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JESUS CALMS THE STORM • STILL

LECTIONARY 12 • SEASON AFTER PENTECOST • YEAR B

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49 • Job 38:1-11 • Psalm 9:9-20 • Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13 • Mark 4:35-41**

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. \_ Proverbs 22:6*

Good morning boys and girls!!!

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!!!

FAITH VS FEAR

**“Then Jesus got into the boat, and His disciples followed Him.”**

Everyone, make believe you are going to step into the boat. Remember, you have to step high to step over the side of the boat.

**“Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake…”**

So now look furious, like you’re really mad… Yeah, that’s what the storm was like. Very scary.

**“…so that the waves swept over the boat.”**

Everyone, make a big wave with your arms and make it crash over the side of the boat. Make a big splashing sound. Good.

**“But Jesus was sleeping.”**

Everyone, pretend you’re sleeping.

**“The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!’”**

So now Everyone, look like you’re really afraid… Good. That’s probably how the disciples looked.

**“Jesus replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves…”**

Now, yell, “Stop!”… That’s what Jesus told the storm to do. He told it to stop.

**“…and it was completely calm.”**

Everyone, take in a deep breath. Let it out, “Ahhh!”

**“The men were amazed…”**

So now, look surprised. Yeah, it says the disciples were amazed. They were surprised that Jesus could just tell the storm what to do.

**“…and asked, ‘What kind of man is this?**

**Even the winds and the waves obey Him!’”**

How did the disciples feel when the storm came while they were in the boat? (Afraid.)

Should they have been afraid? (No.)

Why not? (Jesus was with them, and they should have known that He could help them.) Should we ever be afraid? (No.)

We should never be afraid because we know that Jesus is with us and can help us. If Jesus could make the storm stop and help His disciples, do you think He can help you with your problems? (Yes.)

Natural disasters are among the most difficult things for us to keep strong faith and belief in our loving God. It is important for you as children to understand that, just as Jesus told his disciples, YOU, too, can trust in his protection and his presence, even in the face of danger and disaster.

Jesus is powerful enough to help us with any problem we face, even storms.

Remember if you have fear, you can do it afraid BUT keep faith and Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to guide you through any storm.

In the name of the Father **(touch your forehead)**,

And of the Son **(touch your chest)**,

And of the Holy Spirit **(touch your left and then right shoulder)**.

Amen! **(give a high five)**

PRAYERS:

Jesus, we praise You for being so powerful that You can even tell the storm to stop, and it listens to You. Help us to have faith and pray to You whenever we need help. Amen.

May God be . .

In my head and in my thinking,

In my eyes and in my seeing,

In my ears and in my listening,

In my mouth and in my speaking,

In my heart and in my understanding,

In my hands and in my serving.

May God be in my practicing,

Because . . . I WANT TO ACT LIKE JESUS!

IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN!

Father’s Day CRAFT: (You can fill with candy, Redeemable chore tickets or anything you choose).

<http://blog.bitsofeverything.com/2011/06/quick-fathers-day-idea.html/2>

**Jesus Calms the Storm**

**35**That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” **36**Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37**A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38**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?”

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

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

**41**They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!