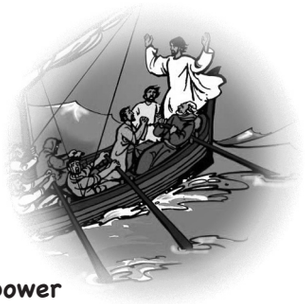
LESSON 18

Jesus calms a storm



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus' power is greater than any other power in heaven or on earth. We can trust him to be with us and protect us.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 4:35–41**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 28:18**
Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Describe a time you were very frightened because something you could do nothing about was happening. Example: When Juba, in the south of the Sudan, was shelled in February 1989 and in 1990.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. The disciples were very frightened. They were out in a boat when a storm came. Several of the disciples had been fishermen before they became Jesus' disciples, but even they were frightened. **Describe a storm at sea; think of the noise it makes.** The water came right into the boat (Mk 4:37)!
2. Jesus was with them, but he was sleeping in the back of the boat. The disciples woke him up. They were angry with Jesus. They thought he did not care what happened to them (4:38).
3. Jesus stood up and stopped the storm. **Describe what happened (4:39).**
   Show Picture 18.
4. Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. They had watched him perform many miracles before. **If there is time, ask the class to tell you about some of the miracles the disciples had seen Jesus do.**

   In spite of living with Jesus, seeing and hearing everything he did and taught, the disciples still did not understand that Jesus is God himself. He created everything that exists and he can even control the forces of nature, like a storm. The disciples found this very difficult to understand (4:40–41).

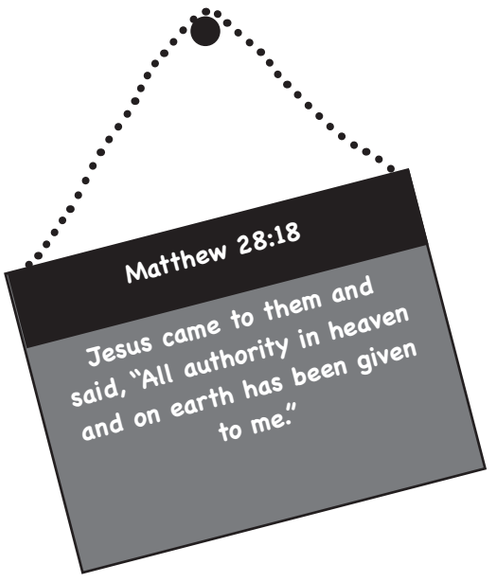
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Our Response to the Story

Sometimes, when we believe we are in danger, we behave just like the disciples. They accused Jesus of not caring about them. We do the same sometimes. However, Jesus is with us in the midst of danger. No power is greater than his power, which is the power of God. We need to trust him. **Read Romans 8:35, 37-39 to the children.**



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