

# LESSON PLAN

**TITLE:** Jesus Stills the Tempest

**TEXT:** Matthew 8:23-27

**MEMORY VERSE:** See Lesson Sheet

**KEY SCRIPTURE:** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. ~  
Isaiah 12:2

## **LESSON OUTLINE:**

1. Jesus had had a busy day! After teaching the people, He healed a leper, then went to Capernaum where He was met by a centurion whose servant was very sick. He spoke just a word and the servant was healed. Then He went to His friend Peter's house and healed Peter's mother-in-law who had a fever. Others hearing about these things brought their loved ones and friends to be healed, too.
2. Jesus was tired. He needed to get away for awhile to rest.
3. He got into one of the boats that belonged to his disciples, went to the back of the boat, put His head on a pillow and went to sleep.
4. While on their way across the sea of Galilee, a big storm overtook them. It was so bad that the boat was covered with waves and the disciples were frightened.
5. They went to where Jesus was sleeping and woke Him up. They thought their boat was going to sink and they needed help!
6. Jesus didn't want them to be afraid -- He wanted them to have faith (or trust) in Him.
7. He got right up, scolded those naughty waves and the water was calm (smooth) once again.
8. The disciples were so surprised -- the wind and waves had obeyed Jesus! Nothing is too hard for Him to do.

## **MAIN OBJECTIVE:**

- Jesus can still the "waves" (things that frighten children) and bring peace (quietness) to their heart, too.

## **APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:**

- When Jesus is with us, we need not be afraid. He sees us all the time and will take care of us -- in the dark, when there is thunder and lightning, when we miss mommy and daddy, etc. (Use pictures to illustrate).

## **TEACHING AIDS:**

- Small sailboat with people to fit inside for each child. Water or blue flannel (for water). Storm -- dark clouds on mobile. Calm -- white clouds mobile. Children can make wind sound and shake flannel and mobile. Put finger to mouth -- "Shhhhh, Shhhhh. And Jesus said, Peace be Still."

**NOTES:**