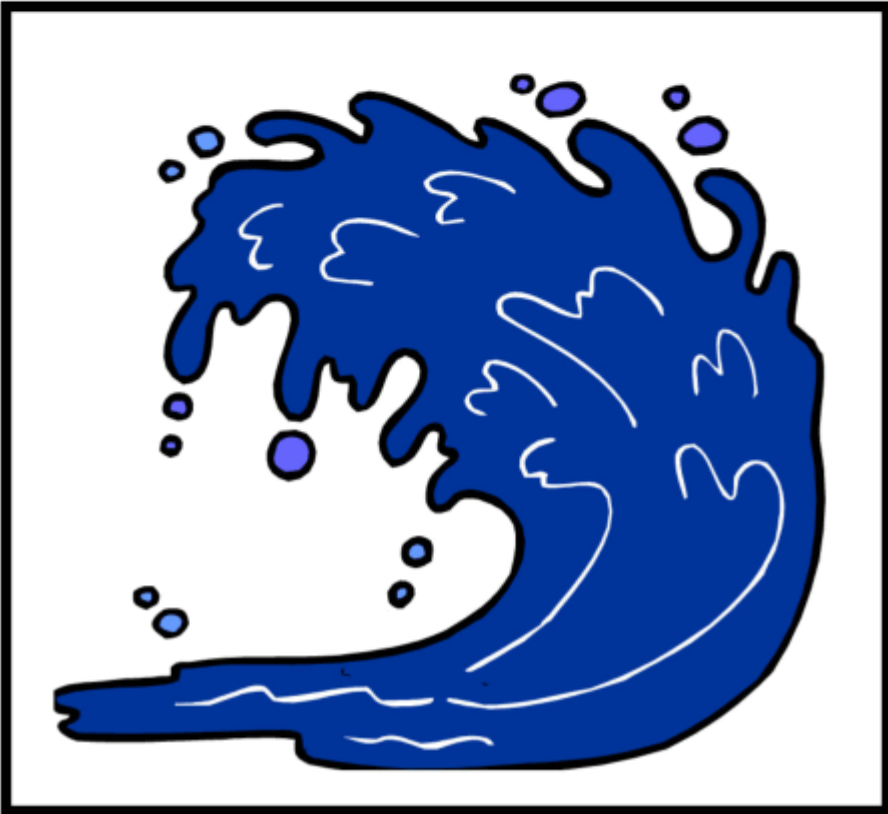
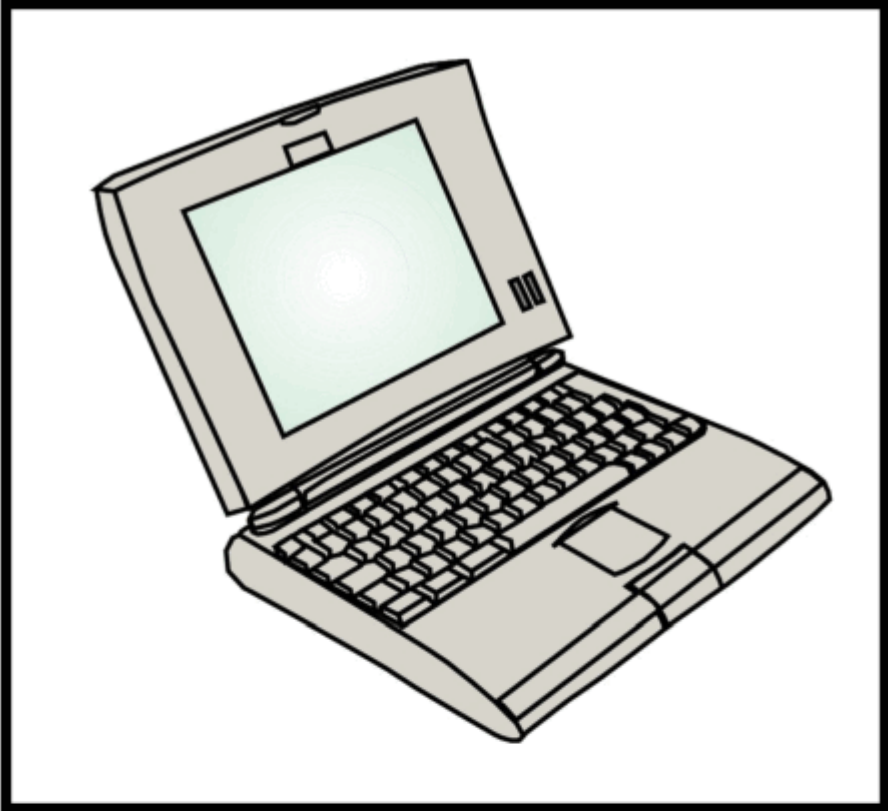


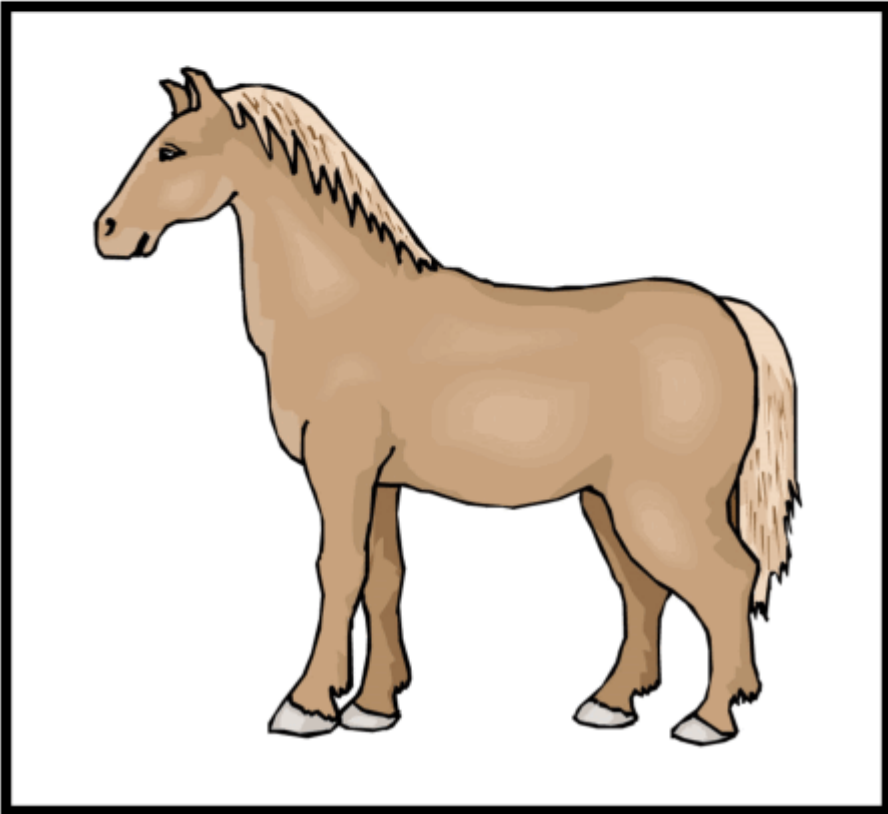
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BOAT	WAVES	DROWN	FAITH
WIND	SWAMPED	CALM	OBEY









Jesus Calms the Sea

The winds and the waves shall obey my will;
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!