

LUKE 8:22-25 *Jesus Calms the Storm*

INTRODUCTION

The disciples had seen Jesus heal people, cast out demons, and even somehow direct fish to fill their nets. But like the crowds who followed Him, even the disciples didn't yet fully understand who Jesus was. As they get in a boat to cross the lake, Jesus gives His disciples another opportunity to see who He really is, and that He is worthy of their faith.

DISCUSSION

When have you been really afraid? What did you do?

EXPLANATION

- What are Jesus and the disciples doing in this story? *They were sailing across a lake in a boat.*
- What was Jesus doing that others were not? *He was sleeping in the boat.*
- What happened that made the disciples afraid? *A storm came and the boat was filling with water.*
- What did they do? *They woke Jesus and told Him they were about to die.*
- What did Jesus do? *He woke up and rebuked (stopped) the wind and the waves.*
- What did Jesus mean when he told them, "Where is your faith?" *Jesus was telling his disciples that they needed to be more trusting of Him.*
- How did the disciples respond? *They were afraid and wondered who Jesus really was that He had power even over nature.*

APPLICATION

Jesus is the God who created all things and controls all things. Nothing, even the scariest things we face in life, are too big for Him to handle. That doesn't mean that Jesus promises to rescue us from all of life's storms, but we can have faith and confidence that whether He rescues us from them, or helps us through them, nothing is beyond His control. What are some of the scariest things you've faced in life? Where have you been tempted to doubt God's goodness and control in those situations? What are some ways you can grow in your faith that God is good and in control? Talk about times where God has helped your family through life's difficulties. Look up other passages of Scripture that talk about God's help in time of trouble.

Memory VERSE

Luke 8:25b- "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him?" (ESV)