

# Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus had been very busy and was getting worn out. He had just finished his first big sermon that lasted for hours. He had healed many people and cast out many demons. Jesus was so popular that people came to him day and night. After leaving Peter's home and healing his mother, Jesus spoke to hundreds on a hill by the Sea of Galilee. He became tired and asked the disciples to take him across the sea to the area where the Gerasenes lived.

The Sea of Galilee sits in a basin, like a bowl below the normal ground level. Cool air from the Mediterranean Sea blew through the mountain passes and when it connected with the warm dry air over the Sea of Galilee, there would be frequent, violent storms.

When the storm came up, the disciples who were new to Jesus, became afraid of the storm and they thought they would die. Jesus was asleep in the stern (back) of the boat. They shook him to wake him up. He knew that his time to die had not come, so he said, "Why are you afraid? Oh, ye of little faith."

Jesus stood up and waved his arm and the sea became calm and the wind ceased and the sun came out. The day was gorgeous. This stunned the disciples. They then asked this question; "Who is this, even the wind and the waves obey him?"

## Question Time:

1. Why was Jesus so popular?
2. Why did Jesus calm the storm?
3. What would you think about someone who could command the waves and wind?

## Scripture:

### Mark 4: 35 – 41

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<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

**Next Steps:** Ask your parents to help you find stories on the internet about Jesus calming the storm and what it means.