Jesus calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41

How did Jesus prove to his disciples that he is the powerful Son of God?

How do we know for sure who someone is?
Matthew 8:23-25; Mark 4:35-38

1. Instead of walking, riding a donkey, or going by cart around the Sea of Galilee, why did it make sense that Jesus and his disciples took boats to cross it? (Hint: Look at Mark 1:16-20.)

2. As fishermen these disciples were used to being on the Sea of Galilee and operating a boat in all kinds of weather. As the storm raged on, they tried to fight its effects. Cross out the incorrect statements that follow.

   a. The disciples were able to reach the shore safely on their own.
   b. The waves began to fill the boat with water.
   c. The disciples were afraid the boat would sink.
   d. Jesus told the disciples that he understood their fears.
   e. Jesus peacefully slept in the boat as the storm raged.
   f. The disciples awoke Jesus because they were afraid they were going to die.

   When a furious storm threatened their lives, what did the disciples do?

   The disciples cried out to _____________ to save them from the storm.

Now read the three memory treasure passages listed below. Write the reasons they give for you to go to Jesus for help with your storms.

Psalm 124:8 ____________________________
Matthew 11:28 __________________________
1 Peter 5:7 ____________________________
The Storm and Me

There is a saying that sometimes Jesus calms the storm and sometimes he calms his child. Based on Jesus’ promises (see the memory treasures), what does that mean for us? Write T for true and F for false.

1. God promises believers fewer “storms” in their lives than unbelievers have.

2. Jesus can help believers no matter what the “storms” in their lives may be.

3. Jesus will always take away the “storms” in believers’ lives while they are on earth.

4. Jesus calms believers’ fears by always being with them.

5. Jesus calms believers’ troubled hearts even during life’s “storms.”

6. Jesus has almighty power to calm “storms” because he is God.

Matthew 8:26,27; Mark 4:39-41

3. In the speech bubble write what Jesus said to stop the storm.

4. When was the first time words were spoken and all of nature obeyed? (Hint: Look at Genesis chapter 1.)

5. Underline in blue the descriptions that show Jesus is true man. Underline in red the descriptions that show Jesus is true God.

a. Jesus was tired and fell asleep in the boat.

b. Jesus has almighty power even over nature (wind, waves, storm).

c. Jesus could look into the hearts of the disciples to see their weak faith.

d. Jesus used a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee.

e. Jesus’ powerful words completely calmed the storm.

6. Write the words from the reading in Mark that show the disciples realized Jesus was not just an ordinary man.

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KEYPOINT How did Jesus respond to the disciples’ plea for help?

As true ____________ and by the power of his ____________, Jesus completely calmed the ____________.
Aim: How did Jesus prove to his disciples that he is the powerful Son of God?

Truth: Jesus proved he is the powerful Son of ___________ by calming a furious ___________.

Application: As true God, ___________ can calm the “storms” in our ___________ too.

Response: We ___________ to Jesus for ___________ during times of need.

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Memory Treasures Exercises

The memory treasure hymn reminds us that Jesus has the power to calm all our storms. Answer the following questions using the words of that hymn.

• Stanza 1: During “storms,” when other helpers fail, who will never fail us?

• Stanza 2: Which words show that Jesus will always be the same?

• Stanza 6: Why will we not fear our death?

• Stanza 7: When do we want Jesus to be with us to calm our storms?

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With your parents read this Bible event from Matthew chapter 8 and Mark chapter 4. They can read from Mark and you can read from Matthew. Follow this reading pattern:

Matthew 8:23 and Mark 4:35,36
Matthew 8:24 and Mark 4:37
Matthew 8:25 and Mark 4:38
Matthew 8:26 and Mark 4:39,40
Matthew 8:27 and Mark 4:41

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