

## KS2 Unit 2, Lesson 1: Who is Jesus? Godly Play

### Storm on the Lake (Jesus calms a storm); Mark 4.35-41

NEED: Blue cloth, green felt, Lego (?) boat, 'Jesus', 'disciples' and 'crowd'

What is this? (Unfold blue cloth into different shapes). I wonder ... what can it be?

What is this? (Green felt to make the shore by your lake)

There was a man who did such things ... who said such things ... that people wanted to come and be near him. Here he is (Jesus figure). Here are his friends (2 or 3 disciples - more will not fit in the boat!) His name is ... Jesus.

Today, people are coming. They are wondering ... what will he say today? What will he do? What will we see?

Jesus stands in the little boat so everyone can see and hear ... Jesus is telling stories ... stories about farmers and fields ... seeds ... and things that grow ... Stories that ask, "What is God like? What does he want people to do?"

But now it is getting late. It is time to go home ... Jesus and his friends get in their little boat to sail home. (Put the figures in the boat and sail across the lake). Oh, Jesus is so tired, he lays down to sleep. Now it is dark, and the night is still as the little boat sails home.

Whoosh! A big wind blows. Crash! Big waves hit the little boat. Oh no! There is a big storm! (Crease the cloth to make bigger and bigger waves.)

Jesus' friends are worried. The storm is getting fiercer and fiercer.

Whoosh! Splash! Big waves are splashing into the boat. Everyone is wet! Now the friends are frightened.

I wonder - have you ever felt like that ... worried? Frightened?

The friends want to tell Jesus. Oh no! He is sleeping. "Wake up Jesus! Wake up! Our boat is sinking! We are so frightened!"

Jesus wakes up. Jesus stands up. He says to the wind and the waves, "Peace! ... Be still!"

And (smooth the cloth) ... the wind stops ... the sea is calm ... and still ...

"Why were you frightened?" Jesus says. "I am here ... I am always here ... You do not need to be frightened ... ever."

His friends say, "Wow! Who is he? Only God can do things like that!"

For Christians, this story tells them that Jesus is strong enough to help them in the bad times.

Sometimes, when we are frightened and worried, it feels like there is a big storm inside us. I wonder .... Who says "peace, be still" for us?