



09-06-2009 Mark 4: 35-41

### Materials Needed

1. Lesson Mark 35: 35-41.
2. Questions to ask kids (attached)
3. Song (Lyrics attached)
4. Picture to color of "Jesus Calms the Sea"(attached)

Memory Verse:

"He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?" Mark 4:40

### Opening Activity

1. Divide the lesson, and have kids read Mark: 4:35-41  
This may be a familiar story that some of your older kids might have heard earlier. Explain the summary to them, and do the activities.
2. Teach kids to sing the song "He has the Whole World in His hands."
3. Distribute copy of memory verse, and have older kids write it down. Review the memory verse.
4. Color the picture (attached).

### Discussion

**Question 1:** In a matter of minutes a violent storm erupts, terrifying even the disciples who were experienced fishermen. The back and forth conversation of Jesus and His disciples is quite interesting!

- Disciples- "Teacher don't you care if we drown?"
- He got up and ordered the wind to stop.
- Jesus- He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"
- Disciples- They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Why do you think that Jesus had no fear of the storm? (Jesus had faith in His Father and trusted Him completely to guide His steps).

**Question 3:** Why do you think that the disciples were afraid on the boat? (They were afraid to die)

**Question 4:** Are you afraid of death? If so, why? If not, why not? (For those who trust Jesus to save them from their sins, there is never any need to fear death, because when it happens, these people will be united with Jesus, face to face, forever. People who trust Jesus can rest in the fact that God is with us and will always do what is best for us).

**Question 4:** Why did the disciples question, "Who is this man" when they had been with Jesus for a while? (They were amazed at Jesus' power and hadn't yet realized the depth of His power and that He was truly God in human form.)

### Summary

The disciples were scared because they were human just like us. Jesus is more; He is holy human and wholly God. He was able to calm their fears like he calmed the storm. We can also trust in Jesus to help calm our fears in times of trouble. We must realize as we pray that things still may not be right in our eyes because we cannot always see and know everything that God knows. But through God's perfect answer (His plan) God will provide everything you need to glorify and honor Him.

**Key Points to think about:**

1. Because He is God, Jesus has power over everything, even nature.
2. Jesus can give us peace, even in times of trouble.
3. Jesus can give us courage and boldness.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. What part of the Bible is this story from? (The gospel of Mark)
2. Who was in the boat with Jesus? (Jesus' disciples)
3. What was Jesus doing in the boat? (sleeping before the disciples woke Him up)
4. What did the disciple do when a great storm came upon them? (became very afraid)
5. What did Jesus say to the disciples? ("Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?")
6. Do you believe that Jesus is always there for you in your storms or trials of life?
7. If you're not sure, would you like for Him to be. (pray with any kids who would like to trust Jesus, and please let your Coach and Pastor know about this)

**Lyrics to Song****He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands!  
He's got the itty, bitty, baby in His hands  
He's got mamma and papa  
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands



"Jesus calms a storm."  
Matthew 8:23 – 27

