

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose:

Jesus is God! Let's think about that for a moment! Jesus brings peace to a stormy sea and peace to His disciples. Jesus shows that He has power over nature, power over fear, power over any problem. When *Jesus is in control* of our lives, we have nothing to worry about or fear.

Response:

- Turn on some music.
- Spend time with the Lord and listen to the Holy Spirit.
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is God? How should you respond to this fact? (Write out your thoughts or discuss this with your family)

Optional Activity with Worship Response:

- Set Up: Gather markers and enough rocks outside for the number of people in your families.
- Action: During the response, write something that you need to entrust to God. Then say a prayer and give those needs to God.

Family Discussion

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God Statement: Jesus is God!

Family Verse: Matthew 11:28-29, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Blessing: Family, may you know and remember that you serve Jesus, who is God. May you trust that He is in control. Jesus loves and cares for you all!

Discussion Questions: (Matthew 8:23-27)

1. What did you learn about Jesus in how He calmed the storm?
(*He is powerful, He has control over nature, He cared about His disciples.*)
2. Why were the disciples afraid? *Matthew 8:26*
(*Because they didn't have much faith, They doubted God, They didn't know Jesus is God.*)
3. What number between 1 and 10, with 10 being the highest, would describe how much faith in Jesus you might have had if you had been in the boat?
4. What are some things that Jesus did that only God can do?
(*Only God can: forgive sins, heal people, have power over nature, raise the dead, give eternal life, etc.*)
5. What are some ways that we can increase our faith in Jesus as God?
(*Pray, read the Bible, remember what He has done for us, listen to other people's stories of faith in God, etc.*)

Prayer Time: Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.

Connect Time:

- Jokes:
 - o What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? ... *A Stick.*
 - o Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other? ... *Dill with it.*
 - o What musical instrument is found in the bathroom? ... *A tuba toothpaste.*
- Riddles:
 - o What is full of holes but still hold water? ... *A sponge.*
 - o What becomes wetter the more it dries? ... *A towel.*
 - o What answer can you never answer yes to? ... *Are you asleep yet?*

Family Activity

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Boat Craft Purpose:

Matthew 8:26-27 'Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"'

This a craft is a reminder to choose to put their faith in Jesus, because He is God and He is in control. When hard times come, Jesus wants us to put our faith in Him. Maybe you think no one likes you, or you're unpopular. That is a storm in your life. In those moments, lean on Jesus who is God! When hard times come for you, like the time when the disciples were in the boat with Jesus, remember that Jesus is in control.



Supplies Needed:

- Paper
- Popsicle stick or straw
- Markers
- Glue, stapler or tape

Action:

- Draw a boat with Jesus and his disciples in it.
- Cut this boat out.
- Glue the popsicle stick or straw on the back of the boat.
- On another sheet of paper draw the ocean with waves. (have them write down some of the "storms" they're facing.
- Then take another sheet of paper and draw waves on it and cut them out
- Place the boat on the first page with the ocean.
- Then tape, glue or staple the cut-out waves to the other paper with the boat in between. (make sure you leave room for the boat to be moved with the popsicle stick or straw.

- Explain to your kids that when we face storms (move the boat back in forth rapidly)
- we can look to Jesus to calm the storms. (Stop moving the boat)
- <https://meaningfulmama.com/jesus-calms-storm-craft-awana-cubbies-bear-hug-17.html>