

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Mark 4:35-41

**LIFE POINT**

Jesus is God's Son.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

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**LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

Jesus is God's Son.

**SUGGESTED USE DATE:** August 27**BIBLE VERSE**Jesus told the wind and sea to be still. Mark 4:39 (*Paraphrase*)[Jesus] got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!"  
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Mark 4:39 (*KJV*)[Jesus] got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"  
Mark 4:39 (*NIV*)[Jesus] awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"  
Mark 4:39 (*ESV*)[Jesus] arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!"  
Mark 4:39 (*NKJV*)**SCHEDULE AND PROPS****Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)  
Supplies (*for each small group*):

- "Cloud Mural"—blue bulletin board paper, tape, cotton balls, roll of clear contact plastic
- "Jesus Calmed a Storm"—crayons, coloring sheets (*1 per child*)
- "Puddle Jump"—scissors, blue construction paper, tape, portable music device, song of your choice

**Countdown Video** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)  
Props: none**Connection Point Game**  
(*10 minutes*)  
Props: none**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)  
Props: Bible; photos of fluffy clouds, storm clouds, and a rainbow**Worship Song and Offering**  
(*3 minutes*)  
Props: none**Connection Point Bible Verse**  
(*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: 5 sheets of paper, marker**Connection Point Missions**  
(*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: none**Real Life Connections**  
(*3-5 minutes*)  
Props: blue crepe paper**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
*Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:**  
"Live Like Him"
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
*Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Game:**  
*Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:**  
"Because He Loves Us"
- **Bible Story:**  
*Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
*Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
*Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides
- **Real Life Connections:**  
*Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides

## **Huddle Ups (Optional)**

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies *(for each small group)*:
  - “Cloud Mural”—blue bulletin board paper, tape, cotton balls, roll of clear contact plastic
  - “Jesus Calmed a Storm”—crayons, coloring sheets *(1 per child)*
  - “Puddle Jump”—scissors, blue construction paper, tape, portable music device, song of your choice

### **Huddle Up (Before the Session)**

#### **“Cloud Mural”**

*Prep: Tape a sheet of blue bulletin board paper on a wall at child height. Tape clear contact plastic over the blue paper so that the sticky side faces out.*

- Gather preschoolers and talk about weather.
- Lead preschoolers to tell things they like to do during hot and cold weather.
- Direct attention to the “sky” on the wall.
- Show preschoolers how to stick cotton balls onto the contact plastic.
- Suggest preschoolers add more cotton balls to make clouds in the sky.
- Continue talking about different types of weather as the children work.
- Mention that today’s Bible story is about a stormy day.

### **Huddle Up (Before or After the Session)**

#### **“Jesus Calmed a Storm”**

*Prep: Print this session’s coloring sheet (available on the DVD-ROM).*

- Tell preschoolers that Jesus helped His friends during a big storm! Jesus told the wind and sea to be still.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

### **Huddle Up (After the Session)**

#### **“Puddle Jump”**

*Prep: Cut blue construction paper into puddle shapes (1 less puddle than number of children). Scatter the puddles on the floor of the play area. Tape the puddles to the floor.*

- Review the Life Point: **Jesus is God’s Son.**
- Ask: “What amazing thing did Jesus do in today’s Bible story?” *(Jesus stopped a storm.)*
- Comment that Jesus can do things that no other person can do because He is God’s Son.
- Direct attention to the “rain puddles” on the floor.
- Play music and invite preschoolers to jump from puddle to puddle.
- Stop the music and encourage each child to quickly stand on a puddle.
- Invite the child without a puddle to either answer a question or tell something she knows about Jesus.
- Use the following questions or make up your own:
  - Why were Jesus’ helpers afraid? *(There was a big storm! The waves splashed into the boat and filled it with water.)*
  - Where was Jesus during the storm? *(Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat.)*
  - What did Jesus say to the sea and wind? *(Jesus said, “Silence! Be still!”)*
  - What happened when Jesus spoke to the sea and wind? *(The storm stopped.)*
- Restart the music and play again as time allows.
- Remind preschoolers that nothing is too hard for Jesus. He can do anything!

**COUNTDOWN VIDEO**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Countdown video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play the Countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “Live Like Him” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Hi! I am so glad you are here! What is the weather like today? Is it sunny or rainy? Hot or cold? *(Allow for responses.)*

Any day is a great day to worship God! Let’s stand and sing together.

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Kids stand to sing.)*

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

Have you ever been on a boat? Some boats have motors to help them move. Some boats have sails and move with the wind. Other boats have oars. If you rode in a boat with oars, you would row and row and row to make the boat move.

Let’s pretend to be in a row boat. *(Lead kids to row according to the following instructions. Rowing may be a new concept for some preschoolers. Be sure to play along to demonstrate.)*

- Let’s row on this side.
- Now, let’s row on the other side.
- Let’s row quickly and make the boat go fast!
- Whoa! That’s too fast! Let’s row slowly.

