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KID'S GUIDE

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LESSON ONE: JESUS IS WITH US

Jesus performed a lot of miracles when He was teaching with his disciples. One of his most famous miracles is when He calmed a terrible storm! We are going to talk about why He calmed the storm and what that means for us today. Our big idea for today is that Jesus is with us, even in the middle of the storm!

READ MARK 4:35-41

"On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die? " He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still! " The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? "And they were terrified and asked one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

ANSWER the following questions on Mark 4:35-41:

1. Think of the biggest storm you can remember, what did that storm feel like?

2. Where do you go during a storm? What do you do?



3. How did the disciples react when the storm was all around them and Jesus was asleep? (HINT: Look at verse 38.)

4. What does the word "faith" mean? Circle one!
 - a. You have complete trust or confidence in something.

 - b. You are pretty sure that something is true.

 - c. You don't think something is true.

5. Why do you think the disciples struggled to have faith in the middle of the storm? Are there moments where you have a hard time having faith?

LET'S DIVE BACK IN!

Read Mark 4:37-40 again.

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LESSON TWO: JESUS CARES FOR US

Yesterday, we talked about how Jesus is with us. Today, we are going to talk about how Jesus cares for us. Jesus calmed a storm that almost sank a boat the disciples were in because He cared about them and didn't want them to be afraid. Today, we are going to be looking at another example of how Jesus cares for us.

READ JOHN 13:4-9

"So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand." "You will never wash my feet," Peter said. Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

ANSWER the following questions on John 13:4-9:

1. Have you ever gotten really muddy? Or maybe even seen your dog get super muddy? How did your parents react? Write about a time you get really messy and how you got clean again.

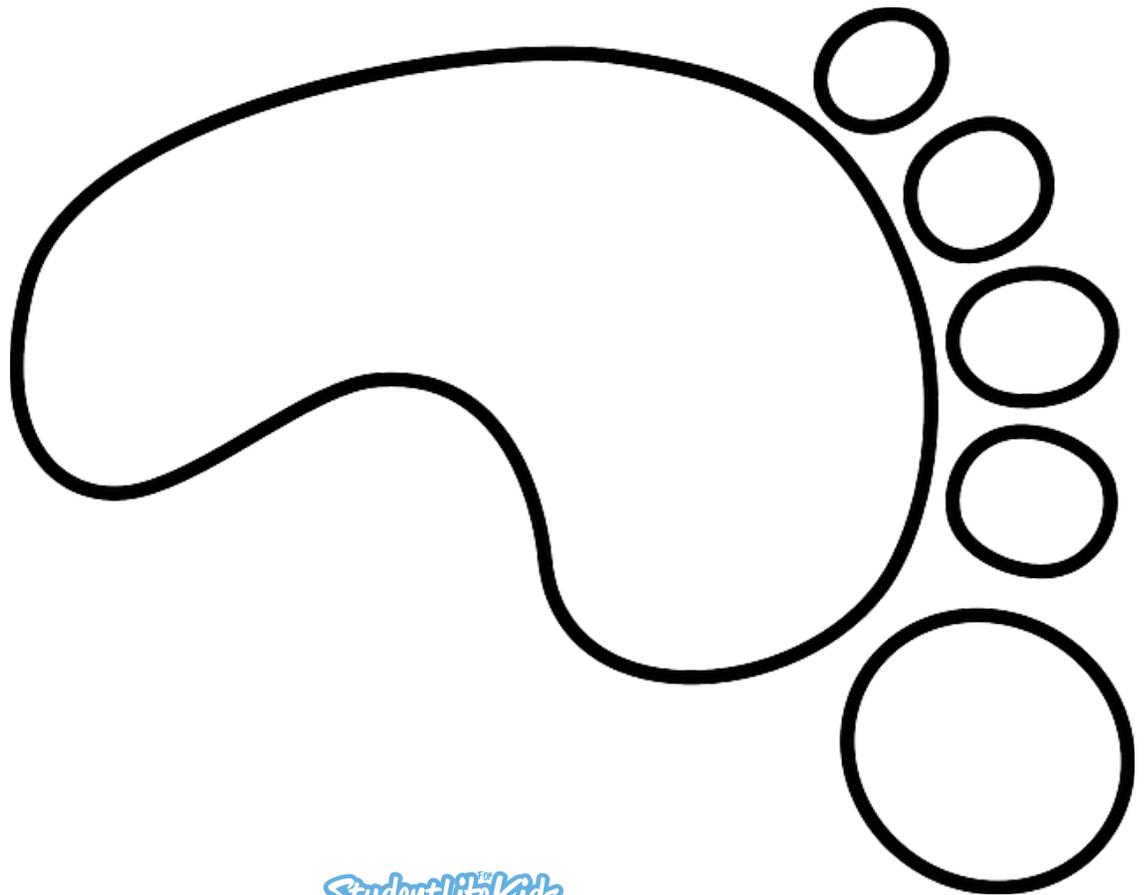
2. How do you think the disciple's feet may have looked when Jesus started to clean them?



