

## Worship @ 10 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ  
201 N Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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or virtually at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>



## Children's Church @ 10:15am Sunday Mornings

While Sunday School is out for summer break until the fall, Children's Church is in session! Participate in Children's Church in-person or virtually by Zoom.

To participate virtually, join us at <https://zoom.us/join> or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **865 7471 1577** and Passcode: **YouthSS**. For more information: Contact Kim Ridenour at [miskim@myactv.net](mailto:miskim@myactv.net) or the Church Office at 301.739.7244, or visit <https://zionreformed.church/children>.

## Hearing God's Word:



Today in church we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4:35-41. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include 1 Samuel 17, Psalm 9:9-20, and 2 Corinthians 6:1-13.

### Mark 4:35-41

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<sup>35</sup> That evening, Jesus said to his followers, "Come with me across the lake." <sup>36</sup> He and the followers left the people there. They went in the boat that Jesus was already sitting in. There were also other boats with them. <sup>37</sup> A very strong wind came up on the lake. The waves began coming over the sides and into the boat. It was almost full of water. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was at the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The followers went to him and woke him. They said, "Teacher, do you care about us? We will drown!" <sup>39</sup> Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and the waves to stop. He said, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind stopped, and the lake became calm. <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to his followers, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> The followers were very afraid and asked each other, "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"



## Family Discussion:

### A Question for Adults to ask Children:

*What are some of the things that you find scary?*

- Who was scared in the story?
- What were they scared of?
- Who was with the disciples in the boat?

The disciples were scared of the storm, but Jesus was with them. When the disciples called out to Jesus, he heard them and kept them safe. We are living in scary times, but Jesus hears all of our prayers and even when things seem scary, we can know that Jesus is with us and in control.

### A Question for Children to ask Adults:

*Can you tell me about a time when you felt scared,  
but God was with you?*

## A Prayer to Say Together:

Dear God,

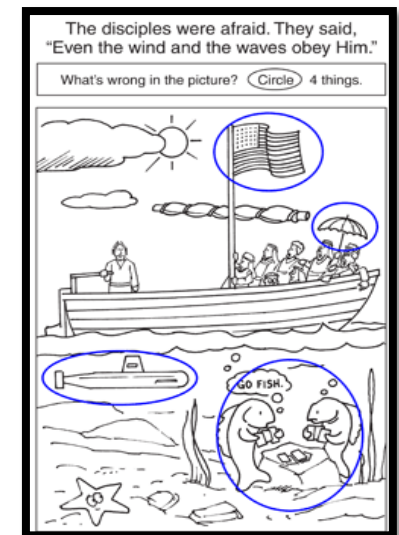
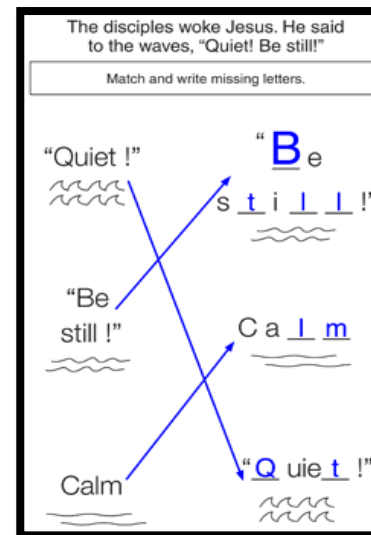
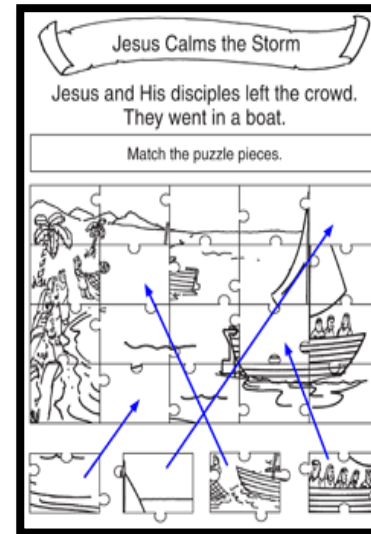
Thank you for the story of Jesus calming the storm which reminds us how BIG and POWERFUL you are. Thank you that you are with us in the scary times and that you always hear our prayers.

We pray for those in the world who are scared at the moment; that they would know you and your peace.



Amen.

## Answer Key:



Those who know the Lord trust him,  
because he will not leave those who  
come to him.

Psalm 9 v 10



### Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's word together.

