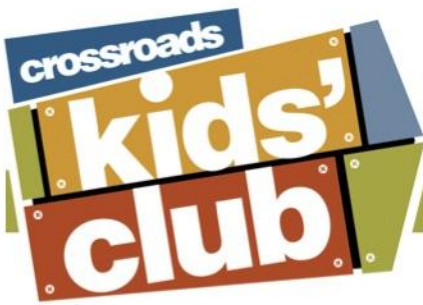


Preschool



October 21-22, 2017

DATE

Real Encounters 2: Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 8:23-27

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus loves us!

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 15 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

You'll have lots of different personality types in your room—some will be extroverted, and some will be introverted! So don't approach every kid the same way. Some will feel comfortable talking and playing right away, and some might just need a little quiet time, or space to adjust at first.

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about their t-shirt: Who loves them? (Jesus does!)

***Since kids are putting on a t-shirt during the hour, they have been instructed to move their sticker to their new shirt. However, you may still need to take some extra time to check stickers on kids who still have it on their regular clothes.**

large group heads up

This week, we're hearing about Jesus as the last week of our **Real Encounters with God** series. And there's a special surprise in small group today—every kid in Kids' Club is getting their own "Ask Me Who Loves Me" t-shirt!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up
- Today's story has a big storm in it. Let's create a storm in here:
 - Wind begins to rustle: rub hands together
 - Raindrops: snap your fingers
 - Thunder and rain start: hit your thighs with hands
 - The storm gets worse: stomp your feet while you hit your thighs with your hands
- Quiet the storm before you head to large group:
 - The storm calms to just thunder and rain: hit your thighs with your hands (no stomping)
 - Thunder stops: snap your fingers to show raindrops are falling
 - Rain stops: rub your hands together to make the sound of a calm wind
- Repeat until it's time to go to Large Group; just make sure to end with calm!

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!

special notes

A good way to help kids understand worship is by describing it like this: worship is when we pay attention to only God, and nothing else. We do special things, like singing and dancing, to celebrate God and give him all our love!

presenter tips

Preview one of today's videos here:

Jesus Calms the Storm:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Have fun! (fall theme)**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

A STORM COMES!

- **Say:** One day, Jesus got on a boat with his friends and sailed out into the sea. He and his friends just wanted to sail across the water to a quiet place. Everything seemed peaceful. Maybe something like this:
- **(Click to play the calm river loop.)** Sun shining, waves lapping the side of the boat...it was perfect. In fact, it was so peaceful that Jesus went to sleep! (Lie down on the stage and pretend to sleep. Act peaceful and contented. Have kids act along with you) Nobody felt afraid at all...
- **Say:** (Pretend to wake up.) While they were in the middle of the lake and Jesus was still asleep, a HUGE storm rolled in. The seas got rocky!
- **(Click to play the rocky sea loop.)** Rain started pattering. Can you guys patter your hands on your laps? (Let kids make sound effect). Wind started “whooooshing”! Keep pattering, but add some “whoosh” noises! (Let kids add sound effect).
- **Say:** Waves smashed against the boat. It was thundering and lightning. On the count of three, everybody yell BOOM, like thunder as loud as you can. 1-2-3...BOOM (Let kids respond.) Just imagine how scared Jesus’ friends must have felt! If you were on those waters, in a tiny boat, and a storm that loud was echoing all around, would YOU feel scared? (Let kids respond.)

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

- **Say:** Let’s watch a video, and see what happened next! As you watch, try to figure out how Jesus helps the disciples!
- **Video: Saddleback Kids / Jesus Calms the Storm**
- **Say:** Wow! Did Jesus make the storm go away? (Let kids respond.) Yes! His friends called to him and said, “Jesus! Help us!” Then, Jesus woke up and saw the storm. And guess what he said! He said, “Why are you guys scared?” You see, Jesus’ friends didn’t have to be scared, because Jesus is more powerful than anything, even a scary storm! Jesus just stood up and said very calmly, “Hush!”
- **(Click to play the calm loop again.)** Then the storm just stopped. Just like that! (Snap your fingers.) The disciples were shocked!
- **Ask:** Do you think Jesus want to help us too? (Yes!) Of course he does! Because he LOVES us more than anything. Let’s all say, “Jesus loves me!” (Let kids respond.) Good job!



WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

- **Say:** Now let's pray! That's when we talk to God, and he listens to us! So bow your head, close your eyes, and repeat after me.
- **Pray (Breaking it into small, repeatable phrases):** God, thank you for helping us and taking care of us, no matter what happens! You love us so much, and we love you. Aaaa-men!
- **Say:** Now let's stand up and worship God with singing and dancing!
- **Music Video: I Just Want to Thank You**
- **Music Video: Let All That I Am Praise the Lord**
- **Music Video: Jesus Loves Me**



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Jesus calming the storm and (2) understand that Jesus is powerful, and will always take care of us!

Why? The story of Jesus calming the sea shows us that we can have faith in Jesus to take care of us, fight for us and LOVE us no matter what.

Tip: Make sure the t-shirts are prepared and ready to go!*

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did Jesus' friends get scared? (They were on a boat and a huge storm came.)
2. How would you feel if you were on that boat?
3. When have you been scared? (If kids can't think of things, ask if they've ever been afraid of storms, spiders, the dark, etc.)
4. How did Jesus stop the storm? (He told it to be quiet, and it stopped!)
5. Do you think Jesus loved his friends? (Yes! He loves them so much, he used his power to stop a storm!)
6. Does Jesus loves us? (Yes! He loves us SO much, he'll help us when we're scared, and he'll ALWAYS be with us, no matter what.)

ASK ME WHO LOVES ME T-SHIRTS

****During today's activity, kids will each receive a t-shirt, and will PUT IT ON DURING THE SERVICE, so that when their parents pick them up, they'll be wearing their new shirt!***

- Show kids a **t-shirt** (but don't hand them out yet), and say:
 - Jesus stopped the storm because he loved his friends, and he wanted to help them! Jesus loves us too, so we all get a special t-shirt that shows who loves us!
 - Give each kid a **shirt**, and help them put it on over their clothes.
 - If possible, move kids' stickers to their NEW SHIRT, so that during pick up, their sticker will be easy to find.
 - We understand that this t-shirt handout may take some time, so plan on starting as soon as you can. You may want to hand shirts out during snack time and/or play time, if necessary.

(Additional game on next page.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Once kids have their shirts on, play an interactive game to help kids remember today's story!
- Spread out the **blue tablecloth** on the ground, and let kids sit on it. Then have kids react as you say the following: "Let's all pretend we're on a boat with Jesus and his friends!"
 - First, let's all pretend like we're sleeping, because the sea is so calm! (Let kids react.)
 - Now there's a big scary storm, and big waves are rocking our boat! Everybody lean THIS way! Now everybody lean THAT way! (Let kids react.)
 - Continue to let kids pretend like they're in a storm for a few minutes.
- Now have kids stand up and step OFF the table cloth. Tell them to each hold onto the edge of the table cloth, and lift it up.
- Put a **toy boat** in the center of the sheet and let the kids "make a storm":
 - Make a game out of it with one part of the group trying to make the boat fall off onto their side and the other trying to make it fall on the opposite side. Or just let kids have fun trying to shake the boat around.
 - After a few minutes, say "Jesus told the storm to STOP, and it did!" Then have the kids be as still as they can!

