



# Jesus stops the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:1,35-41

One night Jesus and His friends were sailing across the lake in their boat. Jesus was very tired. He lay down in the back of the boat. Soon He was asleep.

Suddenly, the wind began to blow. Ooooo! Ooooo! The wind blew harder and harder. The little waves got bigger and bigger. Splish! Splish-splash! Splash! The big waves hit hard against the little boat. Water splashed into the boat. Splash! Splash! Splash! The boat was filling with water.

"I'm afraid!" one of Jesus' friends shouted.

"Jesus! Help us!" shouted another friend. "Don't You care that our boat is sinking?!"

Jesus woke up. He felt the strong winds blowing. He saw the big waves splashing. Jesus stood up and said, "Quiet! Be still!" And just like that, the wind stopped blowing. The big waves stopped splashing. Splish. Splish. Little waves rocked the boat gently again.

"Why were you so afraid?" Jesus asked His friends. "Don't you know that I love you?"

Jesus' friends looked at each other. They said, "Wow! Even the winds and the waves obey Jesus!" They were glad Jesus could take care of them and help them when they were afraid.

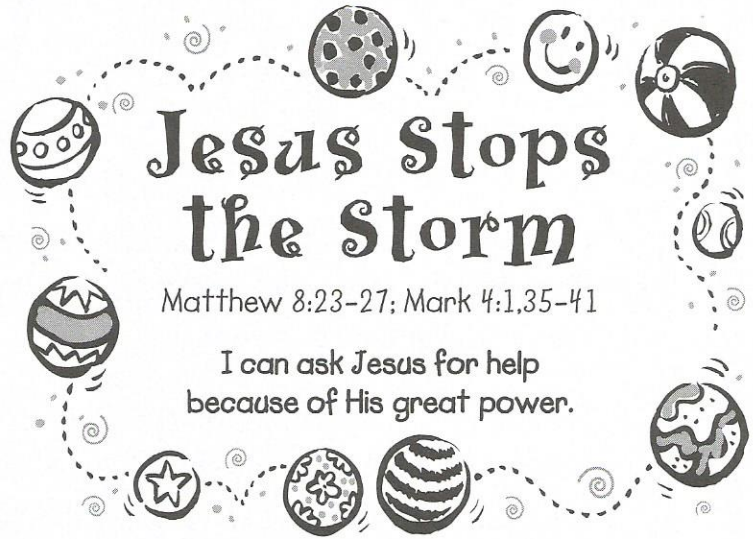
# Big Storms

## Collect

Bible, 1/2-inch (1.3-cm) wide foil strips, cotton balls, construction paper in dark colors, glue.

## Do

Children make storm scenes by bending foil into lightning zigzags and stretching out cotton balls to make clouds. Children glue lightning and clouds to paper.

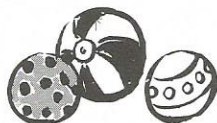


## Talk About

- ☀ In our Bible story today, Jesus and His friends were in a big storm. Jesus' friends were VERY afraid! But Jesus told the storm to stop, and it did! Jesus helped His friends when they were afraid. Let's make some stormy pictures to remind us of Jesus' great power and help.
- ☀ Dusty, are you making clouds or lightning? Sometimes it's fun to be out in the rain, but sometimes it can be scary! Why might a storm be scary? When we are afraid, we can ask Jesus to help us.
- ☀ Jesus is strong and powerful. Jesus can help us when we feel afraid. When are some times you feel afraid and can ask Jesus for help?

## Enrichment Ideas

1. Children dictate sentences about their storm scenes. Print sentences on separate paper. Staple paper to back of each child's storm scene.
2. Children glue glitter or color with glitter pens to make sparkly raindrops on their papers.
3. Children roll small pieces of blue tissue into little balls and glue to paper for raindrops.