#### Family Activity 1:

You will need: Paper, a large bowl/bath of water

Make your own origami boat together, you might want to make some paper figures to go in it as well. Float the boat in a bath, sink or bowl of water. Encourage your children to help re-tell the story, they can make the storm by splashing the water or blowing hard at the boat. They will need to listen carefully for the bit in the story when Jesus tells the water to be still and stop the storm.

#### Family Activity 2:



Play a game of 'Musical Storms' – when the music plays everybody should dance and move around like they are being blown about in the storm.

When the music stops, they should freeze and be still like the storm in the story. My Lighthouse – by Rend Co. Kids is a great song to play the game to

as it talks about God being our peace in the storm. You can find a video with actions to learn at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY).

#### Applying the Scriptures:

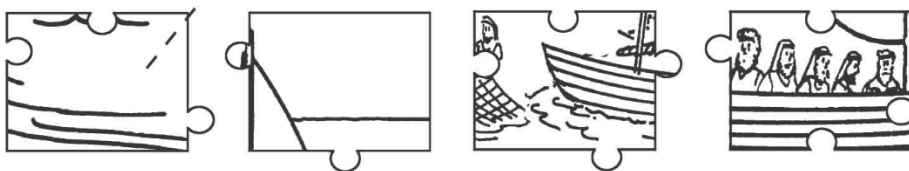
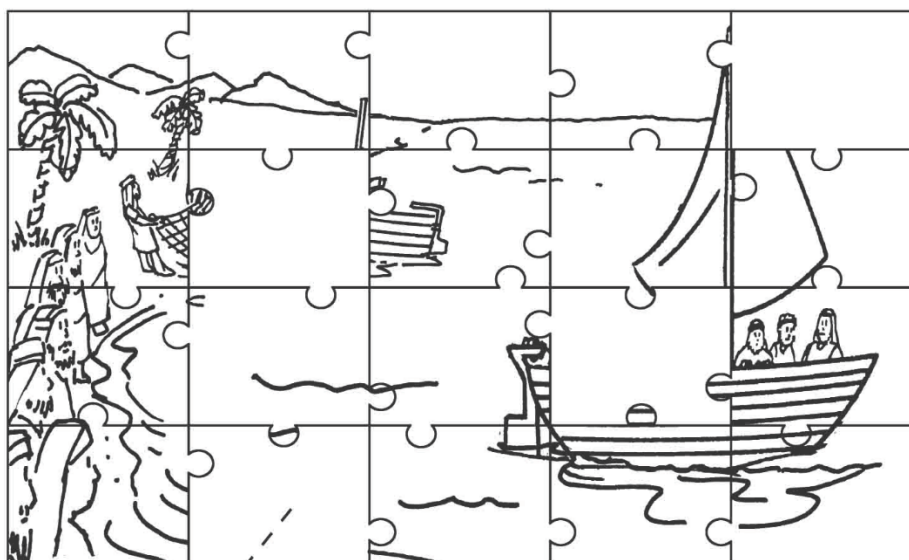
Some children might be asking why God would allow the current virus to hurt people in the world. The Bible tells us that we live in a fallen world, that God did not intend for it to be like this. We might not always be able to see God in our circumstances, but He promises that He will never abandon us, He is always with us.

Encourage them to: Keep praying – God always hears our prayers even if we don't see answers right away. (Psalm 116:1); Keep trusting - God has good plans for us and there is always hope. (Jeremiah 29:11); Keep showing love – God can use us to encourage and bless others in difficult times. (John 15:12).

# Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus and His disciples left the crowd.  
They went in a boat.

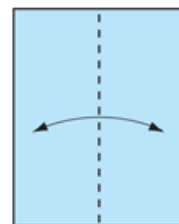
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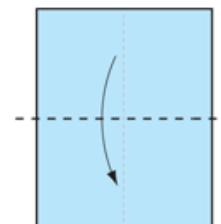
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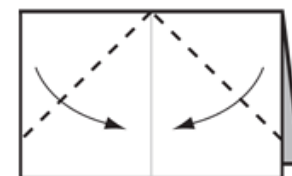
## Simple instructions for making paper boats



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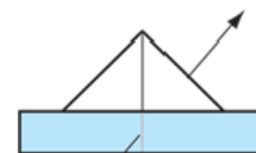
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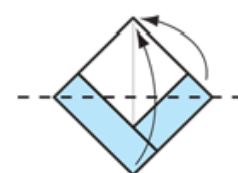
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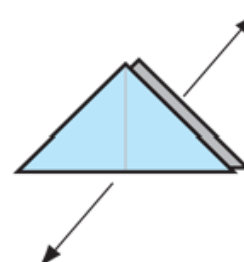
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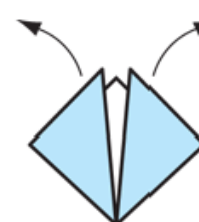
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AND FLATTEN