3. In verse 8, why do you think that Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet? (HINT: Remember that Peter's feet would have been REALLY dirty!)
4. What important message do you think Jesus was trying to show the disciples?

ACTIVITY:

Write as many ways that you know Jesus cares for us! Use different pens or pencils to make it really colorful!





Jesus washing the feet of the disciples is a lot like how Jesus washes away our sins. When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, he put himself in a lowly position. He literally scrubbed dirt and grime off of his followers' feet so that they were clean. But it wasn't just about making sure their feet were clean, it showed how Jesus cares about all the details of our lives (even the messy ones). When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He suffered and went through a lot of pain so that we could be clean of our sins. Jesus cleaned the disciples' feet and died on the cross for our sins because He loves us more than we could ever imagine.

READ JOHN 13: 12-15

"When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you."

TALK about the following questions:

1. How do we know Jesus cares for us?
2. What do you think that Jesus means in verse 15? "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you."
3. What does Jesus washing the feet of the disciples show us about loving others?



LESSON THREE: JESUS SAVES US

So far, we have learned about how Jesus is with us and how He cares for us. Today, we're going to focus on how Jesus saves us. When you think of "saving someone," what do you think of?

A super hero like Iron Man or Captain America saving a city? A firefighter helping a cat down from the top of a tall tree? Maybe even doctors or nurses helping someone get better when they are sick?

In the story we read earlier in Mark 4, we see Jesus literally rescuing his disciples by calming the storm so the boat wouldn't sink and they wouldn't be in danger. We may never actually be in a boat with Jesus, but He still gives each one of us the chance to be rescued in a big way.

READ COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

"Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him — if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it."

ANSWER the following questions on Colossians 1:21-23:

1. What do you think the author, Paul, meant by "alienated" and "hostile?" (HINT: look in Colossians 1:21!)



2. Looking at verse 22, it says that Jesus has reconciled us through his death on the cross. What do you think it means to go from our sin problem to being "reconciled," "holy," and "blameless?"

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

God Rules. The Bible tells us God created everything and He is in charge of everything.

We Sinned. Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to displease God. Because God is holy, God will not be around sin. That sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death.

God Provided. God sent His Son Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us!

Jesus Gives. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!

We Respond. When we hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must respond in some way. You can respond in many different ways including...

- If you're unsure if you totally understand why Jesus came and how He rescues us, that's okay. You can ask any questions you may have to an adult or someone from church. Pray and ask God to help you understand what He says in the Bible.
- If you think you understand how Jesus rescues us, but you've never made a decision for Jesus before, talk with an adult. You can pray and begin your relationship with him by turning away from your sin, saying that you believe Jesus is who He says He is, and telling Him that you are ready to follow Him for the rest of your life. Then, tell someone about your decision!



- If you're already a Christian and have already put your trust in Jesus, ask Him to help you grow as a Christian and show you ways that you can grow closer to Him.

ACTIVITY

Write a message on a piece of paper to remind you that JESUS SAVES YOU. Every time you see it, ask God to remind you that Jesus saves you and that's good news! Jesus loves you so much that He made a way to be rescued if we believe in Him. Like He rescued the disciples before their boat sank, He rescues us from our sin problem and promises to be with us always.