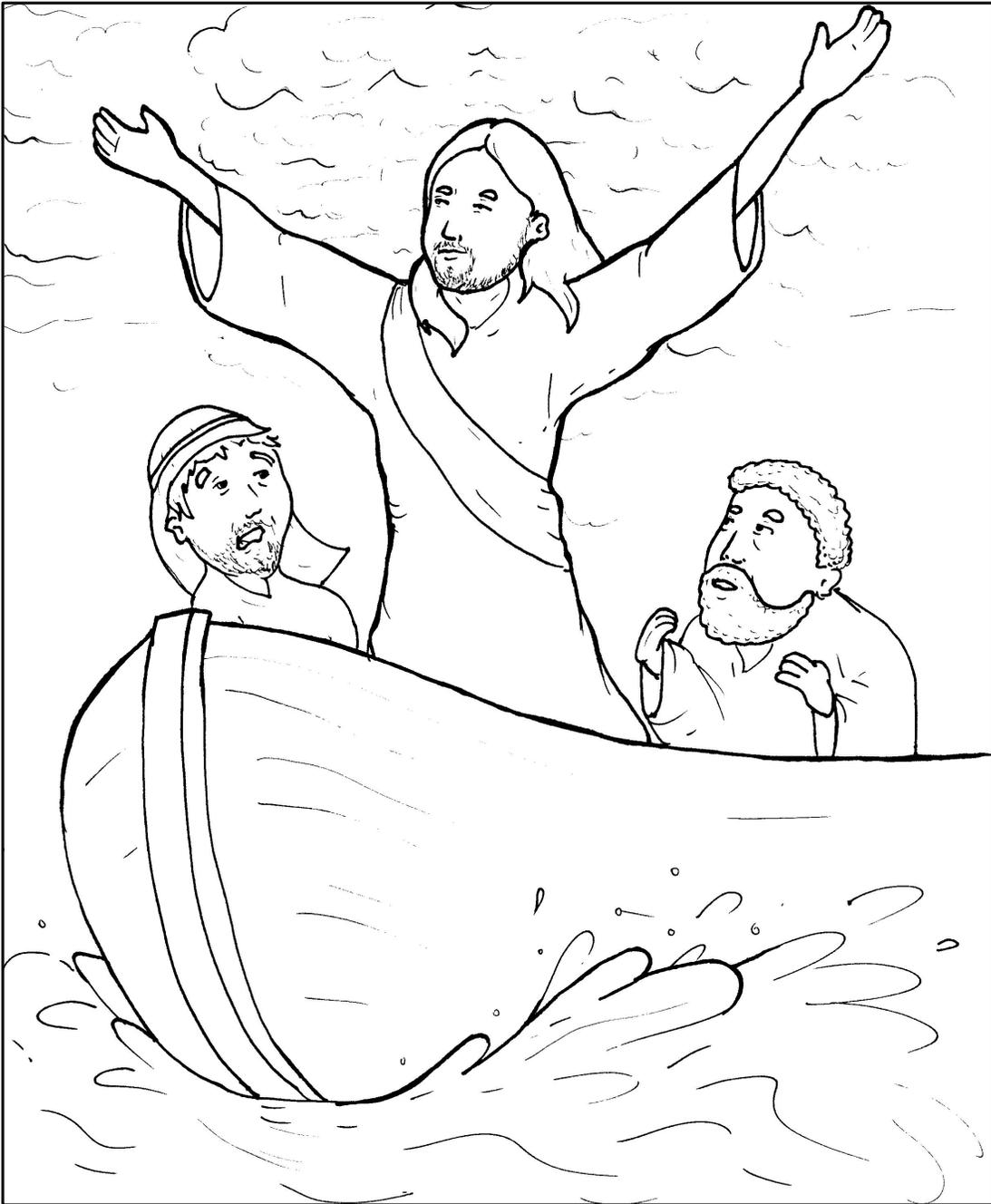


Bible Lesson

## 17. Jesus Stops a Storm

Matthew 8; Mark 4; Luke 8



Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!

Mark 4:41

## Jesus Stops a Storm

Jesus and his disciples sailed at night. Gentle waves rocked the boat. Jesus fell asleep.

A bad storm blew in upon the lake. Rain fell hard. Strong winds tossed the boat back and forth. It almost sank! Huge waves crashed over the boat. Cold water splashed the men...brrrr.

But Jesus kept sleeping. His disciples woke him up. "Master, save us!" they cried. "We are going to drown."

"Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked. "Your faith is so small."