Great job! It would be fun to take a ride in a REAL boat sometime!

Today we will hear that Jesus and His helpers rode in a boat. It was not a fun boat ride. It was a scary boat ride! There was a big storm, and Jesus’ helpers were afraid. Jesus helped His friends and kept them safe. Jesus stopped the storm.

*(Show Life Point slide.)*

**Jesus is God’s Son.** Say that with me: **“Jesus is God’s Son.”**

Jesus can do things that people cannot do. Jesus can do anything because He is God’s Son. Our Bible verse tells us that Jesus spoke to the wind and the sea, and they obeyed Him! Only Jesus can do that! Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

**BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

- Jesus told the wind and sea to be still.  
Mark 4:39 *(Paraphrase)*
- [Jesus] got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Silence! Be still!” Mark 4:39 *(CSB)*
- [Jesus] arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. Mark 4:39 *(KJV)*
- [Jesus] got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Mark 4:39 *(NIV)*
- [Jesus] awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Mark 4:39 *(ESV)*
- [Jesus] arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” Mark 4:39 *(NKJV)*

Jesus did amazing things so people would know that He is God's Son. Let's pray and thank God for sending His Son, Jesus.

*God, thank You for sending Jesus! Thank You that we can learn about Jesus from the Bible stories we hear. Thank You that Jesus can do things that no other person can do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

### **CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: none

#### **GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Perform a simple task, such as balancing on 1 foot.*
- *Say: "I can do it! Can you?"*
- *Lead preschoolers to try and balance on 1 foot.*
- *Perform other physical challenges, such as touching your toes, hopping on 1 foot, crab walking, skipping, walking backward, and so on. (It is OK if a few challenges are too difficult for some preschoolers. Encourage kids to have fun and do their best.)*
- *Invite an older preschooler to challenge the group to do something that he can do, such as a fancy move, making a silly face, or tying his shoe.*
- *Play as your time allows.*

#### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Game slide.)*

Today's game is for everyone to play! I'll show you something that I can do, and then you try to do it, too. Are you ready?

*(Keep the game fun and fast-paced. Play as your time allows.)*

Wow! There are lots of things that you can do! What is something that is hard for you to do? *(Allow for responses.)* Some things are easy, but other things are more difficult. That's OK! As you grow and learn, you'll be able to do more and more things!

In today's Bible story we will hear that Jesus can do anything! Nothing is too hard for Him. Jesus can do things that no other person can do. We will hear what Jesus did after we sing.

### **WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: "Because He Loves Us" *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

#### **WORSHIP LEADER**

Hmm ... who is God's Son? *(Allow for responses.)* You're right! Jesus is God's Son! Jesus is powerful, and He can do all things. God sent Jesus because He loves us. Let's sing about God's love, and then we will hear today's Bible story.

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)*

### **BIBLE STORY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video *(optional)*
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible; photos of fluffy clouds, storm clouds, and a rainbow

**Option 1:** *Show the Bible Story Time video and conclude with a short prayer.*

*God, we know that Jesus is Your Son and nothing is too hard for Him! Thank You that Jesus can do things that people cannot do. Thank You that Jesus can help us when we are worried or afraid. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**Option 2:** *Tell the following Bible story. Search on-line for photos of fluffy clouds, storm clouds, and a rainbow. Prepare to show the photos to the group.*

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Bible Story slide.)*

Do you like to look at the clouds? *(Allow for responses.)* I do! I like big fluffy clouds, and I like swirly gray clouds. Let's look at some weather pictures.

*(Show photo of fluffy clouds.)* Sometimes, on sunny days the clouds are big and fluffy. What color are the clouds? *(Allow for responses.)* That's right! The clouds are white.

*(Show photo of stormy clouds.)* On rainy days we might see gray clouds. It isn't sunny anymore. Now, it is dark and gray. Clouds like these usually are full of rain. Sometimes, we might even see lightning and hear thunder!

*(Show photo of rainbow.)* Sometimes after the rain you will see a rainbow in the sky! Have you ever seen a rainbow? *(Allow for responses.)* I think rainbows are beautiful!

It would be nice if every day was sunny. We could play ball outside or draw with chalk on the sidewalk! That would be fun! Of course, EVERY day can't be sunny! The grass and flowers need rain to grow. Let's hear a Bible story about a day when Jesus and His friends were in a big storm!

*(Open the Bible to Mark 4.)*

One day a large crowd of people came to Jesus near the sea. Jesus got into a boat, sat down, and began to teach. The people sat on the land and listened to what Jesus said.

Jesus taught the people all day! When it was nighttime, Jesus said, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." Jesus' helpers got in the boat with Jesus, and they set out across the water.

