



January 21

I am Secure

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Calmed the Storm- Mark 4:35-41

Bottom Line: God controls the world.

Leader Context: Jesus controlled the wind and the waves when He was on the sea with the disciples. This story reminds us that God controls the entire world. Even the wind and the waves.

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.

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."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Can you imagine what it would have been like to be on a boat in a crazy powerful storm, and then just by Jesus speaking, everything around you is calm and silent and still? That amazing miracle shows how powerful Jesus is. This matters to us because we all have things happen in our lives that can feel like raging storms. We might feel angry or scared about things going on around us, but what we want is to feel peace and calm. God sent Jesus, His only Son, to calm all the chaos in our lives and give us peace.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, we are so glad that You control the world. Even when things seem crazy, out of control, or confusing, we can trust that You are taking care of the world- and taking care of us too. Help us to remember this truth and know that we can be secure and that You are unshakable. Amen.

The Bible tells us that we are secure because God controls the world. With God controlling the world, we can know that we are unshakable no matter what.

Videos

Origami Boat (20 minutes)**What You Need:** blank paper, "Origami Boat instructions", markers or crayons**What You Do:**

Today we will make an origami boat. You will need to listen well and follow all my directions.

(Demonstrate the steps as you say them.)

- Fold the paper in half so the long ends touch each other. Then open your paper back up.
- Fold the paper in half so the short ends touch each other.
- Fold in the corners from the folded edge so they meet on the line in the middle.
- Fold up the bottom loose edge on one side of your paper. Then do the same thing on the other side. Your paper kind of looks like a pyramid or a hat!
- Take the two bottom corners of your pyramid shape and push them in toward each other. Then push your paper flat. Now your paper should look like a square. If you have any loose edges on the bottom, just tuck them in.
- Hold your square like a diamond so the sides that have the folded paper are on the bottom. Take the bottom point on one side and fold it up to the top. Then, do the same thing on the other side.
- Take the outside bottom corners that aren't touching and push them to touch each other.
- Carefully take the top two corners and pull them out.
- Squish in the bottom and pull the sides up. Now you have a boat! Ta-da!

Note: Keep it going- allow kids to decorate their boats. Have extra paper available for kids who want to try and make another boat on their own.

Say: "What does a boat have to do with today's Bible story? *(Allow time for answers)* That's right, Jesus and the disciples were in a boat in today's story. While we were making this craft, you followed my instructions, but it still could have felt a little out of control. Some steps in making the boat could have seemed confusing or difficult, but you did not give up. In the same way, no matter what we do, God will always be in control. Even if we are like the disciples in the boat with Jesus, who didn't have faith until much later in their stories, we are secure in God's love."

Discussion Questions:

- Do you like thrill rides or roller coasters? Why or why not? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When you ride a ride like that, you can feel totally out of control. What other things happen that can make us feel out of control? *(Allow kids time to share. Share your own experience.)* How do people feel and act when they aren't in control? *(worried, anxious, scared. They can get angry, try to take charge, fight, or run away.)*
- The opposite of being worried or anxious is having peace- knowing that things will be OK even if you don't know how. Do you have any stories about feeling peace- knowing that things will be OK even when things were out of control? The Bible tells us that we are secure because God controls the world.. Let's open our Bibles to Mark 4:39-41 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is the passage telling us?
- We can know we are secure, and God controls the world- like how we saw Jesus control the storm in the Bible story. Water can remind us of the storm that Jesus controlled. How can this give us peace when things seem out of control in the world around us. *Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- God controls the world, and Jesus is God's Son. When we believe this and trust in Jesus, we can feel safe and secure. What are some ways we can help each other remember this truth? How does God help when things are scary and seem out of control?*(Allow kids time answer and share your own answer. He comforts us. He gives us His peace, we can remember that He is with us and in control.)*

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.