



TUPTON MOORLAND TEAM



Children's Worship



A Getting Ready Prayer

God, as we get ready to be with you,

Open our ears to listen to you

(touch your ears)

Open our minds to help us think about you.

(put your hands on your head)

Open our eyes to see you in the world around us.

(point to your eyes)

Open our hearts to love you more.

(cross your hands over your chest)

And open our hands to help each other.

(open out arms and hands wide)

Amen.

Time to think...

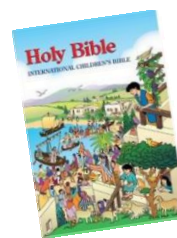
- ✚ Are you afraid of anything?
- ✚ Phobia is the word used to describe an intense fear of a specific object, activity or situation.
- ✚ For example, is anyone in your family afraid of the dark?
- ✚ The fact is, everybody afraid of something.
- ✚ What do you think is the weirdest thing someone can be afraid of?
- ✚ Today's Gospel story describes a time when the disciples were afraid.

Jesus Calms the Storm

Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Mark 4:35-41 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Or read 'Jesus stops the storm' Pg 163 in The Big Bible Storybook.
- ✚ Watch the story on... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>



Talk Together...

- + Imagine yourself as one of the disciples in today's story.
- + The disciples are tired, it's been a long day.
- + They're trying to get their teacher to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - the disciples had seen storms before, some of them were fisherman and knew how to handle a boat in a storm.
- + But this storm was different - this storm was more like a hurricane!
- + The waves were washing over the boat, the boat was filling with water, they thought they were going to really drown!
- + And what is Jesus doing? Sleeping!?
- + How can he sleep at a time like this?!
- + Can you imagine them shaking him awake, saying, "Wake up! We're going to die! Don't you care!"
- + Now put ourselves in Jesus' shoes.
- + Jesus has been healing and preaching all day.
- + He is so tired and needs to rest so desperately that a huge storm doesn't even wake him!
- + Imagine being fast asleep and being woken up by people yelling at you!
- + Imagine how Jesus must have felt when his disciples were freaking out and wanting him to get up and save them!
- + Jesus gets up and says, "Why are you afraid?"
- + Then Jesus performs an amazing miracle.
- + He rebukes the wind and says to the sea to be quiet! And guess what?
- + They immediately listen to Jesus!
- + In today's story, the disciples were very afraid but Jesus took control of the situation and calmed the storm. Imagine how the disciples felt afterwards.
- + Jesus has also promised to help us when we are frightened or afraid.
- + Fear can be a good thing, but we should not let our fears keep us from enjoying the life that Jesus wants us to have.
- + After all, Jesus has promised to be there and help us when we are afraid.

Sing Together... (or listen)

- + Bigger than Big!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spjw6Jh3jHI>

Make Together...

- ✚ Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, toilet roll tubes, paper plate/bowl/cup, tissue paper or whatever you have in the house...
- ✚ Make a boat that floats...



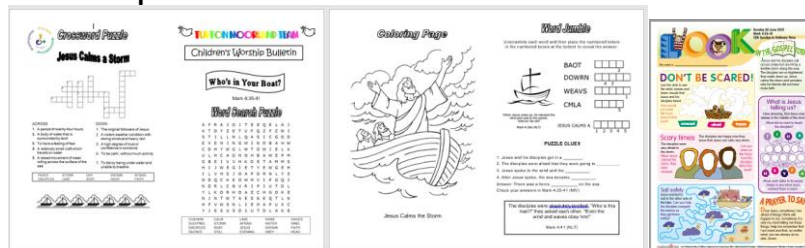
- ✚ Make a storm bottle, with cooking oil, water and blue food colouring. Shake it up then watch it settle...



- ✚ Create a Jesus calms the storm picture...



- ✚ Complete the worship bulletin or look sheet for this week...



- ✚ Make a wind sock...



Build Together...

- ✚ Using Lego or other building blocks - build a boat. You could create a stormy sea for it to go on or you could see if it floats in real water (but get an adults permission first).



Remember together... (memory verse)

"With God, all things are possible."
- Matthew 19:26

Pray Together...

Dear Jesus,
We put our faith and trust in you,
to be with us when we are afraid.
Amen.

Don't forget...

- ✚ Whatever you create share it on our churches FB pages; tag us in so everyone can see. Turton Moorland Team Page @TMOTP (FB)
- ✚ For more activities and links go to our Turton Moorland Team website - Children's Resources - <https://turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk/turton-youth-church/#childrens-resources>

