

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

MARK 4:35-41

Topic: Miracles

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: We can only do so much to protect ourselves from the world around us. Unfortunately, storms—economic, health-related, or even literal ones—enter our lives, bringing havoc and leaving us devastated. In those moments, we see how powerless we really are. Only one Man—Jesus Christ—has ever had full power and authority over the storms we face. We can trust Him over life’s circumstances.

PRESCHOOL



MARK 4:35-41; LUKE 8:22-25

LIVE IT OUT: Does your child get frightened during storms? Help comfort your child by reminding her about the Bible story and that Jesus is always with her. Help your child say a prayer, asking God for help.

Jesus had taught people about God. He told His helpers (disciples), “Let’s go to the other side of the lake.” They got into a boat and began to sail across the lake. Jesus fell asleep on a cushion in the boat.

Suddenly a great wind began to blow. The wind blew so hard that waves of water splashed into the boat. The helpers were frightened! They thought the boat would sink. The men woke up Jesus and cried out for help.

Jesus stood up and said, “Be quiet! Be still!” Immediately the wind stopped blowing, and the waves became calm. Jesus asked the men, “Didn’t you know I could help you?” The helpers were amazed that even the wind and waves obeyed Jesus..

KIDS



MARK 4:35-41; LUKE 8:22-25

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child look through the Bible and find miracles that Jesus performed. Make a list of each miracle and where it is found. Say a prayer of thanks for Jesus, God’s Son.

On that day when evening had come, Jesus told His disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the sea.” So they left the crowd and took Him along since He was already in the boat. And other boats were with Him. A fierce windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So the disciples woke Jesus and said to Him, “Teacher! Don’t You care that we’re going to die?”

Jesus 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 fearful? Do you still have no faith?”

And the disciples were terrified and asked one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

STUDENTS



MARK 4:35-41

THE POINT: Jesus has power over all my fears.

- How do you usually react to life’s storms?
- Talk with your student about a moment when you panicked instead of trusting the Lord.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If he or she plans to complete **Uh Oh**:*

- Sit down with your student as he or she makes a list of storms in life.
- Pray that your student will see the power of Jesus in a greater way this week.

*If he or she plans to do **Calm Down**:*

- Take time to praise God with your student for His power and might.
- As your student prays over different storms in life, pray for them as well.

Discuss the following quote: “God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.”¹ — William Cowper

1. William Cowper, “God Moves in a Mysterious Way,” Cyber Hymnal, [cited 14 September 2014]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.cyberhymnal.org>.