



Lesson Two

Jesus Calms the Storm

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

The disciples were fearful as they fought the storm in their waterlogged boat while Jesus slept peacefully. Their trust in the Lord was slipping away as they focused on their circumstances. “Teacher,” they cried reproachfully, “don’t you care if we drown?” How could *he* sleep while they fought for their lives?

We often act as the disciples did. When we face ordeals and trials, whenever our needs frighten us, our faith may be so weak and timid that we fail to see the glory of the Lord! Instead, we complain and fret, battle on our own, and neglect to trust God.

The disciples did not yet quite understand the full truth of the gospel. They had not yet grasped “the fullness of grace which had appeared in the Christ, in the one sent from God, the one who was both God and man.” (S. G. De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Vol. III, p. 217)

The One who changed water to wine had authority and power in place all along. Indeed, he had created the heavens and earth with the Father and the Spirit. Now he had come to earth to be the Savior of the world. Certainly, the One who brought the seas into existence, the One who came to save his people from their sins, could quickly calm a treacherous storm.

And when Jesus silenced the wind and water, the awestruck disciples struggled to comprehend the One before them, the very Son of God. “Who is this?” they asked in wonderment.

He is the same One who is with us. Nothing that we face can ever separate us from our powerful Lord and Savior. Christ is our true and lasting peace, our eternal safety. Those who belong to him are protected in the world, no matter what storms blow through.

What comforting news for every child of God! Ask God to fill your heart with trust in him; keep resting in his saving power.



Bible Truth

By calming the storm, Jesus showed that he is Lord over creation and that he is the Son of God.

Scripture

Mark 4:35–41 (also see Matthew 8:23–27 and Luke 8:22–25)



Lesson Focus

Jesus teaches us to trust him to take care of us all the time.

