



ELEMENTARY

Week of September 27

Bible Story: Bible Story: Jesus Calming the Storm & The Transfiguration (Matthew 8: 23-27 & 16-17)

The Jesus Storybook Bible: The Captain of the Storm (236-242)

BIG Idea: Jesus is the Almighty.

Bible Story Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC081rBhFsE>

THE BIG BIBLE STORY

People loved to hear Jesus speak. Sometimes huge crowds gathered to hear him. Once he was preaching by the Sea of Galilee and so many people crowded around that he got in the boat and preached to the people who were standing on the shore.

At the end of the day Jesus and his disciples said goodbye to the people and then sailed the boat out into the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was so tired that he got a cushion for a bed and then fell asleep.

Some of the other men on the boat were fishermen. They knew all about sailing on a boat. They were happy that the water was nice and calm and peaceful. They could relax. But soon things began to change. The wind began to blow and the waves pushed the boat around. Soon it all turned into a very bad storm. The waves became so big that they were filling the boat with water.

During all of the excitement there was only one person on the boat who was not worried. Guess who that was? Jesus! He was not worried because he was fast asleep.

The storm became so violent that the men began to think that the boat would sink. They thought they might all drown. They woke Jesus up and told him that they were going to drown.

Jesus saw the storm but he was not afraid at all. He looked at the waves and the water and said, "Quiet, be still!" And guess what? The storm stopped. The water became calm and the wind stopped blowing. Jesus looked at the disciples and said, "Why are you so afraid? Where is your faith?" The disciples were amazed. They knew that Jesus was very special. Jesus was the only one who could make even a storm obey him. Storms are very strong but Jesus can even make storms stop. Jesus is the Son of God.

The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up onto a mountain to be alone. These disciples witnessed an amazing event. As they watched, Jesus transfigured (changed appearance). His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Although they had been long dead, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and the three of them spoke together. Finally, a cloud enveloped them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son . . . listen to Him."

Transfiguration means "transformed". Jesus was transformed into a glorious image in which his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. This image was nothing like Peter, James and John had ever seen before. It showed them that Jesus truly was from God. This was an actual demonstration of the fact that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:13-20).

Source: Missionbibleclass.org

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Why was Jesus able to command the storm to stop?
- Can he calm storms in our own lives? How?
- What did the transfiguration prove?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Journal: Write down a list of ways that God has calmed the storms in your life.

Art: Draw picture of the transfiguration. Be sure to include Jesus' face shining like the sun. Above your picture write "This is my Son...listen to Him."