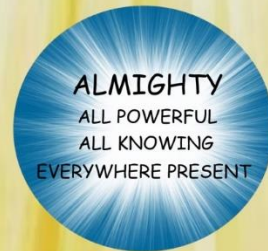


JESUS IS IN CONTROL



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Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27

KINGDOM FAITH

Lesson 19: *Jesus Calms the Storm* (Condensed Version)

Saint Matthew's Anglican Church Children's Ministries

GOD IS IN CONTROL (Scripture: Mark 4:35-41)

Year 2. Kingdom Life
Unit 7: Kingdom Faith

Objectives: To explain that: *Today's story is about Kingdom Faith. To have faith is to trust and obey Jesus, even when bad things happen. *Jesus could calm the storm because he was God and he had power over the storm. *The disciples were afraid because they did not yet fully understand that Jesus was Almighty God and that he was in control. *Even though bad things happen, we do not have to be afraid. We can have peace in our hearts because God is in control. We can trust that Jesus is with us, and that he can bring something good out of any situation.

"I Wonder" Questions: *What do you see in this picture? *I wonder why there is a picture of a stormy sea. *I wonder why the Almighty symbol is above Jesus. Let's find out more in our lesson...

Lesson Props: Bible for reading story from Mark 4:35-41 (use NIRV or other easy-to-read version)

Lesson Summary: Our lesson today is about Kingdom Faith. To have faith is to trust and obey Jesus. This story is about trusting in Jesus when bad or scary things happen.

Have you ever been afraid? (*Give children time to share.*) In this story the disciples were very afraid. They were in a boat in a big storm (*point to picture of wave*) and they thought they would drown. Let's read that story now from the Gospel of Mark. (*Read Mark 4:35-41 from the Bible*) You'll remember in an earlier lesson we learned that the Trinity (that is the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit) is **Almighty**. That means that God is all powerful, all knowing and everywhere present. In this story, the disciples saw the **almighty** power of Jesus. He showed that he had the power to calm a storm! The disciples had seen Jesus healing many people and performing many miracles, but they still did not fully understand that Jesus was God. That's why they said to each other: "Who is this man? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Jesus performed this miracle because he wanted his disciples to know that he is the **Almighty God**, (*Point to Jesus and Almighty symbol*) and he wanted them to **trust** him. Jesus wants **us** to trust him too. He is always with us. Sometimes hard things happen in life. But even though bad things happen, we do not have to be afraid. Instead, we can call on Jesus, just like the disciples did. Because Jesus is Almighty, he is in control. Even in storms and hard times, we can have peace in our heart because we know that Jesus is with us. Jesus is in control, and he can bring something good out of **any** situation. In our memory verse Jesus talks about the peace he wants to give us. Let's read this verse together: (*Teacher reads, children echo the verse*) "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27. Let's finish our lesson by praying and thanking Jesus. (*Teacher says this prayer*) "Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the Almighty God. When bad and scary things happen, we can trust in you. You are in control. You tell us not to be afraid, but to receive your peace deep into our hearts. That peace comes from knowing that you are Almighty, and you are with us. Thank you that we can trust that you can bring something good out of any situation. Amen."

Suggested Questions: ***What does this story tell us about Jesus?** (Jesus is in control because he is the Almighty God.) ***How did Jesus calm the storm?** (With his words.) ***Why could Jesus calm the storm?** (Because he is God and had power over the storm.) ***Why were the disciples afraid?** (Because they thought they would drown. They did not yet fully understand that Jesus is God.) ***What did the disciples do when they were afraid?** (Called on Jesus.) ***What can we do when we are afraid?** (We can call on Jesus too.) ***Why can we have peace in our hearts when bad or scary things happen?** (Because we know that God is Almighty, and that he loves us. He is in control, and we can trust him. Jesus is always with us, and we can trust that he can bring something good out of any situation.)

Bible Memory Verse: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV