

Jesus Quiets the Storm

Storyteller: ...*Smoothe out the “lake”.* *Satin instead of felt is used for this story underlay, because the slippery satin slides easily into “waves” and back into being smooth.* Look at how this is smooth and shining. On a very calm day, a lake can be like this. Maybe this is a lake.

Mark 4:35-41 A Storm

That evening, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the east side.” So they left the crowd, and his disciples started across the lake with him in the boat. Some other boats followed along. Suddenly a windstorm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink.

Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep. His disciples woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re about to drown?”

Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm.

Jesus asked his disciples, “Why were you afraid? Don’t you have any faith?”

Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Set down “Jesus” on the shore of the lake furthest away from you, near the children. One day, Jesus began to teach by a lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large ...

Set down the “boat” on the lake near Jesus, and take the doll out of the stand and sit him in the boat. The boat should be stern-on to the beach so that Jesus is in the stern facing the children. ... that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge.

Add the disciples, sitting along the shore. Jesus taught them many things by parables, as much as they could understand.

Swing the boat side-on to the beach. Move the disciples into the boat, sitting down. That evening, Jesus said to his disciples,

“Let’s cross to the other side.” So they left the crowd and started across the lake with him in the boat.

Add the pillow to the boat, and lie Jesus down on it. Move the boat out into the middle of the lake. Suddenly, a windstorm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink. His disciples woke him and said “Teacher! Don’t you care that we are about to drown?”

Spread your fingers and press your finger-tips down on the satin, and use the pressure to pull the satin into deep wrinkles – the “waves”. Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep.

Sit Jesus up. Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm. *Smoothe the satin away from the boat so that it is flat and smooth again.* Jesus asked his disciples “Why were you afraid? Don’t you have any faith?” Now they were more afraid than ever and said “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Story Materials

- Blue satin “lake” underlay
- Boat
- Pillow
- Dolls:
 - Jesus & stand
 - three or four Disciples