

# WSC\_LG\_Oct| W3

## Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2026, Week 3

**Bible Story:** Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:36-41

**Bottom Line:** God is in control, so I can trust Him.

**Monthly 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 NlrV

## Today's Suggested Schedule

**Kids arrival:** 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

**Countdown:** 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

**Large Group:** 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Game
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Memory Verse
- Talk it Out!
- Prayer

**Transition to Small Group:** 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25

Creating a safe place to connect



### Bible Story

Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:36-41

### Bottom Line

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### 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 NlrV

5 min

# Large Group Opener

5 min

## Opener

### What You Need

|                                                                                 |                                                                        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|  | Host                                                                   | 1       |
|  | Floor tape                                                             | 1       |
|  | Pool rings                                                             | Several |
|  | Blue pool noodles                                                      | Several |
|  | Eight Pre-determined leaders to help with the game                     | 8       |
|  | Ten kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round) | 10      |

Setting the Tone for the Experience

*SLIDE: Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

*SLIDE: Theme*

*SLIDE: Countdown*

*SLIDE: Theme*

### What You Say:

#### OPENER

**HOST:** "Hey, everybody! Welcome to [Environment Name]! 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!

## Large Group Game\_Wave Maker

## What You Need

No supplies needed

**SLIDE: 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.

*SLIDE: Bottom Line*

**[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!"

10 min

# Bible Story

10 min

## StoryLab Bible Story | Video

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Memory Verse

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**SLIDE: BIBLE STORY**

### Wrapping up the Story

**STORYTELLER:** "The disciples started that evening thinking they understood exactly who Jesus was. They knew He was a teacher. They knew He performed miracles. They knew He cared about people. But out on the lake, they saw something even greater.

"When Jesus spoke, the wind stopped. The waves settled. The storm obeyed Him. The disciples realized that Jesus wasn't just someone who taught about God. Jesus is God Himself. He has authority over creation because everything belongs to Him. That means there is nothing too powerful for Him. Nothing surprises Him. Nothing is outside His control.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's check it out!

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

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

Can you say that with me?"

*(Host enters and joins in.)*

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

**SLIDE: 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*

10 min

# Closing

5 min

## Talk It Out!

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

*SLIDE: Talk It Out!*

**1. What happened to the boat when the big storm came?**

*The wind blew, the waves got big, and water came into the boat.*

**2. How did the disciples feel during the storm?**

*They felt scared.*

**3. What did Jesus say to the wind and the waves?**

*"Quiet! Be still!"*

**4. What happened after Jesus spoke?**

*The wind stopped, the waves became calm, and the storm went away.*

**5. When we feel scared or worried, why can we trust God?**

*Because God is with us, God cares for us, and God is in control.*

### What You Say:

#### PRAYER

**STORYTELLER OR HOST:** "Jesus, thank You that You are always with us, even when life feels difficult or confusing. Thank You that You are powerful enough to calm the wind and the waves and that nothing is too big for You. When we face situations that make us worried, nervous, or afraid, help us remember that You're right there with us. Help us trust You when things don't go the way we expect. Give us peace in our hearts, and remind us that You are in control. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.*

5 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*SLIDE: Theme*

*Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop*

# Supplies

| Opener                                                                    | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
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