

OCT 18TH|4TH-5TH|WK3

Elementary Service Flow

Large Group

- Pre-Service
- Opener
- Worship
- Memory Verse
- Story Time
- Salvation moment | ABC Salvation

Small Group Transition (EHT ONLY)

K-1st grade: Move to K-1st classroom

2nd-3rd Grade: Stay in current classroom

Small Group

- Activity One
- Activity Two
- Prayer and Dismiss



Bible Story

Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:36-41

Bottom Line

God is in control, so I can trust Him.

Memory Verse

God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. • Psalm 46:1 NIV

5 min

PRE SERVICE ACTIVITY

5 min

Pre Service Activity

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Inflate one balloon for each Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Once most kids have arrived, hold up the balloon and say: "Today we're going to work together to keep this balloon from touching the ground!"
- Explain the rules:
 - Kids may tap the balloon gently with their hands.
 - No grabbing or holding the balloon.
 - Everyone works together to keep it in the air.
- Begin playing.
- As kids get comfortable, begin adding challenges one at a time:
 - "Only use one hand!"
 - "Tap the balloon while standing on one foot!"
 - "Everyone has to sit down and still keep it up!"
 - "Pretend there's a giant windstorm blowing!"
(Encourage kids to move around more dramatically.)
 - "No talking!"
- Allow the balloon to eventually fall or become difficult to control.
- Gather kids back together afterward.

What You Say:

"That started out pretty easy, but the more challenges we added, the harder it became to keep the balloon under control. It probably started feeling a little stressful or even chaotic trying to keep up with everything happening at once! Life can feel that way too. Sometimes everything feels calm and easy, and then suddenly things feel hard, loud, confusing, or out of control. Maybe you've had a day where everything seemed to go wrong, or you felt worried about something happening at home, at school, or with a friend. Today we're going to hear about Jesus and His

LARGE GROUP OPENER

Game | Wave Maker

What You Need

 Pool inflatables

1

 Blue Tape

1

disciples during a huge storm out on the water. The wind was strong. The waves were crashing. The disciples were afraid because everything felt completely out of control. But Jesus showed them something amazing. Even when the storm was wild, Jesus was still in control. And that's true for us too! No matter what is happening around us, we can trust Jesus because He is powerful, He cares about us, and God is in control. Today we're going to learn this important truth: **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

Countdown

(Things to have ready: Start line marked with floor tape. Ten pool rings placed at the opposite end of the game area from the start line. Four pool noodles for "waves" in the game area. Eight pre-determined leaders to hold the pool noodles and make the "waves" during the game. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line slide.)

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to Fusion kids! I'm so glad you're here today! We're continuing our series called 'The Safe Place,' and we've been learning all about how God is our safe place and our strength. We'll talk more about that soon, but first, I need everybody to help me settle a very important question before we get started.

"If you could choose one kind of weather for an entire year, what would you pick: sunny beach weather, snowy winter weather, or cool rainy weather?"

"Turn to someone near you and defend your answer. You have 30 seconds. GO!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Alright, let me hear some answers! Raise your hand if you'd like to share!

(Call on a few kids who have their hands raised.)

"Interesting choices. Some of you picked sunshine because you want beach days forever. Some of you picked snow because apparently, you enjoy freezing your face off. And a few of you picked rain, which honestly surprised me a little. But weather can change really fast sometimes, right? One minute, everything is calm, and the next minute, the wind starts blowing and rain starts pouring.

"Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about how a calm day turned into a crazy storm, and then we'll find out what happened after that!

"But before we do, let's play a fun game!

GAME SLIDE 1: Wave Maker

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Before we get started, I need two teams of five players each to come to the front! Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

(Choose ten volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, divide them into two teams of five, and line up each team in a single-file line at the start line.)

"Awesome! Here's how this game works: One player from each team will race through the course, grab a pool ring, and bring it back to their team. Then the next player will go. The first team to collect all their pool rings wins.

"But there's one problem: The leaders are about to create giant crashing waves!

(Gesture to leaders holding pool noodles.)

