

KS1 - Unit 3, Lesson 7 – The Storm on the Lake

Context: This is the story from the Bible about Jesus calming a great storm. We will go on to look at other Bible stories about the things Jesus said and did.

Essential core: Recall Bible stories including (a) the meaning of his names Immanuel (God is with us) and Jesus (he saves).

Resources:

Children's toy windmill.

Blue cloth and Godly play artefacts for telling the storm on the Lake.

Godly play Jesus and the storm - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmMqVB-jmgo>

Animation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzPwRXytr7U>

INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever been frightened? (Be careful where you go with this!)

Did someone come to help?

How did you feel when they did?

This is a story about one day that Jesus friends were very scared.

STORY:

Using Godly Play, tell the story of the storm on the Lake. (Mark 7:35 - 41)

A suitable script is included.

This You Tube video also provides an example of how this might be done - as this is intended for use in Church please adapt some of the language for use in the classroom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmMqVB-jmgo>

You may wish to use this short video to recap, or use it instead of Godly Play.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzPwRXytr7U>

The story ends with the disciples asking the question - "Who is he?" For Christians the main purpose of the story is that it shows who Jesus is - "God with us" - only God can do things like that.

It is also a story that brings great comfort to Christians when they are afraid. They believe that if Jesus has the power to stop a storm they can pray and trust him to help them today.

TASK:

Air is all around us, but we cannot see it. How can we know it is there? Show a child's toy windmill and make it turn by blowing on it. We cannot see air, but we know that it is there because we can see the things it does. Sometimes the wind can blow so strongly that it breaks things!

In the same way, Christians believe that although they cannot see him, Jesus is with them and looks after them wherever they go because he promised "I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. To Christians, Jesus is "God with us".

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What does the story of Jesus calming the storm say about who Christians believe Jesus is?

How can reading this story help them when they are worried or frightened today?

