

**January Week 2**  
Backyard  
**Wonderful Workshop**  
January 15<sup>th</sup>

# CRAFT

## *Boat Craft*

**SUPPLIES:** Boat Cut out, popsicle stick, tape, crayons

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the little boats and crayons.**

- *“Wow! What an amazing Bible story! Jesus is so amazing! I have a little boat for us to make today to help us remember our Bible story.*
- *Look, it’s Jesus and the disciples on the boat! Use the crayons to color your boat and the water.”*

⇒ **Help children tape a craft stick to the back of the boat.**

- *“Now we are going to tape this craft stick to the back of your boat so we can pretend it is riding on the waves.*
- *Nice job. These are really cool boats and they can help us remember how amazing Jesus is. Let’s act out the story now!”*

⇒ **Have children hold their boat on a stick and imitate the waves in the story.**

- *“Ok everybody hold up your boat! Today’s true story from the Bible started in a boat at night with Jesus and his friends, the disciples. It was really late at night and Jesus wanted to take a rest.*
- *But suddenly, it started to rain, and then it rained harder and harder! It got really windy, and the waves were getting bigger and bigger. Let’s make the waves. Can you show me how your boat rides UP and DOWN on the waves? WOW!*
- *The boat rocked back and forth which made Jesus’ friends feel afraid. So they woke Jesus up and this is what Jesus did. He held out his arms and said to the big storm, two words. He said “BE. STILL.” Can you say it with me? “BE. STILL.” And the storm stopped! Hold your boat still! The wind and the rain and the waves all stopped. WOW!”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Jesus is so powerful. Only Jesus could stop the storm with just two words. Jesus’ power is amazing!*
- ***Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Demonstration: Storm in a Bottle*

**SUPPLIES:** Storm in a bottle.

**TIP:** When you make the waves in the bottle, hold the bottle on it's side. Gently rock the water from side to side. Do not shake!



### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around the table or around you on the floor.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we heard about a STORM. Today I am going to use my special water bottle to retell our Bible story.”*

⇒ **Hold up the bottle and retell the story.**

- *“Today’s true story from the Bible started in a boat at night with Jesus and his friends, the disciples. It was really late at night and Jesus wanted to take a rest.*
- **(Start to make slow waves.)** *But suddenly, it started to rain, and then it rained harder and harder!*
- **(Make the waves bigger)** *It got really windy, and the waves were getting bigger and bigger. The boat rocked back and forth which made Jesus’ friends feel afraid.*
- *So, they woke Jesus up and this is what Jesus did. He held out his arms and said to the big storm, two words. He said “BE. STILL.” **(Hold the bottle completely still!)** And the storm stopped! Jesus is so amazing!*
- *Should we do it again?*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“The wind and the rain and the waves all stopped. AMAZING. Jesus is so amazing, and He is so powerful He can stop a storm! Only Jesus can do that. He is totally amazing!!*
- **Who is amazing?**
- **Jesus is amazing!”**

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Calm the Storm Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** blue ball pit balls/puff balls, Parachute

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather children around the parachute and have each one pick up a handle to hold on to.**
  - *“We heard an awesome true Bible story today about how Jesus calmed the storm. Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were in a boat on a lake. While they were sailing, a big STORM came! We are going to toss these balls onto the parachute and make a storm ourselves. But listen carefully for the words to make the storm stop. Are you ready?”*
  - *STORM!*
- ⇒ **Toss the balls onto the parachute and encourage children to make huge waves.**
  - *“The storm made it rain and rain and rain. The storm made the wind blow harder and harder and harder. The storm made the waves bigger and bigger and bigger. The disciples were afraid so they asked Jesus for help. And then Jesus said BE STILL!”*
- ⇒ **Hold the parachute completely still.**
  - *“Jesus is so powerful! He made a storm stop just by telling it to stop!”*
  - *Are you ready to do it again. Let’s pick up all the balls!*
- ⇒ **Repeat the activity as children are still interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“WOW! Jesus’s power is amazing!”*
  - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** None needed

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*

⇒ **Use a clever song to help the children remember:**

- Sung to the tune of “If you’re happy and you know it”

*Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)*

*Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)*

*Everyone who heard him, Yes, Everyone who heard him, Yes*

*Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)*

- Repeat with Stomp Stomp and Hooray!

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47*
  - *Super loud*
  - *Super quiet*
  - *Really fast*
  - *Really Slow*
  - *Jumping up and down*
  - *Running in Place*
  - *All the boys*
  - *All the girls*
  - *Kids only*
  - *Teachers only*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

## **JANUARY WEEK 2**

### **SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

#### **READ**

- ⇒ Read from the Bible and the picture book.
  - *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Calms the Storm, p. 334*

#### **REVIEW** *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - Who is amazing?**
  - Jesus is amazing!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47**

#### **CONNECT IT**

- ⇒ “Today, we’ll make a list of things that make us afraid. The storm made the disciples afraid when they were in a boat. When I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you afraid, and I will write it down.
  - *Write each child’s answer on the white board or paper.*

#### **PRAY**

- ⇒ “Thanks for helping me make this list! We can use it when we pray.
  - “Dear God, we believe that Jesus’ power is amazing. Help (say each child’s name) remember to go to Jesus when they are afraid of things like . . . (read the list the children made). We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”