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Mark 4:35-41 Christ is with me in the Storm

Club Talk Help Sheet

TALK TIPS

Ask yourself afterwards if any of these feelings were expressed:

- Excitement
- Enthusiasm
- Concern for the audience
- Sincerity
- Honesty

Pick someone you trust before the talk to pray for you while you speak and to give you feedback after you are done.

Mark 4:35-41

35That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be Still!" The wind died down and it was completely calm. 40He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Main point / Last sentence idea

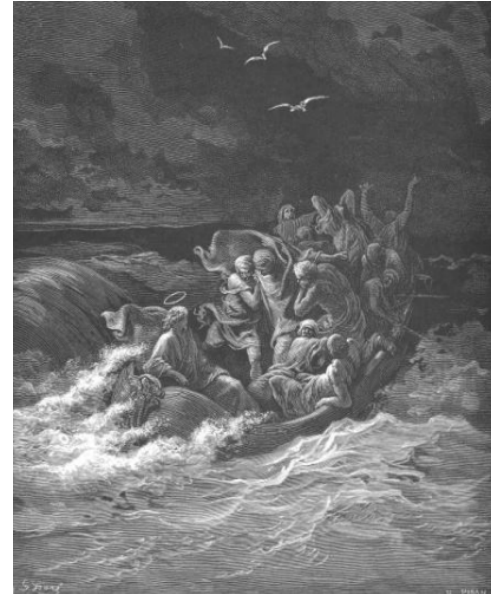
- Jesus is God. He has power over nature.
- We often ask, "Jesus, don't you care about what is happening to me?" But the heart of God is good and we do not have to be afraid.

Introduction ideas

- Tell a story about when nature had power over you (car stuck in a snow storm, rain prevented you from getting somewhere, being trapped in an airport because of bad weather, getting a heat stroke, etc.)
- Tell a personal story when life felt like a "storm".

Illustration ideas

- Show a clip or talk about a clip from "Deadliest Catch" or "The Perfect Storm"
- Go outside and have a kid command something in nature (start raining, flower to bloom, etc.)
- Create a storm in the room. Have kids mimic what you are doing, and like a wave, start with the right side of the room and kids join in as you pass them. Start with rubbing palms together, snapping, slapping thighs, and stomping on the ground. Then all of a sudden silence the room.



Things you might use or say when talking about the Bible passage:

- Think about what it would be like to be in a fishing boat during a storm! Big waves, wind, splashing, lighting!
- Notice that this happened at night, the storm is scarier when you don't know where you are or where you are going.
- Some of the disciples (Jesus' friends) were fishermen; they probably have been on the sea for storms before, but this one was big enough to actually scare experienced fishermen.
- Even Jesus got tired. Really tired.
- The disciple's question wasn't for God to fix the situation, but about whether God "cares" about their situation.
- Jesus asks, "Why are you so afraid?" In other words, "Hey, I'm right here. Trust me; if you are with me, you do not have to be afraid."

Application/Challenge Ideas:

- What are some of the hard things in your life that might seem impossible to escape? How could Jesus help?