

CITY SG- February 11th/12th

Bible Story: Jesus calms the storm • *Mark 4:35-41 (Supporting: Matthew 8:23-27)*

Bottom Line: God wants you to comfort others who are hurting.

Memory Verse: *"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."* 1 John 4:10 (NIRV)

Life App: Love—choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

Wave Machine

What You Need: bed sheet, Emoji Beach Ball

What You Do:

- The kids are in charge of doing the special effects for the new movie of Jesus calming the sea.
- Have all the kids grab the edges of the bed sheet and pick one kid to be Jesus.
- You will throw the Emoji ball on the bed sheet and the kids will shake the parachute like waves to knock it off. However, who ever is Jesus can say, "Stop" and everyone has to stop.
- Continue as long as interest allows.

What You Say:

- What is the biggest storm you have ever seen?
- Would you have been scared if you were one of the disciples? Why or why not?
- How could Jesus calm the storm? (*He's God's son*). Does that mean he is bigger than our problems?
- What can we do if we are scared and want Jesus' help? (*We can pray that Jesus comes and is with us*).

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Jesus Calming the Sea

What You Need: markers, "Jesus Calming the Sea" activity page

What You Do:

- Let the kids color the whole sheet. Feel free to ask more questions about the story while they color. You'll notice the dotted lines in the middle that you can fold. When you fold over the page you can see that Jesus calms the storm.

What You Say:

- What is something you have done when your friend is hurting or sad?
- Is there anything that Jesus gives us to help comfort others? (*Bible, Holy Spirit, prayer*)
- **[Make It Personal]** (*Share about a time when you were hurt emotionally or physically and someone reached out to help you.*)
- What's a way this week, you can comfort someone else?
- **[Bottom Line]** *God wants you to comfort others who are hurting.*

Pray

What You Need: No Supplies

What You Do:

- Ask the kids, what is something that comforts them when they are tired or hurting?
- Ask the kids if they or anyone they know is hurting? Remember, they don't have to share names.
- Pray that God would take care of them and help comfort their friend.

Extra Activity

Verse Matching

What You Need: 2 sets of "Memory Verse Cards"

What You Do:

- Have the kids sit down in a circle and review the Memory Verse for the Month.
- After you feel the kids have the verse memorized have the kids divide into two groups.
- Give each group a set of the memory verse cards face down.
- Tell the kids that when you say "Go" they can work together to complete the whole verse.
- The first group to complete the memory verse correctly wins the game.
- Play the game again until you run out of time or interest.

What You Say:

- How would you explain love to a friend?
- How did Jesus pay for our sins? (*By dying on the cross*). How is that love?
- Does this give you comfort? Why or why not?
- How do you comfort other people when they are sad or need a friend?
- **[Bottom Line] God wants you to comfort others who are hurting.**