



WEEK
THREE
JANUARY 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. BOAT IN THE WAVES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Boat in the Waves" and "Boat in the Waves Parent Note" Activity Pages; cardstock; smoothie straws; straws; scissors; clear tape; masking tape; crayons; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Boat in the Waves" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Boat in the Waves Parent Note" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut smoothie straws into 2 ¾" lengths, one per child. Tape one end of the smoothie straw closed with the masking tape. Write each child's name on both straws.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children color their boat. Help them attach the smoothie straw to the back of their boat with the clear tape, name facing out. Insert the regular straw and have children blow into the straw to make the boat move. Space children out at the table before having them blow their boats. Send home with the Parent Note.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! What an amazing Bible story! Jesus is so amazing! I have a super cool boat for us to make today to help us remember our Bible story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look, it's Jesus and the disciples on the boat! Use the crayons to color your boat and the water. (Pause.) Your boats look great! Now we need to add this piece of straw to the back of your boat. (Tape the closed end towards the front of the boat.) Now slide this straw inside the one on the back of your boat. (Pause.) I want everyone to spread out and lean down, resting your boat on the table. (Pause.) When I say one, blow on your straw. Three, two, one! (Pause.) Whoa! Did you see your boats move? Amazing! Let me help you collect your boats, and we'll do it again. (Repeat as many times as desired.) These boats are super cool and can help us remember how amazing Jesus is."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today's true story from the Bible started in a boat at night with Jesus and his friends, the disciples. It was really late at night and Jesus wanted to take a rest. But suddenly, it started to rain, and then it rained harder and harder! It got really windy, and the waves were getting bigger and bigger. The boat rocked back and forth which made Jesus' friends feel afraid. So they woke Jesus up and this is what Jesus did. He held out his arms and said to the big storm, two words. He said "BE. STILL." And the storm stopped! The wind and the rain and the waves all stopped. AMAZING. Jesus is so amazing, and He is so powerful He can stop a storm! Only Jesus can do that. He is totally amazing!! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' power is amazing.

CALMING THE STORM
MATTHEW 8:23-27,
MARK 4:35-41

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him
was amazed."

LUKE 2:47, NIV

KEY QUESTION

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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week 1 paperclipped in Bible; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Today, we'll make a list of things that make us afraid. The storm made the disciples afraid when they were in a boat. When I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you afraid, and I'll write it by your name in our prayer journal. (*Say each child's name and write down what they say beside their names in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)"

"Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"
(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, we believe that Jesus' power is amazing. Help (*say each child's name*) remember to go to Jesus when they are afraid of things like . . . (*read the list the children made*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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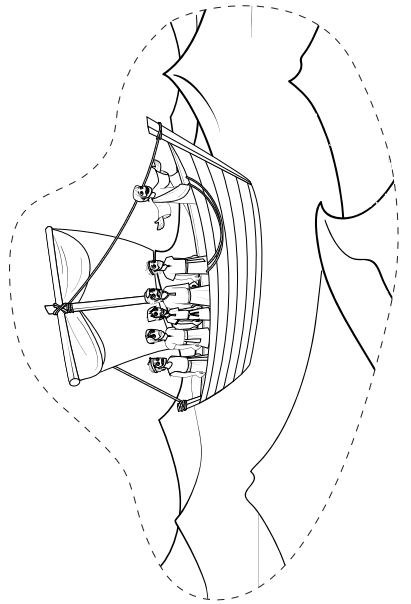
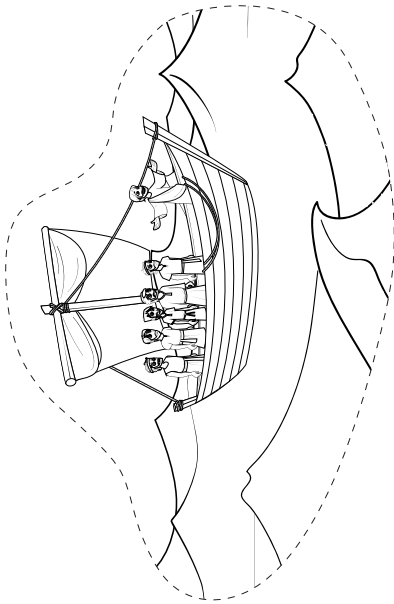
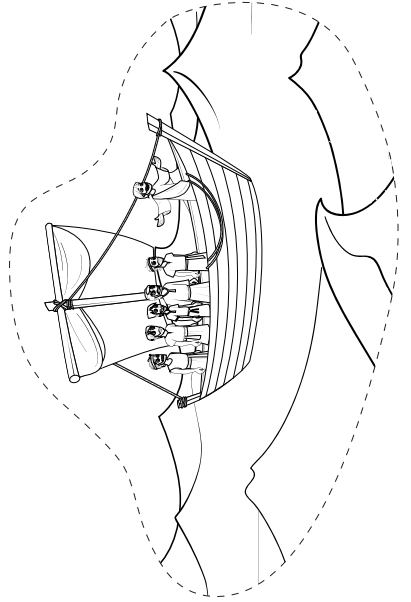
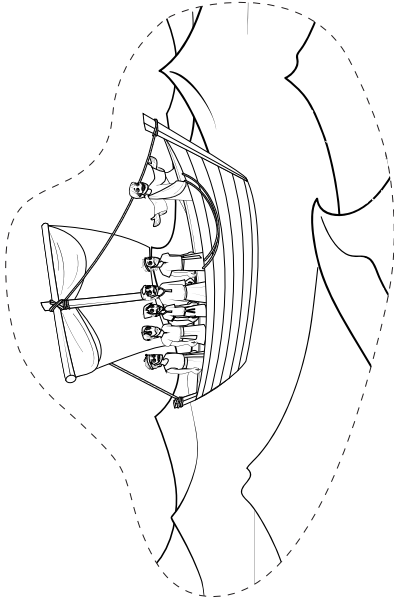
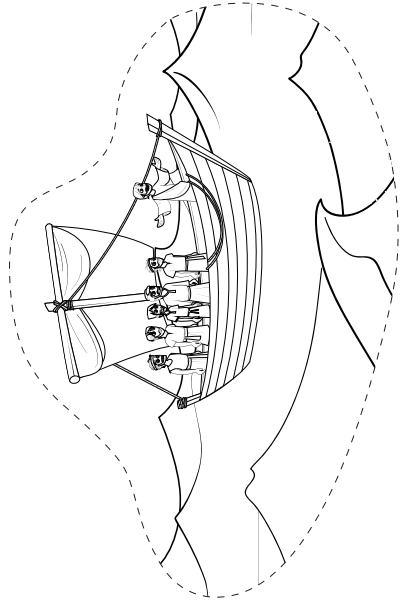
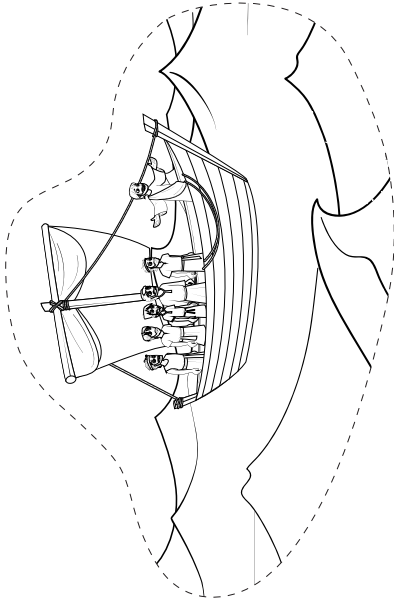
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