



2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 3 - STARTER



Activity Name: Wind, Wind, Boat

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather kids and instruct them to form and sit down in a circle.
- Choose one kid to stand in the middle.
- Assign each kid one of three words: “Wind,” “Waves,” or “Boat.” (For example: “You’re Wind, you’re Waves, you’re Boat, you’re Wind, you’re Waves, you’re Boat...”)
- Explain the rules:
 - The person in the middle will shout out any one of the three words: “Wind!” “Waves!” or “Boat!”
 - If your word is called, you must get up and quickly find a new place to sit in the circle.
 - The kid in the middle will also try to find a seat (they don’t have to call out their own word).
 - If the kid in the middle shouts, “Storm!” EVERYONE must get up and find a new seat.
- The last kid to sit becomes the new person in the middle.
- Play for several fun and energetic rounds.

What You Say:

That was such a fun game to help us remember today’s Bible Story. The storm was big and wild that day! And then there was peace when it was all still. Jesus showed His friends that He is in control of everything—even big, scary storms. Jesus showed His friends that they could trust Him. We can trust Him, too. God is bigger and more powerful than any difficult thing you will ever face. God does not cause terrible things to happen, but He can work in and through all things for our good. And in the end, God will make everything right—even if we have to wait until heaven to see it. Because no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:36-41

Bottom Line: God is in control, so I can trust Him.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What can you trust God with right now?
- Why do you think Jesus could sleep during a big storm?
- Jesus stopped the wind and the waves. What did the disciples learn about Jesus?
- Sometimes God stops hard things. Other times, He helps us get through them. Why do you think God may let us go through something hard?

Activity Name: Hidden in the Storm

What You Need: ☐ Bibles ☐ “Hidden in the Storm” activity page and answer key ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Pass out Bibles marked at Psalm 46:1, or look up the verse together.
- Read and repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Pass out the Activity Pages and coloring supplies.
- Say: “This picture is filled with hidden parts of our Memory Verse! As you color, search carefully to find every hidden phrase.”
- Encourage kids to:
 - Circle or color each hidden phrase when they find it. Work together if they get stuck.
 - Continue coloring the storm scene as they search.
- As kids work, ask:
 - “Which part of the verse have you found?”
 - “What do you think it means that God is our refuge?”
 - “How can God help us when life feels stormy or difficult?”
- Once most kids finish, invite everyone to say the verse together one more time.

What You Say:

You all did a great job searching carefully for the hidden parts of the verse. Some of them were easy to spot right away, and some took a little more time to find. You had to slow down, pay attention, and keep looking. Our Memory Verse says, ‘God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble.’ A place of safety is somewhere you can go when you need protection or help. That means when life feels scary, overwhelming, or stormy, God is with you and helping you. In today’s Bible Story, the disciples were in the middle of a huge storm. The wind and waves were loud, and they were so afraid that they forgot who Jesus really is. They forgot how powerful He is and how much He cared about them. But Jesus spoke, and even the wind and waves obeyed Him. Can you imagine what that must have felt like? One second the boat is shaking and the water is wild—and the next second everything is still. The disciples were amazed! In fact, they looked at each other and said, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!’ That’s what makes this story so powerful. The disciples realized Jesus wasn’t just a teacher or a helper. He is God. Even creation obeys Him. And that changes everything. If Jesus is powerful enough to command the wind and waves, then He is powerful enough to help you through anything you face too. When life feels scary, loud, confusing, or out of control, you can remember that Jesus is still with you, still powerful, and still in control. That’s why Psalm 46:1 says God is our place of safety and strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.