"As you run through the course, you need to dodge the waves. You have to jump over or duck under every single

pool noodle on your way to grab a pool ring and on your way back to your team!

"And just to make things even more interesting, the waves are going to move faster for every player.

"Audience, your job is to cheer loudly. Think you can do that? Of course you can!

"Okay, teams ready? Storm makers ready? Audience ready? Then let's make some waves!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Leaders swing pool noodles higher and faster for every player. Make sure each player is jumping or ducking over all four pool noodles on their way to grab a pool ring and on their way back to the start line.)

"Whoa! Nice jump! That was close! Awesome job dodging those waves!

(Play until one of the teams has brought all their pool rings back to the start line.)

"[Team Name] for the win! Great job!

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Replace the pool rings directly across from the start line, and ask for ten new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"Awesome job, everybody! Let's give our players a huge round of applause! Thanks for playing, friends! You guys can take your seats.

"Looks like it's time to dive into our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out.

[Bottom Line] "God is in control, so I can trust Him. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God is in control, so I can trust Him."

HOST: "Awesome job today, friends! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

WORSHIP

The Joy| The belonging| Covenant Kids

What You Need

No supplies needed

Keep your eyes on JESUS

What You Need

No supplies needed

All right guest what time it is ? Its time to worship!

Worship is one of the best things we get to do together. It's a chance to sing, move, and thank God just for being who He is.

"You don't have to sing perfectly. You don't even have to know all the moves. It's more about us coming together and saying, 'I love You, God. You are number one in my life!'

GATHER THE KIDS AND DIRECT THEIR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN. HAVE THEM WATCH THE VIDEO AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO KEEP THEIR EYES ON JESUS THROUGHOUT THE SONG. THEY CAN DANCE ALONG IF THEY WANT, BUT MAKE SURE THEY ARE WATCHING THE VIDEO—THE SONG IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR STORY.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 46:1

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

"It's the start of a new month, and that means we have a brand-new Memory Verse to learn together! This verse reminds us of something powerful about who God is.

"Sometimes we all face things that feel bigger than us. Maybe it's something happening at school, a friendship problem, a big change, or something that makes us nervous. In those moments, it's easy to feel afraid.

"But God doesn't leave us by ourselves in hard times. The Bible reminds us that God is our safe place. He gives us strength when we feel weak, courage when we feel nervous, and help when we don't know what to do. And the amazing thing is that God isn't far away. He's always with us. He's present in every battle, every challenge, and every storm we face.

"Here's our Memory Verse for this month. I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: "God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1 NIV).

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me, nice and loud!

LEADER: "God is our place of safety."

KIDS AND LEADER: "God is our place of safety."

LEADER: "He gives us strength."

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LEADER: "He is always there to help us"

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LEADER: "in times of trouble."

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LEADER: "Psalm 46:1!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "Psalm 46:1!"

LEADER: "Great job, everybody! As you go through this week, remember that courage doesn't come from being the strongest person in the room. Real courage comes from knowing God is with you. No matter what challenge, fear, or difficult situation you face, you can trust that God is your safe place and your strength. Keep holding onto that truth this week!

BIBLE STORY

Story Time Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

SALVATION MOMENT | ABC PRAYER

ABC Prayer**What You Need**

No supplies needed

What You Say:

Leader: "Let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes."

Kids, have you ever made a mistake? Maybe you disobeyed your parents, were unkind to a friend, or told a lie.

The Bible calls those things sin. Every one of us has sinned—even grown-ups! Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try, we can't fix that problem on our own.

That's why we need Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that He came to take the punishment for our sins so we could be close to God and have eternal life with Him.

Maybe you've heard about Jesus before, but you've never personally asked Him to be your forever friend. Today, you can make that choice.

If you have never asked Jesus to be your forever friend, and today you want to say 'yes' to Jesus, raise your hand right now."

(Pause and look for raised hands.)

"That's amazing! Let's all pray together. Repeat after me:
READ THE ABC PRAYER

(Tech Crew) Slides A, B, C

Leaders read each slide and have kids repeat after you.

