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# uncommon SUMMER

MY ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

## God's is in Control on our Adventure. Kindergarten - 5th grade

### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Jesus Calms the Storm- Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25, Matthew 8:23-27

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is always in control on our adventure.

**Leader Context:** Even though the disciples were afraid of the big storm, Jesus was in control the whole time. Jesus told the storm to stop, and it stopped! Even when the disciples were afraid, Jesus was always with them. Jesus is in control on our adventure, too. He is big and strong and can do anything- even stop a storm.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

### Social

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page

#### What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

#### Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

#### Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

**Why were the disciples afraid?** *Allow kids to answer and discuss*

**How did Jesus respond to them?** Jesus stopped the storm with just his voice. That's some amazing power. The disciples were afraid and went to Jesus. They asked if he cared. Of course, Jesus cares. And in the middle of this storm Jesus already knew what would happen.

In our video today Jesus calmed the storm with his voice. He has the power to do anything. That doesn't always mean he will make the hard things go away, but we can believe that he has a good plan even with those hard things. And he has a good plan for your adventure too. We know that because God loves us so much. And his plan is for us to be in Heaven one day. So even if there are storms here on earth, we know it will all be made new and perfect in Heaven. Are you ready for another adventure? Let's see what happens now.

#### Teaching Video (10 minutes)

### Videos

**Tornado in a Jar- Object Lesson(20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Large glass jar with lid- filled 2/3 of the way with water, mini dish soap bottle with squirt lid

**What You Do:**

- Fill a glass jar 2/3 of the way full with water.
- Squirt a small amount of dish soap into the water- squeeze for approximately 2-3 seconds.
- Seal the jar with the lid.
- Shake in a consistent, circular motion for several seconds until you see the tornado begin to form.
- Pass the jar around and allow kids a chance to make their own tornado.
- What happens when you stop shaking the jar? Who is controlling the storm?

**Say** "This tornado reminds us of the storm from our Bible story, but it also remind me of some of the storms I face in my life. You might face some storms, too, which are the tough things that happen that may seem hard or scary or sad. With this jar, the storm stops pretty quickly, and we are able to control it by simply stopping the shaking. But with many of the real-life storms we face, things are out of our control that we can't stop. God is the only one who has the power to stop the storms we face.

That may feel scary. But we can remember God is in our boat, he is with us on our adventure, and he know what will happen.

**What was you favorite part of the videos we watched today? Do you have any questions?** Allow time for kids to share the things that stood out to them, the things they liked, the things they didn't like, and maybe some questions it might lead into the next questions.

**What did the disciples do when they saw the storm? Have you eve felt that way?**

Allow kids to share their experiences. The disciples were terrified and they thought Jesus didn't care about them. When we feel scared or we feel like Jesus doesn't care, we can remember this story. Because how did the story end? Jesus showed he cared and had a good plan by stopping the storm. He was in control the whole time.

**What do you think of when you hear the word control? What do you think that word means?** Allow kids to respond and discuss. That word control means the power to make something happen. When you use a video game controller, you are making something happen by pushing buttons. When Jesus is in control on your adventure, he makes things happen in your life through his power. But we aren't like robots he controls. He loves us so much , so he lets us choose what we say and do and think in response to what is happeneing around us. You may not be able to control something tough or sad going on in your life, but you can control what you do about it.

**Say:** "Looking at the story about Jesus calming the storm really helps me remember that Jesus is always with me in the good and hard times- he is with us on our adventure. We don't have to be afraid, because we know that Jesus is in control, and he has a really good plan. Even if it doesn't feel very good right now, we can know that everything will be good one day in heaven. **Pray-** Dear God, Thank you for giving us the Bible and reminding us that Jesus calmed the storm. It remind us that you are always in control. Please help us to remember that you have plans for that are good. Remind us to always spend time talking to you in prayer on this adventure together, even when we are going through different storms. We love you so much. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.**

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.