6. FOLD FRONT  
AND BACK  
LAYERS UP



7. PULL SIDES  
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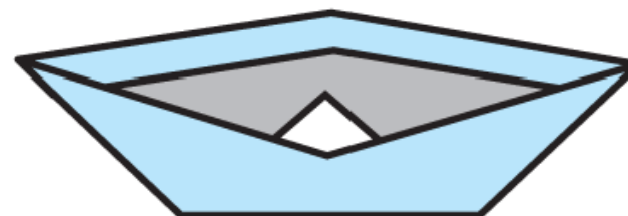


8. PULL TOP  
FLAPS  
OUTWARDS



9. SQUISH THE  
BOTTOM AND  
PULL THE SIDES  
UP

10. TA DAAA!



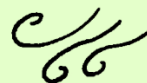




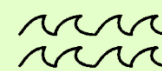
**Jesus did amazing things because he is the Son of God.**

A storm came.  
Jesus was asleep in the boat.

Add these things to the picture.



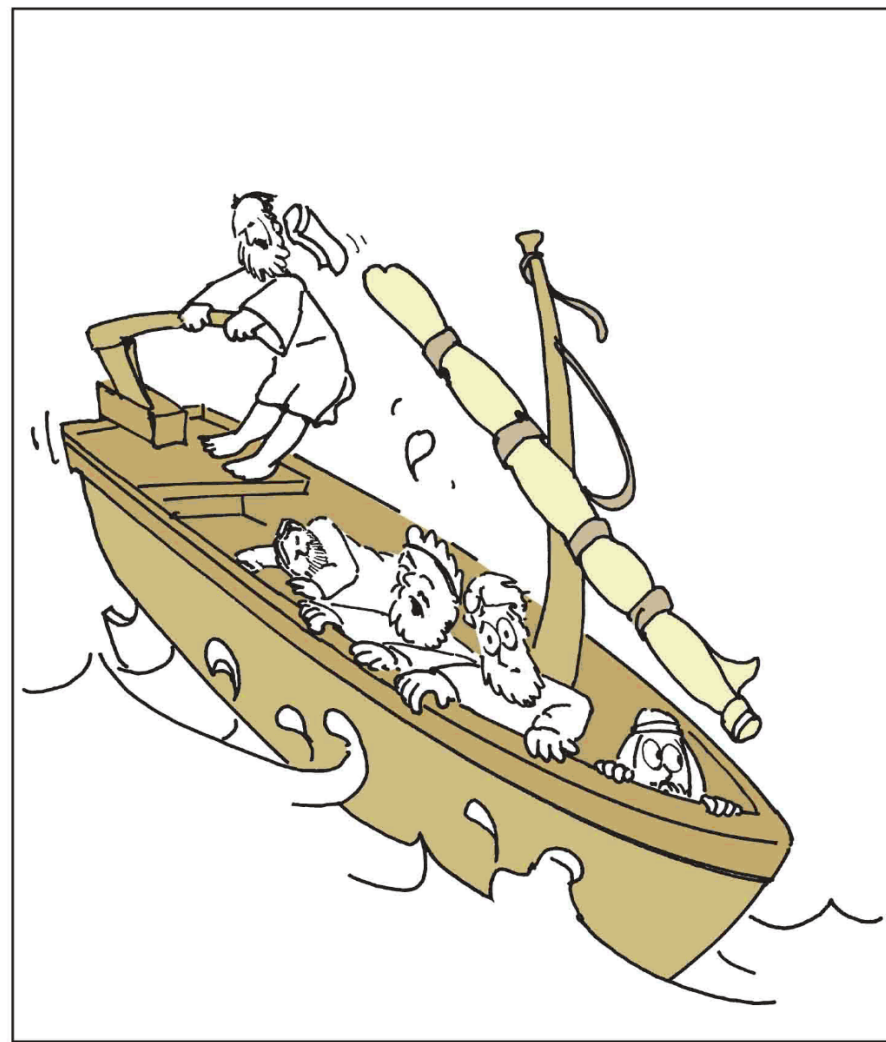
wind



waves



dark clouds



The disciples woke Jesus. He said  
to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"

Match and write missing letters.

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still !"



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The disciples were afraid. They said,  
"Even the wind and the waves obey Him."

What's wrong in the picture? Circle 4 things.

