

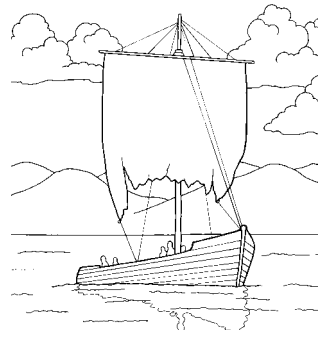
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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus and his disciples got in a boat and pushed off from the land to go to the other side of the lake. Jesus fell asleep in the back of the boat. Suddenly, the skies were filled with dark clouds.

ASK *What do you think happened next?*

SAY A storm came. The wind blew hard, the waves grew large, and the boat rocked from side to side. The disciples were frightened because they thought the boat would sink. Jesus was still fast asleep. "Teacher," they cried, "don't you care if we drown?"

ASK *What did Jesus do?*

SAY Jesus told the wind and the waves to be still. When he made the storm go away, the disciples said to each other, "Who is this? Even the winds and waves obey him."

ASK *What did Jesus show by calming the storm?*

SAY Jesus showed that he is Lord over creation and that he is God. He had come to earth to be the Savior of the world. The One who came to save his people from their sins could quickly calm a scary storm!

☆Let's Play

Sit in **chairs** in a large circle to play *Storm on the Lake*. Select one child to be the caller in the center of the circle. The caller says "**Rock to this** (or 'that') **side**" and points in the direction that children must move. Then children move the next seat over in the direction that is indicated. Play continues as children in their pretend boats are directed to rock right or left. From time to time, whoever is in the center should call out "**Storm on the lake!**" At this point all children, including the caller, should get up and find a new seat anywhere in the circle. The child left without a seat becomes the new caller.

☆Let's Share and Pray

- 1** Talk about times when your children may be afraid. Encourage them to turn to Jesus for help. Remind them that Jesus is our powerful and loving Savior. He is with us and will always take care of us.
- 2** Lead them in saying this prayer: **Dear Jesus, thank you that you are God and that you have power over everything. Thank you that you are my Savior. I'm glad that you are always with me. You take care of me and protect me. Help me to trust you always, especially when I'm afraid. In your name I pray, Amen.**