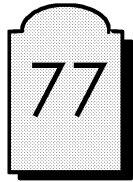


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Jesus calms the storm
with a word

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

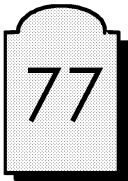
Key Themes

- Jesus is man
 He was asleep
- Jesus is God
- God is the highest authority
- God is all-powerful
 Even the wind and the sea obey Him
- God is everywhere all the time; God knows everything

Hooks

(Show the children a clear glass bowl, casserole dish or jar of water.) This water is nice and smooth. It is "calm." It is not moving very much.
(Place a small piece of wood—or anything small that will float—on the water.) This piece of wood is just floating on the water so nicely.
But what will happen to the wood if I stir up the water? (Take a spoon and stir up the water and show how the wood gets covered with water. Then let the water get still and calm.)
There is a story in the Bible about some water that was not smooth or still or calm like this water, but all moving around and wavy like this water. (Stir up the water.)

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LOOK:

Have you ever been in a bad storm? Were you afraid?
Were Jesus' followers afraid when they were in the storm?
Why were they afraid? Didn't they know Jesus was in the boat?
They may have thought Jesus didn't know about the storm or was not still in control
because He was asleep. Were they right?
What did Jesus want them to do? (Trust Him.)
Do you think it is easy or hard to trust Jesus when bad or scary things happen?
What do you think Jesus wants you to do when you are afraid?
What does our Fighter Verse for this week say? Let's look at it again.
(Spend some time working with them on 1 Peter 5:7)
(Pray for the children especially about fear of storms and also other fears. Pray that they
will trust Jesus when they are afraid.)

LOOK:

What do you do when you are sooo tired?
Jesus was very tired when He got in the boat. Do you remember what He did?
Jesus was a person just like you and me. He understands what it's like to be tired and
need a nap.
But, Jesus was more than just a human like you and me.
What did Jesus do that you or I couldn't do? Yes, He made the storm stop.
Can you talk to the wind and rain and make them stop?
Why did they stop when Jesus told them to stop? Yes, Jesus is God.
Did the storm have to stop when Jesus told it to? Why?
Yes, because Jesus is God. Jesus is the boss of the wind and rain.
Wow! Jesus can even tell the storm what to do. Is anything too hard for Him?
Can Jesus take care of you?
Would there be anything that could happen that Jesus isn't in charge of?
No, Jesus is God. Jesus is the boss of everything. He is in charge.
He will take care of all those who trust in Him.
(Pray and praise Jesus that He is in charge of the wind and the rain and everything else
and thank Him that He can take care of us.)

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Story #77: Jesus calms the storm with a word

Scripture:

Mark 4:35-41

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is man
He was asleep
- Jesus is God
- God is the highest authority
- God is all-powerful
Even the wind and the sea obey Him
- God is everywhere all the time; God knows everything

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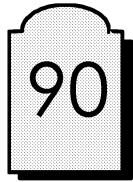
- * If you went outside on a very windy day and told the wind to stop blowing, would it stop? How about if I (parent) told the wind to stop blowing? How could Jesus make the wind and the wave be calm just by talking to them? (Jesus is God; everything must obey Him.)
- * Would you like to know somebody that powerful? (Talk about what it means to know God.)
- * Discuss what it means to have faith and to have no faith (see verse 40). Contrast simply knowing about God to putting your trust in Him.



Jesus Calms the Storm with a Word

Mark 4:35-41

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“Blessed is the King who comes in
the name of the Lord!”

Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem

Scripture: Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44

Key Themes

- Jesus is worthy of praise from all creation
Luke 19:37-38, 40; Mark 11:9-10
- God knows everything
He knew about the colt and the destruction of Jerusalem
- Everything happens as God says it will
- God is faithful; He always does what He says
This fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9
- Jesus is King

Hooks

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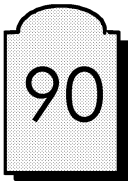
(Bring in some palm branches or some tree branches if palm branches are not available.)

What is this? (Start waving the branch. Then ask a few other children to wave branches with you. Wave the branch happily and with enthusiasm, encouraging the children to do the same.)

What would it be like if all the people in our church were waving branches?

The Bible tells us about a time when a lot of people—more people than in our church—more people than in a lot of churches—were waving branches. Let's find out what they were so excited about.

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LOOK:

(Show the coloring book picture for Lesson 90.) Look at the picture. What are they doing with palm branches?

Why are they doing that? Yes, they are praising Jesus.

Is that a good thing to do? Why? [Because Jesus is worthy—He is worth more than anything, He is the greatest of all, He is God's Son and He is God, He is the creator—He made us and the world and everything there is, He is our Savior—He died for our sins, He loves His people.]

What does it mean to praise Jesus? (Encourage the children to express their thoughts, Help them understand that praise is telling of Jesus' greatness and mighty deeds, telling about who He is and what He's done.)

Do we always wave palm branches when we want to praise Jesus?

What are some other ways you can praise Jesus? [Praying, singing, telling others about Him.]

Who is Jesus? What is He like? What has He done? [Jesus is God's son, Jesus is God, He is kind, loving, powerful, faithful, He always does what He says. He is strong, wise, good, and holy. He has no sin, He is the creator and King—boss of everything.]

(You may want to have the children make these attributes into sentence prayers to close or sing, "Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children" or another praise song.)

LOOK:

(Show the coloring book picture for Lesson 90.) What's going on in the picture? Where is Jesus? What are the children and other people doing? Yes, they are praising Him, welcoming Him.

Where is Jesus going? [Jerusalem]

Do you know what would soon happen to Jesus in Jerusalem?

Jesus was about to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.

Did these happy people know that? Did Jesus know?

Did you know that long ago God had said it would happen just as it did?

Can you say what will happen tomorrow or next week or next year and have it always happen just as you said? God can and God always does what He says.

God had made a promise to His people long ago.

Does anyone remember what that promise was?

Yes, He promised to send a Savior, One who would save His people from their sins.

Who could be God's promised Savior? The Savior had to be pure and without any sin.

Who could be good enough? You? Me? NO! We have all sinned.

Who is pure and without any sin? Who is God's promised Savior?

Yes, Jesus, only Jesus!

Jesus deserves all our love and praise!

Let's praise Him now. (Close with a prayer or song of praise.)

Tell the Next Generation



Story #90: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem

Scripture:

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44

What does this say about God and man?

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- * Many people were really happy when they saw Jesus riding on the donkey towards Jerusalem. They were so happy they couldn't help shouting! That should have made Jesus happy too, right? But the Bible says (read Luke 19:41): "*And when He drew near and saw the city, he wept over it.*" Jesus was crying. Here all these people were shouting and praising God because of all the miracles Jesus had done—and Jesus wept! What made Him weep?
- * Jesus wept because there were so many people that did not understand who He was and what He came to do. He came from God to show His people the way to peace with God, yet many did not believe.
- * Let's ask the Lord to cause us to believe, and to cause the people we know who don't believe in Jesus, to believe in Him.



**“Blessed is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord!”**

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44