

Virtual Sprouts Leader Guide

January Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' power is amazing. Calming the Storm • *Matthew 8:23-27*
Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

What You Need:

- Before virtual Small Group begins, be sure you have a bath toy and your Bible next to the computer.

OVERVIEW

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

WELCOME:

Emcee What You Say: Hello friends! It's a great day! Do you know why it's a great day! I get to spend time with you. Any day I see you is a great day! My name is *(introduce yourself and the teachers)* and I see my friend *(call on kids and wave as you say their name)*. Do you know what I want to do to start our time together? I want to sing a song to God to tell him how amazing he is. Will you do that with me? Let's sing together!

(Play worship song)

VIDEO:

Emcee What You Say: Friends, great job singing. Do you know what I used to do when I was a kid to get ready for bed? I used to take a bath. Raise your hand if you like to take a bath. Wow! That's a lot of you. I used to play with some toys in the tub. Raise your hand if have some bath toys. Maybe it's something like this. *(Hold up bath toy.)* You do have a favorite bath toy?! That's awesome. I'm going to count to ten, and I want you to go find your favorite bath toy and bring it back to the computer. Ready, set, go!"

Count SLOWLY to ten to ensure that everyone has time to make it back to the screen.

"Look at all those fun bath toys. I want everyone to hold their toy like it's floating in water. We're going to pretend it's floating in the sea. *(Demonstrate by holding your toy with two hands and making it look like it's bobbing in the water slightly. As you continue with the "storm," exaggerate your movements to make it look like the seas are rough.)* Great job. Now, what would happen if there started being waves in the sea? How would your toy move? Yes, it would go up and down and rock wouldn't it. What if there was a big storm, and it was raining and windy? What would it look like then? Wow! Your toys are really rocking in that storm. Alright, the storm is over, it's safe to put your toys down now. Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible *(hold up Bible)* about a boat that was in a storm. Let's watch!"

(Play the Full Wonder video week 3)

ACTIVITY:

Teacher 1 What You Say: “What an awesome story. What was Jesus doing when the storm started? Yes, He was sleeping. But, His friends, the disciples, weren’t sleeping. They were watching the storm. How did they feel? Yes, they were afraid. Did they need to be afraid? No, Jesus told them they didn’t need to be afraid. Then, He told the storm to what? Go? No, Jesus told the storm to stop! Did it? Yes, it did. Jesus told the storm to stop, and it did.

“I have a fun game we can play! I will call out a movement for you to do. When you hear ‘STOP’ then you should stop and freeze. Then, I will call out another movement for you to do. Are you ready?”

*Call out a movement and challenge the children to do it. Then say, “STOP.” When the children have stopped, call out another movement. Say, “STOP” again and proceed with the next movement.
Example Movements: jump, spin, touch toes, pat head, frog jump, and twist.*

“Great job! You are great movers and great listeners. You can sit down now. In our story today, Jesus told the storm to stop, and what happened? *(Pause.)* Yes! The storm stopped because Jesus is out-of-this-world amazing! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**

MEMORY VERSE:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Wow! I was getting dizzy doing all that movement. I was glad when we had to stop. The disciples were glad too when Jesus stopped the storm. But they weren’t just glad, I bet they were AMAZED! Show me your amazed face! Who remembers our Bible verse? *(call on kids who have their hands up to share)* AMAZING! Let’s say our Bible verse all together today: “Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47 Great job everyone!

PRAYER:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Before we go I’d like to talk to God. Remember we talk to God when we pray. Does anyone want to pray today and tell God how amazing he is? *(put kids who want to pray in an order and then you close the prayer time)*

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us when we’re afraid. Jesus is amazing, because He has the power to do anything! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CLOSE OUT

Emcee What you Say: Friends, it has been a special time to be altogether with you! You are an amazing part of God’s plan. I can’t wait to see you next week! Bye friends!

End Call