*(Read Mark 4:37)*

**A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat.**

Uh-oh! There was a big storm! The waves splashed into the boat and filled it with water. Jesus helpers were afraid!

Jesus was in the back of the boat asleep on a cushion. The men woke up Jesus and said, "Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?"

*(Read Mark 4:39.)*

**[Jesus] got up, ... and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind [stopped], and there was a great calm.**

The wind and the sea did what Jesus said to do! The storm stopped! Jesus asked His friends, "Why are you afraid?"

Jesus' helpers asked one another, "Who is this? Even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

*(Close the Bible.)*

Jesus' friends didn't need to be scared. Jesus was in the boat with them! Jesus can do things that people can't do.

Does the rain stop if you say, "Stop Raining"? *(Allow for responses.)* No, it just keeps raining. Does the wind stop blowing if you say, "Be Still"? *(Allow for responses.)* No, you can't stop the wind. Those are things that only Jesus can do!

*(Show Christ Focus slide.)*

Jesus is God's Son, and He is in charge of everything—even the wind and the rain! Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

Do you get worried or afraid on stormy days? Remember that Jesus loves you, and He is in charge of everything. You can pray to Jesus, and He will hear you! Ask Him to help you not be afraid. Jesus can take care of you, just like He took care of His helpers.

Let's pray, right now. Let's thank God that Jesus can do anything!

*God, we know that Jesus is Your Son and nothing is too hard for Him! Thank You that Jesus can do things that people cannot do. Thank You that Jesus can help us when we are worried or afraid. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*



**WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Jesus' helpers were surprised! What did Jesus do that surprised them? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Yes, Jesus told the wind and the sea to be still. He stopped the storm. Jesus can do anything because He is God's Son.

*Optional Giving Segment:*

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money that people give at church helps others hear that Jesus is God's Son. If you would like to give an offering today, ... .

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After you collect the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)*

**CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: 5 sheets of paper, marker

**ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Write 1 letter per sheet of paper: JESUS.
- Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.
- Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.
- Give each paper to a different child.
- Guide the children to stand in order and display the letter posters.
- Lead preschoolers to identify each letter.
- Explain that J-E-S-U-S spells the name Jesus.
- Comment that Jesus can do things that people cannot do.
- Say the Bible verse again.

- Ask: "Who told the wind and sea to be still?" *(Jesus)*
- If your time allows, mix the papers and place them around the room.
- Call a letter and challenge kids to find it.
- Help preschoolers arrange the letters to spell the name Jesus and say the verse again.

**BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

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**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)*

It's time to say our Bible verse! Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

Jesus can do amazing things! Today we heard that Jesus told the wind and sea to be still. Jesus did other great things, too! Once, Jesus walked on top of water! Another time, Jesus fed lots of people with only five loaves of bread and two fish! Jesus can do anything because He is God's Son.

*(Lead the activity.)*

## CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader
- ➔ Props: none

### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide.)*

Buck and Anne Bagby were the first Baptist missionaries sent to Brazil. They lived a very long time ago. Today missions work in Brazil has grown from a very small group of people to many people! The missionaries today say it is amazing to see the work that God has done in the country over the last 150 years.

*(Show the Connect to Missions slide.)*

Let's pray for the missionaries who now serve in Brazil. Let's thank God that so many people in Brazil have heard about Jesus through the hard work of missionaries and the churches.

*God, we pray for the missionaries who work in Brazil. Thank You for sending them to tell the people there about Jesus. We pray that many more people will hear about Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

## REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: blue crepe paper

### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Tear a crepe paper streamer for each child.*
- *Invite preschoolers to use the streamers to help you retell the Bible story.*
- *Lead kids to use streamers to respond to the following prompts. (Play along and demonstrate for the children.)*
  - *Jesus was tired after He got on the boat. He rested and went to sleep. (Use your blue paper as a pillow.)*

- *First, the sea was calm. (Use the paper to make gentle waves.)*
- *Suddenly, there was a great storm! (Make big, strong waves.)*
- *Jesus was still asleep. (Use the paper as a pillow.)*
- *Jesus' friends were afraid. (Shake the paper hard.)*
- *The disciples woke Jesus up. Jesus said to the wind and waves, "Quiet! Be still." The storm stopped! (Drop the paper to the floor.)*

### **BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Real Life Connections slide.)*

Jesus helped His friends during a storm. How do you think Jesus' helpers felt during the big storm? *(Allow for responses.)* Jesus' helpers were afraid.

Jesus took care of His friends, and Jesus takes care of us, too. Jesus loves people and wants to help them. Let's play out today's Bible story.

*(Lead the activity.)*

*(Show the Life Point slide.)*

**Jesus is God's Son.** Say that with me: **"Jesus is God's Son."**

I like to hear the amazing things that the Bible tells us about Jesus. I hope you will come back soon to learn more about God and His Son, Jesus! I'll see you soon!

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*