SLIDE: Theme

SMALL GROUP | ACTIVITY ONE

Mix & Match Verse | "Storm in a bottle"

What You Need

 Table cloth	2
 3/4 full clear bottle of water	1
 Glitter or beads	2
 Dish soap	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Spread out the tablecloth.
- Fill the bottle about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water.
- Set supplies where kids can help add items.

During the Activity:

- Gather kids around the bottle.
- Say: "Today we're going to create our own storm in a bottle!"
- Invite kids to help:
 - Add a few drops of blue food coloring.
 - Sprinkle in glitter or small objects.
 - Add one small drop of dish soap if desired.
- Secure the lid tightly.
- Hold up the bottle and gently swirl it first.
- Ask:
 - "What does the water look like right now?"
 - "Does it seem calm or stormy?"
- Then begin shaking the bottle harder.
- Say: "Now let's pretend a huge storm is blowing across the water!"
- Continue shaking while describing the story:
 - "The wind was strong."
 - "The waves crashed against the boat."
 - "Water splashed everywhere."
- Ask: "Do you think the disciples felt calm or afraid during the storm?" Allow a few responses.
- Say: "The disciples thought everything was out of control. But then Jesus stood up and spoke to the storm. 'Quiet! Be still!' He said. And just like that, the storm calmed."
- Hold the bottle still in your hands and gently set the bottle down.

SMALL GROUP | ACTIVITY TWO

Take a Snapshot | Scaredometer

What You Need

	"Scaredometer" Activity Page	1
	Sticky arrow tabs	1

- Ask:
 - "What do you notice happening inside the bottle now?"
 - "How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus calmed the storm?"
 - "How is this like the story we heard today?"
 - Allow a few responses.

What You Say:

"When we shook the bottle, everything inside moved around wildly! The water splashed, the glitter spun everywhere, and it felt messy and out of control. That's probably how the disciples felt during the storm. The wind was loud, the waves were huge, and the boat was filling with water. They were afraid because they thought the boat might sink! Meanwhile, Jesus was asleep in the boat. The disciples woke Him up and asked, 'Don't You care if we drown?' They were terrified. But Jesus stood up and spoke to the wind and the waves. He said, 'Quiet! Be still!' And immediately the storm stopped. The water became calm. That's incredible! The disciples realized that Jesus wasn't just an ordinary person. Even the wind and waves obeyed Him! Jesus showed that He has power over creation because He is God. Sometimes our lives can feel stormy too. Maybe you feel worried, upset, scared, or overwhelmed by something happening around you. But just like Jesus was with the disciples in the boat, He is with you too. And even when life feels out of control, God is still in control. That doesn't always mean the hard thing disappears right away. But it does mean we can trust that God is with us, helping us, and taking care of us through every storm. **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Scaredometer" on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Say, "The disciples were ordinary men, following an extraordinary man & God (Jesus was fully human and fully God). And they had a huge variety of emotions throughout their daily encounters with Jesus. Today's Bible Story is found in Mark 4:35-41. We are going to use a "Scaredometer" to show the level of concern, worry, and fear that you think they were feeling."
- Give each kid a "Scaredometer" Activity Page and a sticky arrow tab.
- Say, "I'm going to read today's Bible Story and pause at certain parts. When I pause, I want you to use your arrow to show what you think the disciples were feeling. For example, if I read "The disciples all got ice cream from the ice cream truck before they got in the boat." What emotion would you point your arrow to? (*Allow kids to respond.*) If I said, Peter found a spider crawling around in his ice cream. What emotion would you point your arrow to? Obviously, those are silly examples that are not actually included in the Bible. Let me read through the real deal, and I will let you determine how chill or how scared the disciples may have been."
- Read Bible Story details from Mark 4:35-41, pausing after each statement. When kids give different "Scaredometer" ratings, allow them to discuss why they gave the rating they did.
 - When evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake."
 - They left the crowd behind. And they took Him along in a boat, just as He was. There were also other boats with Him.
 - A wild storm came up.
 - Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink.
 - Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion.
 - The disciples woke Him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?"
 - He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. It was completely calm.
 - He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?"
 - They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

