

Stowmarket Baptist Church

THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

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We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.

We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all meet up again on a Thursday soon.

Hello...

I've been enjoying cycling around on my bike and seeing the beautiful countryside.



Have you seen any elderflower? It looks like this and smells amazing!! You can make a drink from it called elderflower cordial, it is delicious!

I hope you're all having fun with your family and praying that we can meet up again, soon. Love Liz

This week's story comes from Mark 4v35-41 in the Bible, which says:

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

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

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Jackie and I have been telling you about some of Jesus' miracles that he did whilst He lived on earth. Jesus did these miracles to show us that He is God's son, so that we would believe and trust in Him. Only when we trust Jesus and ask for our sin to be forgiven, will we have everlasting life with Jesus in Heaven.

In today's miracle we have a



on the water.

Have you ever been on a boat, perhaps at the seaside, or on a lake or even over the sea to another country? I sometimes go to Holland on a very big boat, we even drive our car onto the boat and then we have to climb up lots and lots of stairs to stand on the deck.

The boat in our story was small and was on the Sea of Galilee. It was in the evening and Jesus and His disciples started to sail across the sea, after a long, busy day.

Many of Jesus disciples were fishermen, they were used to going on the water in their boats and they were happy to sail across the water.

The Sea of Galilee was a really big lake about 13 miles long (from here to Ipswich) and 8 miles wide (half way from here to Bury St Edmunds). At one end there were mountains and a valley.

After a while, the disciples noticed that the sky had stopped being blue and bright, it started to get dark. It wasn't because it was night time, but because the clouds were getting dark. The wind started to blow stronger and the lake wasn't smooth and calm anymore!

This was a great storm coming! What sort of weather do we have in a storm?



We have rain, not gentle soft rain but it comes lashing down!

Strong winds that can cause damage



Massive Waves



The waves on the Sea of Galilee were getting bigger and splashing up the sides of the boat.

Oh No! That wave just splashed over the edge of the boat and now the water is collecting in the bottom of the boat.

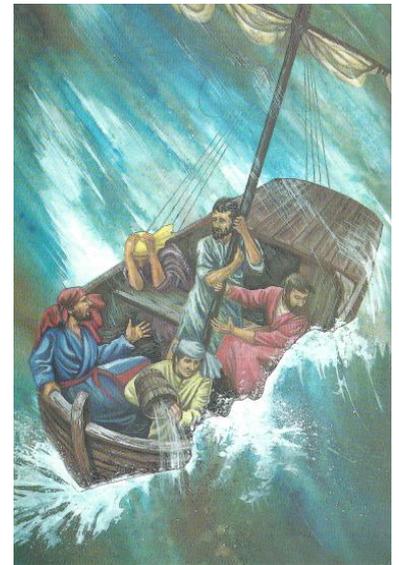
The fishermen disciples were used to storms, they started to scoop the water out and tried to keep sailing.

But very soon, even they started to worry. The boat was filling up with water, faster than they could 'bucket it out!'

The wind was getting even stronger and the boat was in danger of sinking

What could they do?

The land was a long way off and they couldn't even see it!



Where was Jesus? He had come on board the boat. He wasn't scooping the water out. No, Jesus was really tired from all His work and was asleep in the back of the boat, with His head on a pillow.

The disciples were really worried, they shook Jesus and woke Him up.

"Teacher, don't you care that we are perishing?" they said. The disciples truly thought that the boat would sink and all of them would die.

Jesus woke up, stood up and said "Peace, be still!"

Immediately, the wind stopped blowing, the storm stopped and the sea was calm, just like when they had started out.

Jesus didn't have to shout or scream the words out, He just quietly told the storm to stop.

The wind and waves obeyed Jesus, straight away. Remember, when Jesus speaks everything will obey Him, straight away:



Snow

Wind

Sun

Rain

Sea

Fire

Can you match the pictures to:

And each one of us must obey Jesus' word as soon as we hear them, because He is God's son.

How do you think the disciples felt? I think they were amazed. They would have looked at the blue sky, the calm sea and felt the gentle wind and looked back at Jesus.

"Who", they said, "is this man?" "Even the wind and waves obey Him". They knew Jesus was their friend and now they saw that he was also God. No one can speak to the weather and expect it to obey them, only God can do that!

The Bible says that the disciples believed that Jesus is God's son.

Do you believe in Jesus and have you told Him that you trust Him? Jesus will be your friend and always help you.

Dear Lord

Thank you that everything obeys you, when you speak. I am sorry that I choose not to obey you sometimes. Please help me to always listen and do what you say and I know you will always help me. Amen