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## Jesus and the Storm

*Mark 4:35–41*

*Walk slowly to the shelf and pick up the tray with the materials for **Jesus and the Storm**. Carry it carefully to the circle and set the tray beside you. Take the blueberry bash felt underlay and lay it out in front of you. Smooth it and say:*

This is the Sea of Galilee.

*Trace the sea along the edge, moving counterclockwise. Then say:*

So many important things happen by the sea that we need a small piece of it to help us tell the stories.

*Move your hands over the sea, portraying the following actions, with your voice full of wonder and amazement and then with calmness as you end.*

The sea is a wonderful and strange place. . . . When the wind blows . . . the sea becomes very rough and wild. And when the wind is calm . . . the sea is peaceful and still.

*Pause and enjoy the calm. Place the boat at the center of the edge near you. Place Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, and Thomas in the boat. Pause.*

Once when Jesus was teaching beside the sea, so many people came to listen to him that he had to get into a boat to teach.

*Present Jesus and place him in the stern of the boat.*

He taught all day. When evening came, he was very tired. "Let's sail across the sea," he said.

*Lay Jesus down on the cushion in the stern of the boat, and slowly move the boat out into the middle of the sea.*

Suddenly a strong wind began to blow.

*Move your hand to show the movement of the wind.*

The sea became very rough and wild. Waves beat into the boat.

*Raise and rock the boat as though it is being tossed by the waves.*

It began filling with water.

*Make motions of water going into the boat.*

Jesus was still sleeping. "Wake up!" they cried. "We're drowning! Don't you care?" Jesus got up.

*Stand Jesus up, and say in a firm, calm voice:*

He said to the wind, "Peace! Be still!" He said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind became peaceful and still. And there was a great calm.

*Pause and enjoy the calm. Then say:*

"Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked his disciples. "Have you still no faith?" They were amazed and wondered, "Who is this person? Even the wind and the sea do what he says."

**Responding to God's Word:  
Wondering Together**

I wonder what it was like to be in such a great storm?

I wonder how Jesus was able to sleep during the storm?

I wonder how the wind feels blowing the sea?

I wonder how the sea feels being rough and wild?

I wonder why the wind and the sea did what Jesus said?

I wonder how the sea feels being calm?

I wonder how the disciples feel?

I wonder why the disciples are following Jesus?

I wonder if they would keep following Jesus if he were not doing amazing things?

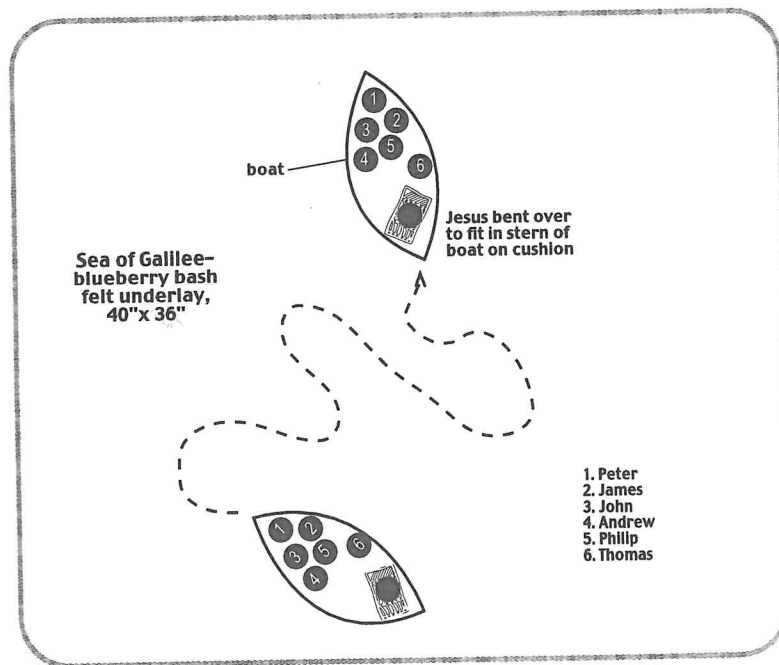
I wonder what they told their families and friends when they came ashore?

Return to the Worship Center Order and continue. The scripture reading is Mark 4:35-41.

### MATERIALS

1. Wooden tray
2. Basket for figures
3. Blueberry bash felt underlay: 40" by 36" (Round off the corners to make it in the shape of the Sea of Galilee.)
4. Boat\* (Use pattern from session 2.)
5. Cushion for Jesus to lie on in the boat, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
6. Wooden figures:\* **Standing**—Jesus, Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, and Thomas

### Children



### Leader