

Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35–41

Storytelling

Talk It Over

Team leaders should open their group's Bible to Mark 4:35–41. Be sure a bookmark is in place for the next group! Then, talk over the lesson using the Lesson 3 *High Tide Elementary Leaflets* and the Bible.

Whose idea was it to cross over to the other side? (It was Jesus' idea.) **Did Jesus know a storm would come up?** (Yes! He's the Son of God!) **Was Jesus worried?** (No.)

Why would He travel across the lake with His disciples when He knew a storm was coming? (Because He knew their "little faith" and would show them His care by providing for their safety.)

What did the disciples believe was happening even though Jesus was in the boat with them? (They were afraid that they would perish—sink—die. They were afraid they would perish physically. Without Jesus and the faith He gives us, we are in danger of perishing spiritually. Jesus keeps us safe now and forever.)

Why were they so afraid? Why did they have such little faith? (Sin causes us to fear and doubt that Jesus keeps us safe. But through His Word, Jesus calms our fears. Through His actions on the cross, He has taken away the punishment for our sins, including our sin of fear. Through our Baptism and in His Word, He gives us faith so that we can live with hope and joy, and live forever in heaven with Him. That's amazing grace!)

What did Jesus do? (Jesus spoke and calmed the storm. It was a miracle. It was amazing grace.)

Jesus gives amazing grace! How is "Jesus Keeps Me Safe" a gift of amazing grace from Jesus? (Today, we don't see Jesus calmly sleeping near us during the fearful time of our lives. But Jesus, God's own Son, is present with us and in us through His Word and Sacraments. Each day, we confess our sin and receive the forgiveness of sin that Jesus, God's Son, gives us. We learn about Jesus in God's Holy Word. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we grow in Jesus, trusting in His Word and promises. And, yes, that's amazing grace!)

Take-Home Point

Jesus Keeps Me Safe.

Bible Memory Verse

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 1:7

Amazing Grace—All the Time

The groups should read the poem "All the Time" together. In the blank space, the students will list times when we are tempted to fear for our safety. Or they can draw pictures!

All the Time

Jesus spoke, and at His word

The wind and the waves calmed. That's grace!

The Bible, God's Word, is full of words of grace for me.

At all times, in all weather, Jesus keeps me safe!

Team Leaders then lead Groups to pray: Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping me safe and calming the storm of sin in my life. Because You died and rose for Me, I have forgiveness, safety, and life now and forever! Amen.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, by grace, You keep us safe, now and forever. As the apostle Paul said, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Thank You for Your gift of amazing grace. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Gangway to Galilee Blessing

Say this blessing to each child as you hand out the *SOS Collectible*: **"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."**