

Calming the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27



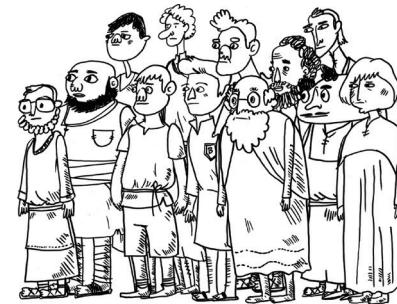
Jesus and the disciples were traveling across the Sea of Galilee. While Jesus slept, a huge storm began to blow. Afraid the boat would sink, the disciples yelled for Jesus to save them. Jesus commanded the storm to end and questioned why the disciples had such little faith.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



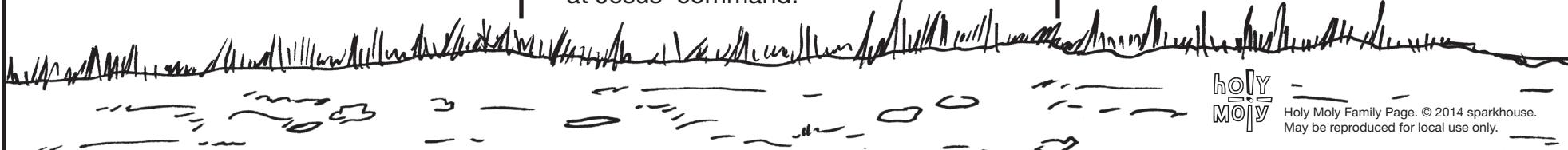
Jesus could calm the storm because he was God. He needed a nap because he was human.



The **disciples** were traveling with Jesus across the Sea of Galilee. Among them were former fishermen who knew the danger of bad storms.



The **Sea of Galilee** is actually a freshwater lake along the Jordan River. The lake was hit by a storm that stopped at Jesus' command.



About the Video

Traveling across the lake, Jesus and the disciples settled into the boat. Jesus fell asleep after a long day. A storm rose quickly, scaring the disciples, who woke Jesus up so he could save them. With one command, he calmed the storm, then questioned the disciples for having so little faith and waking him!

- Why do you think the disciples were so afraid of the storm?
- What was miraculous about this story?
- How do you feel about storms?

Try This!

Create a storm jar. Fill a glass jar with water, blue food coloring, plastic fish, and other water things. Seal the lid with glue. Using a magic marker, write "Jesus calms the storms of our lives" on the outside of the jar.

Prayer

Dear God, we know our lives will have ups and downs. Help us remember you are always with us as we roll through our storms, so we can wave good-bye to our worries. Amen!