Jesus got up. He told the soaking rain, "Stop."  
He told the howling wind, "Be quiet."  
He told the wild waves, "Lie down."

The rain stopped.  
The wind became quiet.  
The waves laid down.  
All was still.

Now the disciples were amazed – amazed and terrified. "Who is this?" they asked. "Even the wind and the waves obey him."

## Questions

1. How did Jesus make the storm stop?
2. How did the disciples feel about Jesus after he stopped the storm? Why?
3. How does this miracle prove who Jesus is?
4. If Jesus can stop the rain and the wind, how can he make problems in your life become still?

### Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,  
You made a scary storm stop.  
This shows me that you are God.  
You can do anything. Please  
make this stormy problem in  
my life become still.

Amen

(Write your problem in the cloud.)



## Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing 17. Jesus Stops a Storm

Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

### Before you read:

#### Activate Prior Knowledge

- 1) What was the worst storm you have ever been in? How did you feel?
- 2) Do you think adults get afraid sometimes? Why?
- 3) What clue do you have from the title what the problem and solution will be in this story?

### After you read:

#### Song

Sing this song to the tune of "Frere Jacques." If you have a group, try it in a round.

Who is this?

Who is this?

Even the wind. Even the wind.

And the waves obey him. And the waves obey him.

He is the Lord. He is the Lord.

#### Outdoor Fun

On a windy day, take some streamers outside. Hold one up and tell it where you want it to blow to once you release it. Did it obey you? Why not? How did Jesus make the wind obey him?

#### Finish this Poem

Keep this poem/prayer under your pillow the next time a storm in the night bothers you.

When the lightning crashes

And the water \_\_\_\_\_. (splashes)

I will not fear

Because you are \_\_\_\_\_. (here)

## Who IS This? (Part 1)

Jesus proved that he is Lord over all creation by stopping a storm. Have the kids discover who else obeys Jesus. Lay this page over the following page. Run tape along both vertical sides. Cut the dotted lines. The kids read each passage and guess who or what in nature is obeying Jesus. Lift the flaps. Do THEY obey him?

### Who IS this?

Even the \_\_\_\_\_ obey him!

(Read Luke 5:1-10)

### Who IS this?

Even the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ obey him!

(Read Matthew 8:28-34)

### Who IS this?

Even a \_\_\_\_\_ obeys him!

(Read Mark 11:12-14 and 20-22)

### Who IS this?

Even \_\_\_\_\_ obeys him!

(Read John 2:1-11)

### Who IS this?

Even \_\_\_\_\_ obey him!

(Read Mark 1:21-28)

### Who IS this?

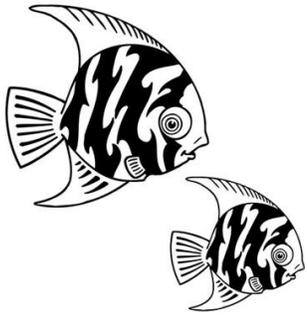
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(Read John 11:38-44)

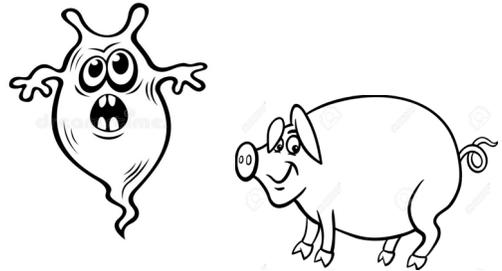
## Who IS This? (Part 2)

This page goes beneath page 1. For a follow-up lesson, research the reaction the people had to Jesus' command over creation. Did they fall on their knees as Peter did in Luke 5? How would you react if you saw a tree wither or a dead man walk out of a tomb? Read Philippians 2:5-11 on your knees and worship.

**fish**



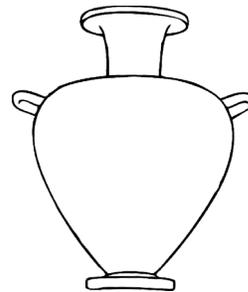
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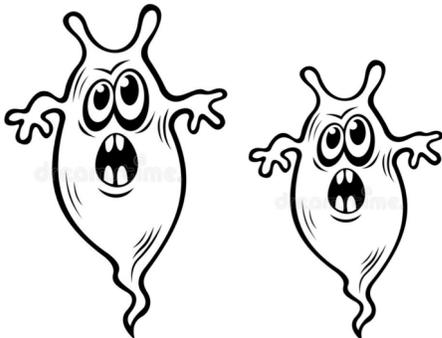
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**a dead man**