## Jesus Calms the Sea

Luke 8:22-25

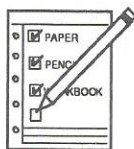
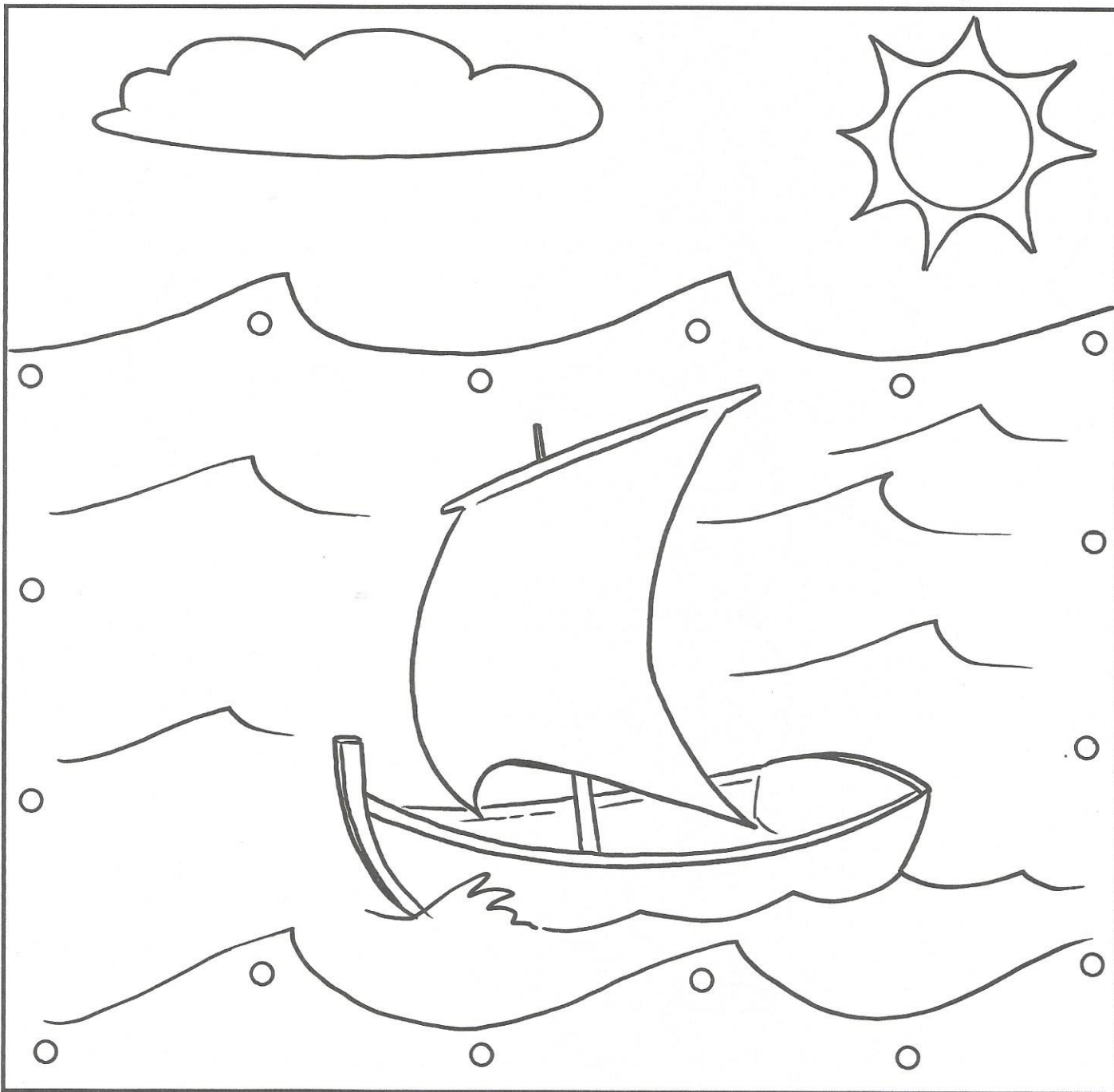
## Sunny Weather Sewing Card

Jesus and His helpers took a boat trip across a lake. While they sailed, Jesus took a nap. The wind began to blow. The waves grew big. Water splashed into the boat.

The helpers felt afraid. They woke Jesus. Jesus calmed the waves.

Jesus' helpers could see that Jesus had special power. Even the sea obeyed Him. The helpers knew Jesus had saved them.

Your teacher will help you make a sunny weather picture to remind you that Jesus takes care of us. We can feel safe with Jesus.

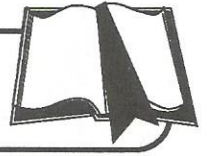


*For the Teacher:* Copy the pattern onto sturdy colored paper or poster board. Punch holes around the water, as shown. Let children color the cards. Then give each child a 3-foot length of blue yarn. Wrap a piece of clear tape around one end of the yarn for easy threading. Tape one end of the yarn to the back of the picture. Show the children how to thread the yarn through the picture. Tape the other end when completed.