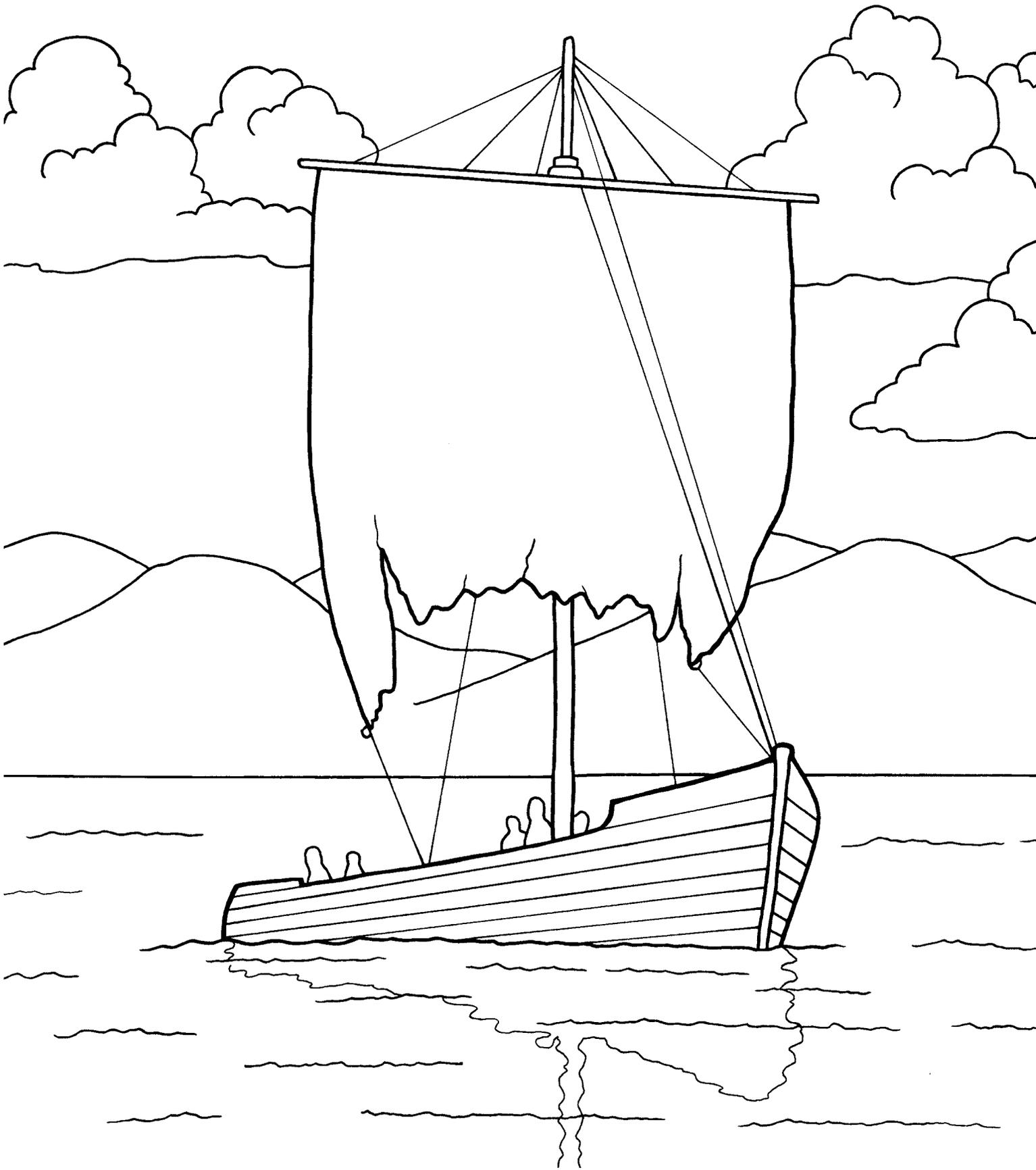
Goals for the Children

- Learn that Jesus did miracles to show people he is God.
- Learn that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Thank Jesus that he is always near to protect them.



Memory Minute

Review John 2:11



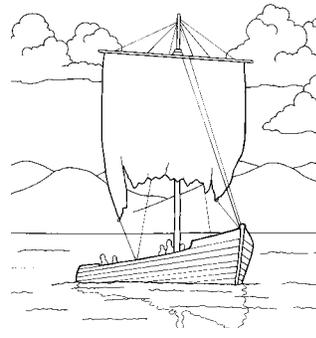
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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus and his disciples got in a boat and pushed off from the land to go to the other side of the lake. Jesus fell asleep in the back of the boat. Suddenly, the skies were filled with dark clouds.

ASK *What do you think happened next?*

SAY A storm came. The wind blew hard, the waves grew large, and the boat rocked from side to side. The disciples were frightened because they thought the boat would sink. Jesus was still fast asleep. "Teacher," they cried, "don't you care if we drown?"

ASK *What did Jesus do?*

SAY Jesus told the wind and the waves to be still. When he made the storm go away, the disciples said to each other, "Who is this? Even the winds and waves obey him."

ASK *What did Jesus show by calming the storm?*

SAY Jesus showed that he is Lord over creation and that he is God. He had come to earth to be the Savior of the world. The One who came to save his people from their sins could quickly calm a scary storm!

☆Let's Play

Sit in **chairs** in a large circle to play *Storm on the Lake*. Select one child to be the caller in the center of the circle. The caller says "**Rock to this** (or 'that') **side**" and points in the direction that children must move. Then children move the next seat over in the direction that is indicated. Play continues as children in their pretend boats are directed to rock right or left. From time to time, whoever is in the center should call out "**Storm on the lake!**" At this point all children, including the caller, should get up and find a new seat anywhere in the circle. The child left without a seat becomes the new caller.

☆Let's Share and Pray

- 1** Talk about times when your children may be afraid. Encourage them to turn to Jesus for help. Remind them that Jesus is our powerful and loving Savior. He is with us and will always take care of us.
- 2** Lead them in saying this prayer: **Dear Jesus, thank you that you are God and that you have power over everything. Thank you that you are my Savior. I'm glad that you are always with me. You take care of me and protect me. Help me to trust you always, especially when I'm afraid. In your name I pray, Amen.**