

# Week 36 Parent Sheet: Jesus Calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27 NIV

*The One who MADE the wind and waves HAS POWER OVER the wind and waves!*

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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## Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
  - ♦ Tempted in the wilderness
  - ♦ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
  - ♦ Called His disciples
  - ♦ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
  - ♦ Performed many miracles
  - ♦ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
  - ♦ Warned about persecution
  - ♦ Told many parables
  - ♦ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
  - ♦ More miracles and teaching
  - ♦ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
  - ♦ More miracles and teaching
  - ♦ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
  - ♦ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
  - ♦ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
  - ♦ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
  - ♦ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
  - ♦ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

## Background:

1. During Jesus' ministry God the Father was making it clear to us through Jesus' ♦ fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures, ♦ teaching with authority, and ♦ mighty miracles – that He is the Son of God in human flesh, *the Promised Savior of the world!*
2. In today's true story, Jesus will show amazing authority over the wind and waves!

## Jesus Calms the Storm:

1. Jesus, His disciples, and the Sea of Galilee: <sup>23</sup> **Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him.**
2. A unusual combination: Imagine being in a small, open boat in a violent storm; do you think you would be sleeping? <sup>24</sup> **Suddenly a furious storm**

**came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.**

3. The disciples thought they were going to die: <sup>25</sup> **The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"** // We can be fearful of many things – *storms, employment issues, health issues, relationship issues, etc.* We can live with the fear, but we can also do the following:
  - a. **Trust in the Lord:** Think about this passage: <sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 26:3** You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.
  - b. **Make a trade:** Our anxieties for His perfect peace; think about this passage: <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
4. There is a relationship between fear and faith: Since their faith was little, their fear was big: <sup>26</sup> **He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"**
5. Jesus is the Son of God in human flesh: **Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.** <sup>27</sup> **The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"**

## Thoughts:

1. Since the Son of God made everything, *we shouldn't be surprised when the wind and waves obey Him.* The Bible says this about God's Son: <sup>NAS</sup> **Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.
2. Isn't it amazing that the Son took on flesh and blood to live, suffer, and die for us? *Let us gladly receive Him and God's eternal benefits!*