# Memory Game

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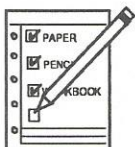
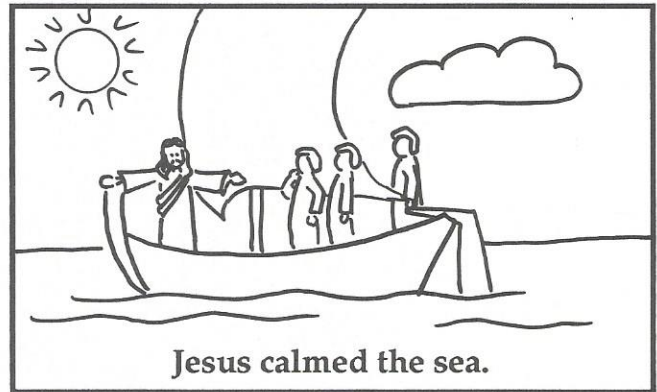
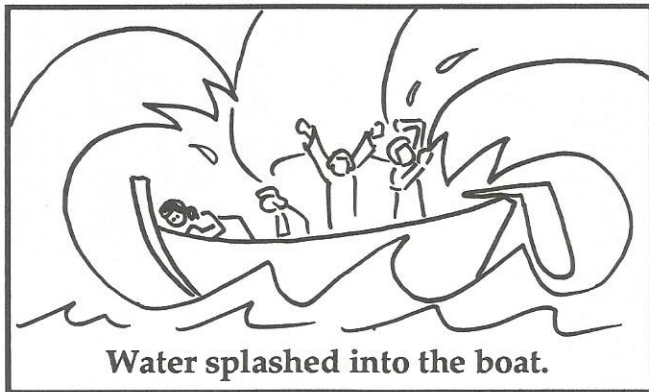
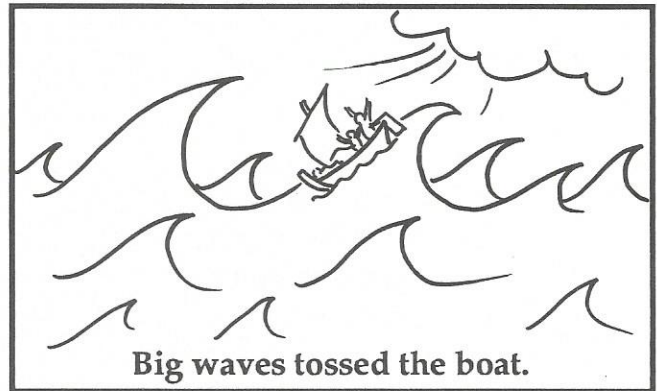
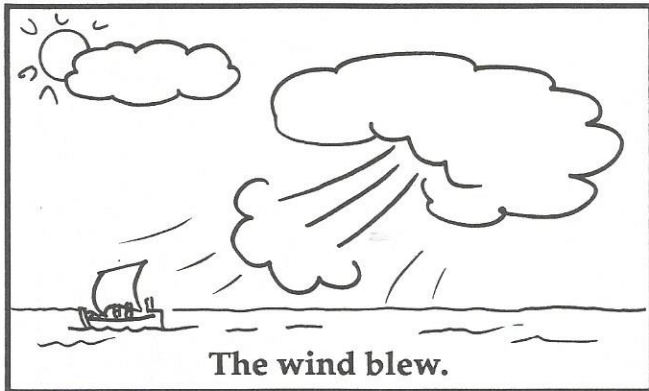
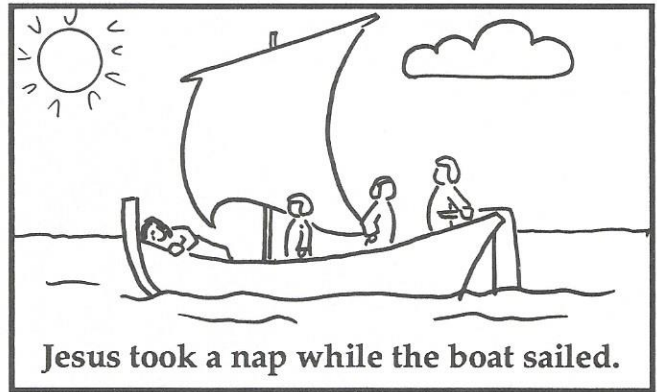
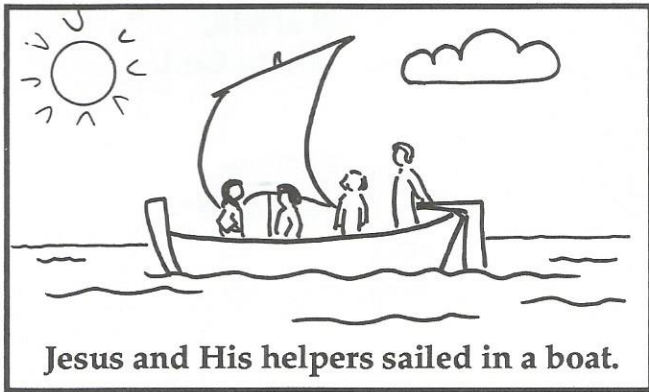


The Bible tells many exciting stories about Jesus. God wants us to remember these stories and tell them to others.

After Jesus calmed the sea, the water was smooth once again. His helpers were very glad that Jesus was with them.

The Memory Game will help you remember the story about Jesus calming the sea. You can play this game by yourself, or you can play the game with a friend.

Your friend can learn that Jesus can help him or her, too.



*For the Teacher:* Make two copies of the game pictures for each child. Glue them on construction paper. After the children color the pictures, help them cut them apart. To play, two children place the twelve picture cards face down, in rows. One child turns over two pictures. If they match, he keeps them and continues playing. If they do not match, the other child tries to match two cards. When all cards are matched, mix them up and play again. 37



A terrible storm raged all about.  
Would they reach dry land?  
Then Jesus made the weather calm  
Just by his command.



Jesus and His helpers were on the Sea of Galilee when a storm came up. Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. They obeyed Him. *Mark 4:35-41*