

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #65

DATE:

SUBJECT: The Calming of the Sea by the Lord Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:23-34, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25

AIM: To show the children that the Lord Jesus came to earth to be our peace and that they must have Faith in Him.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 11:22 "... Jesus answered saying to them, 'Have Faith in God.'"

Content:

One day the Lord Jesus and his disciples wanted to cross some water to go to another place. How do you think they traveled across the water? Right, they used a small boat to sail across the sea. Today, you are going to hear another wonderful story about the Lord Jesus. Where do you think this story is written? Right, in the Bible, God's word.

One night, the Lord Jesus and His disciples got into a small boat to sail over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, it became very, very windy. There was a great storm and the little boat with all its travelers must have been tossed back and forth. The waves of the sea were going over the boat. Everyone in this boat must have gotten very wet from the sea. There was so much water going over the boat that the little boat began to fill up with water. The little boat began to sink. What do you think the Lord Jesus was doing while all this was happening? (Give the children time to answer.) Do you think the Lord was worried? No. Why? Through it all the Lord Jesus slept. That's right. He trusted in God to take care of Him and His friends during this very scary and dangerous time. The Lord was very peaceful and resting. The Lord Jesus was asleep on a cushion in the back of the boat.

The disciples must have forgotten that the Lord was with them. The very One Who had created the world with the sea and the very One Who had even raised Lazarus from the dead was with them. We are the same. We forget that the Lord is always with us.

The disciples awoke the Lord and said, "Teacher or Master, do You not care that we are drowning? Save us." Then the Lord stood up in the boat. He spoke to the winds and the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Or "Hush, be still." The wind stopped blowing, and the sea became still and calm. The Lord then said to His disciples, "Why are you afraid? You have so little FAITH." They were amazed that the wind and the sea obeyed the Lord. They had forgotten to have faith in the Lord that He would save them. Do you know what faith is? Faith is believing at all times the Lord will take care of us. We have Faith in Him.