*Extra time? Have kids do a **coloring page**.*

LESSON needs

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connect questions

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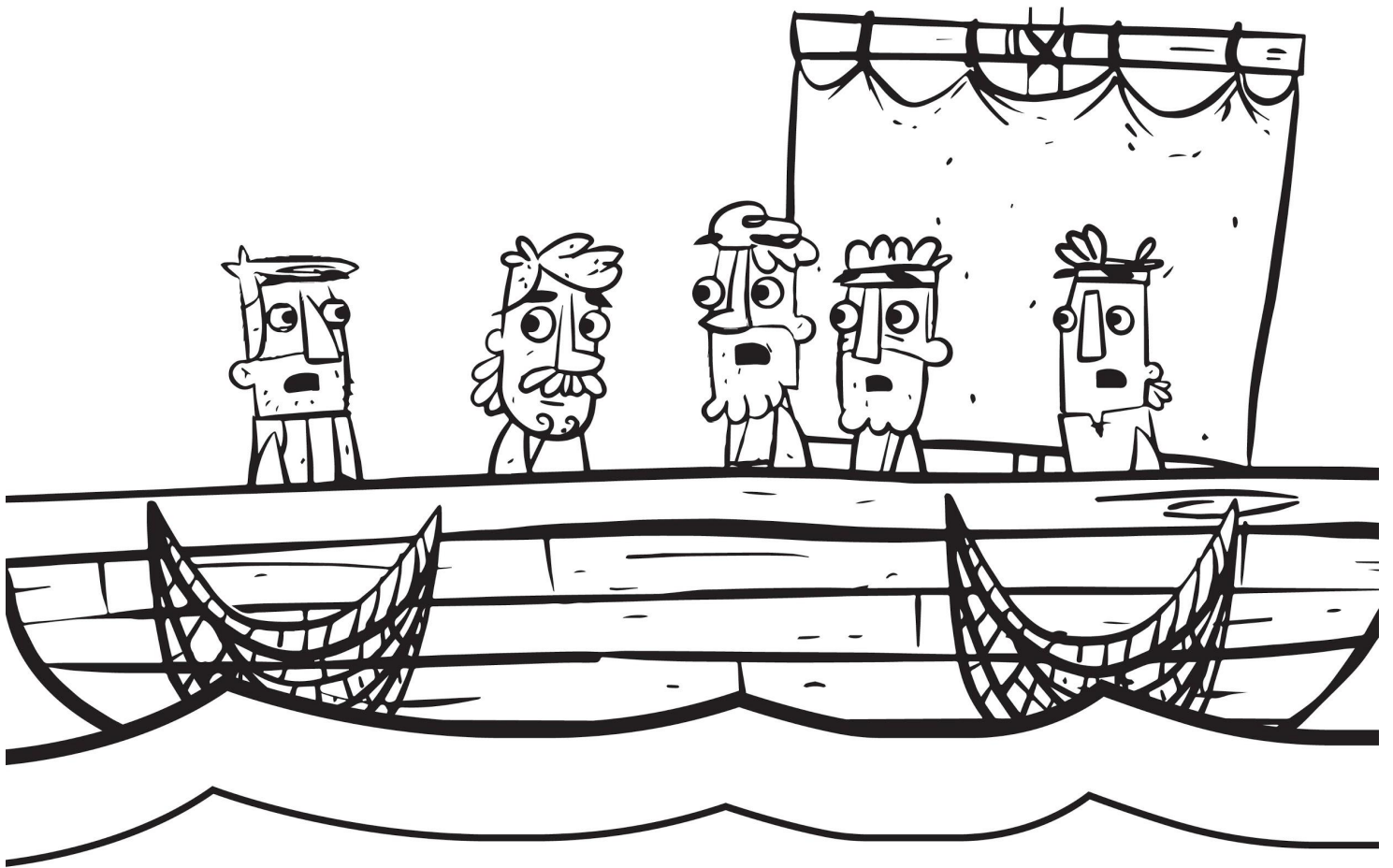
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Small Group			
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Toy boat	1 per small group, reused	Bath Toy Boats, Amazon	KC National
<i>Ask Me Who Loves Me</i> T-shirt	1 per kid		KC National

name _____



Tell me about Jesus.

How did he calm the storm?

Read more about this week's story in Matthew 8:23-27.



***Use the Real Encounters 2017 KC logo slide for all transition slides in this keynote**

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Have fun (fall theme) (<https://vimeo.com/99633581>)
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 2. Loop: Stormy sea loop (KC/SM media videos songs>loops)
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