

# FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS

## Jesus Stills the Storm



**Scripture:** Luke 8:22-25

**Verse:** “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

**Concept:** We live in a world that is in turmoil and self-destructing. We will naturally be in situations that will put us under pressure and challenge our peace. Jesus remains in control and can calm any storm in our life, no matter how severe. We need to trust Him and keep His perspective.

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### **To Illustrate:**

Have your family or small group do a little play acting for this illustration (or have a puppet show). You will need the following characters:

1. Drip: the weather reporter
2. John, Peter and other disciples
3. Jesus

The scenes depict the action. Those playing each character can ad lib the conversation accordingly.

**Props** if you so choose:

- Something to use as a boat
- Charts or tablets for the weatherman

### **Scene 1:**

Drip is giving the weather report with charts and forecasts. A bulletin comes in about a big storm brewing in the Sea of Galilee. He is not too concerned but cuts away for a live report from John on a boat in the sea.

### **Scene 2:**

John, Peter, and some other disciples are in a boat. John reports that the storm is just picking up and Peter is a little sea sick, but there is nothing to worry about. Why, Jesus is even asleep in the bow of a boat.

### **Scene 3:**

Back to Drip who gets another news flash that the storm has taken a turn for the worse and is now heading for town. Drip tries to tell people to remain calm, but he himself is getting a little nervous. Back to John in the boat.

**Scene 4:**

The storm is raging with full sound effects. Peter and John are just trying to hang on. It is pretty bad and they cannot believe Jesus can sleep through all of this.

**Scene 5:**

Drip is outlining emergency procedures while packing his bag to leave. One more report from John.

**Scene 6:**

Peter wakes Jesus telling Him they are about to die. He rebukes the storm and all is peaceful. Jesus talks to them about their lack of faith.

**Scene 7:**

Drip is astounded. He says he never was scared, just an everyday little storm, but he wants to meet this Jesus.

**DISCUSSION FOLLOWING:**

Read or have one of the children read Luke 8:22-25.

1. Who was in control: the weather of Jesus?
2. Who should we trust when things are scary?
3. Why did Jesus say "Where is your faith?"
4. Did the disciples trust Jesus or the boat?
5. Does living for Jesus mean you will never have bad things in your life?
6. What do people that know Jesus have that others don't when facing a "storm" in their life?
7. Discuss times when you or your family needed to trust Jesus in a scary situation. What happened?

**SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

Gather your family around you as closely as possible...maybe even under a tent made with a blanket over chairs or a table. As you hold your children, talk about the security of your home and that as close as mom and dad will always be, Jesus stays closer and gives us peace. You might find other Scripture references that could apply and talk about these promises.

## JESUS STILLS THE STORM Luke 8:22-25



Read each verse and put an "X" through the wrong answer.

1. The Lord (blesses        rewards) His people with peace. Psalm 29:11
2. The Lord will (shout        speak) peace to His people. Psalm 85:8
3. Those who live His law have (little        great) peace. Psalm 119:165
4. God has called us to (live        die) in peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15
5. Peace be (against        with) you. Luke 24:36
6. No peace for the (godly        wicked). Isaiah 57:21
7. Jesus is the (prince        child) of peace. Isaiah 9:6
8. Be led (back        forth) in peace. Isaiah 55:12
9. The God of (love        healing) and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11
10. Peace like a (mountain        river). Isaiah 48:18

On a piece of paper, draw a picture of the person who gives us peace.



Draw and color the picture of how the disciples looked after Jesus calmed the storm