- Say, "I don't know about you, but I can absolutely relate to the disciples' feeling scared. Now, I'm going to read some possible present-day scenarios. After I read each scenario, I'm going to have you rate how you might feel if this were something happening to you."
- Read the following scenarios, pausing after each one to allow kids to rate each on their "Scaredometer." Discuss their responses as appropriate.
 - It's the night before the first day of school, and none of your friends are in your classes this year.
 - You have been invited to two different friends' birthday parties that are on the same day and start at the same time.
 - You have to give a presentation in front of the class.
 - The lights suddenly go out, and everything is dark.
 - You get separated from your family for a few minutes in a big store.
 - You try out for a new team or audition for something.
 - A big storm starts, and thunder shakes the window.

What You Say:

"Will God help us with the real stuff, the tough stuff, in our lives? Yes, He is present! Because we know that God is in control, and because He is good, we can trust Him with anything we face. When we feel concerned, worried, scared, or terrified, those emotions are like warning lights telling us that we are facing something bigger than what we can handle on our own. That's when we need to turn to God to be our help and our refuge. God created everything, and He is more powerful than anything else, ever. Everything answers to Him. That means that God is bigger and more powerful than any difficult thing you will ever face. God does not cause terrible things to happen, but He can work in and through all things for our good. Because of this, we can remember that **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him!**"

PRAY AND DISMISS

Pray and Dismiss

What You Do:

What You Need

	"Anchored to Jesus" Activity Page	1
	Scissors	1
	Coloring supplies	1

Before the Activity:

- Print "Anchored to Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.
- Set out coloring supplies.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a bookmark.
- Invite kids to decorate their bookmarks however they would like.
- Say: "As you work on your bookmark, remember that an anchor helps keep a boat steady in the middle of rough water. Today we learned that Jesus helps keep our hearts steady when life feels stormy. Sometimes things happen that make us feel worried, afraid, overwhelmed, or out of control. As you color, quietly think about any 'storms' you might be facing right now and ways you need help trusting God. Remember, Jesus is with you through every storm, and you can trust Him no matter what happens."
- Once bookmarks are mostly finished, invite kids to hold them in their hands.
- Say: "We're going to take a moment to talk to God. As you hold your anchor bookmark, let it remind you that Jesus is always with you and He is always in control."

What You Say:

"When the disciples were in the storm, they forgot something important: Jesus was still with them the entire time. Even when the waves crashed and everything felt out of control, Jesus had never left the boat. Sometimes we forget that too. When life feels scary, stressful, confusing, or overwhelming, it can be easy to focus only on the 'storm' around us. But Jesus is still with us in those moments just like He was with the disciples. That's why your bookmark is shaped like an anchor. An anchor keeps a boat from drifting away during rough water. In the same way, trusting Jesus helps keep our hearts steady when life feels difficult. This week, when you see your bookmark, let it remind you that Jesus is powerful, Jesus cares about you, and Jesus is always with you. No matter what kind of storm you face, you can trust Him. And when life feels out of control, remember **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

Prayer:

"Jesus, thank You that You are powerful and good. Thank You that You care about us, even when we feel afraid. Sometimes life feels stormy, and we don't know what to do. Help us remember that You are always with us. Help us trust You when things feel hard or out of control. Thank You for being our place of safety and strength. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that **[Bottom Line]** God is in control, so I can trust Him.*

Supplies

Game | Wave Maker

Quantity

- | | | |
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| 1. | Pool inflatables | 1 |
| 2. | Blue Tape | 1 |

Mix & Match Verse | "Storm in a bottle"

Quantity

- | | | |
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| 1. | Table cloth | 2 |
| 2. | 3/4 full clear bottle of water | 1 |
| 3. | Glitter or beads | 2 |
| 4. | Dish soap | 1 |

Take a Snapshot | Scaredometer

Quantity

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------|---|
| 1. | "Scaredometer" Activity Page | 1 |
| 2. | Sticky arrow tabs | 1 |

Pray and Dismiss

Quantity

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