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SERIES: OUTRAGEOUS FOR KIDS

The Raging Waves

4th-5th

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Lesson Overview

Today, we're going to learn about an outrageous story in the Bible that involves Jesus and his disciples. One day, the disciples and Jesus headed out on a boat to cross a big lake. Along the way, Jesus decided to take a nap. Then, suddenly a big storm hit with rain and strong winds that blew so hard that the waves started crashing into the boat. The disciples were so scared because they thought they would drown. Meanwhile, Jesus was still asleep! The disciples went to wake Jesus up and pleaded for his help. Here's where the story gets outrageous. Jesus simply spoke to the storm and said, "Stop!" And the storm went away! Jesus is so powerful that even the wind and waves obey what he says. The disciples learned that they don't have to be afraid and either do we. Jesus is always right there with us.

Big Idea

We don't have to be scared with Jesus by our side.

Key Question

What should we do when we're scared?

Memory Verse

Luke 8:25b | When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Have you ever been on a boat before? Describe where you were (ocean, lake, river) and what it was like.** (Tip:Being on a boat can be fun but it can get really scary if you get caught in a storm. The disciples learned an important lesson while on a boat with Jesus.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We should ask Jesus to help us**. (That's what the disciples did. When they were scared of drowning, they went to Jesus and asked him for help. That's what we should do, too. When we're faced with something scary, instead of relying on our own strength, we need to rely on Jesus and his strength. We need to pray and ask for help. Remember, he's the God of the universe and has the power to do anything, he can even calm a storm with one word.)
   - **Bonus Questions:** What should we do when we're scared? Why is Jesus able to help us? **4-5th:** How has God helped you with a scary situation in the past?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read** Isaiah 41:10**. Why don't we need to be afraid? Who is with us and will help us in the hard times?** (Answer: God tells us not to be afraid or discouraged because he is right there with us. The God of the universe loves us and wants to help us, especially when we're faced with scary situations.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Put a set of words(page 5-6) in a bowl or basket.
- Have kids take turns coming up and pulling a word from the basket. Tape each word up on the whiteboard as you go.
- Once all the words are on the board, work as a class to get them in the right order to say the memory verse.

Supplies needed:

Memory verse words template(pg. 5-6, precut), Tape

Bonus Activity: "True or False"

See who's the quickest to answer correctly.

1. Jesus fell asleep on the boat. (T)
2. The disciples weren't scared on the boat. (F)
3. Jesus will help us when we're scared. (T)

OPTION 2:ERASE THE VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Write the memory verse up on the whiteboard big enough for the class to see and with some space between each word. Say the verse as a class.
- Invite one kid to come up and erase one word. Then say the verse together again.
- Continue having kids come up and erase a word and then have the class try to say the verse each time a word goes missing. Continue until all the words are erased. See if the class can say it totally by memory.

Supplies needed:

Whiteboard

Bonus Activity: "Fast Facts"

See who's the quickest to answer correctly.

1. Jesus was ___(asleep) during the storm.
2. The disciples were scared because of the __(storm)
3. __(Jesus) wants to help us when we're scared.

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The Story of the Raging Waves

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Hey kids! Today we are going to be talking about another outrageous story in the Bible. In this story Jesus and his disciples are in a boat trying to cross a big lake. Jesus was tired and decided to take a nap. Suddenly, a big storm started churning the waters and the rain came crashing down. The boat started to fill up with water. Here's where the story gets interesting.

The Disciples Were _____

Have you ever seen a really big storm before? It can be really scary, especially when you're in a boat! Storms cause really big waves to form and it starts rocking a boat back and forth until it flips over. That's exactly what was happening to the disciples. Their boat was about to sink!

But then they remembered that Jesus was on the boat. He was napping so they went and woke him up and told him about the storm. He knew exactly what to do.

Jesus _____ the Storm

Jesus was so powerful and could do amazing and outrageous things. So what did he do? Well, he just made the storm stop. Just by saying the word, "Stop!" the storm went away. The disciples were so happy. Let's look at what they said. Memory verse!

> ***Luke 8:25b*** *When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!*

Jesus Can Help Us with _____ Things

Jesus is so outrageously strong and powerful that even the wind and waves do what he says. Jesus can use his power to help us in our lives, too. Whatever your scary situation, Jesus will help you to get through it. Isn't that great news?

So, put your trust in Jesus because he will help you when you're scared just like he helped the disciples that day on the boat.

Answers: Scared, Stopped, Scary

Parent Signature:_____

Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Have you ever been on a boat before? Describe where you were (ocean, lake, river) and what it was like.*
3. *Why were the disciples scared on the boat?*
4. *What was Jesus doing when the storm hit?*
5. *What did Jesus do to help the disciples when they were scared?*
6. *Read Isaiah 41:10. Why don't we need to be afraid? Who is with us and will help us in the hard times?*
7. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

Jesus Calms the Storm

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	C	L	H	Z	V	P	B	D	M	S	W	E	R	G	U	A	Y	I	Q	X	O	F	T	K	N

1. 23-17-19-24-4 _____
2. 12-19-26-9 _____
3. 2-17-3-10 _____
4. 22-8-13-18 _____
5. 11-12-17-10-7-13-9 _____
6. 12-17-6-13-11 _____
7. 9-14-22-12-26 _____
8. 8-22-17-24 _____

BOAT	WAVES	DROWN	FAITH
WIND	SWAMPED	CALM	OBEY

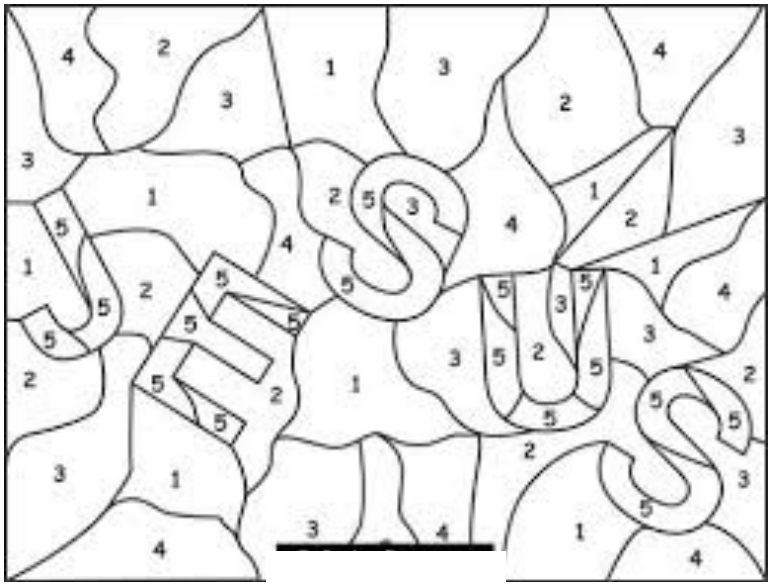
Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

Luke 8:____ | When he gives a _____, even the _____ and waves obey him."

Create your own color by number picture by assigning each number a color.



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