

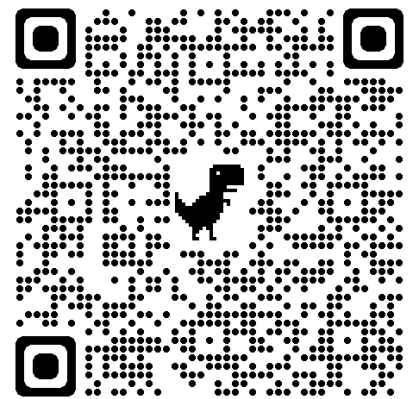


"Walking with the Way Maker: 5-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum" is a series designed for kids' church or Sunday School. We'll delve into Jesus's miracles in the Bible, showing how they demonstrate his divinity and his constant presence in times of difficulty. Through exploring these miracles and the story of Jesus's death and resurrection, we aim to help children recognize Jesus as their personal Savior.

Ultimately, we want them to see Him as the Way Maker guiding them through their life's challenges and fostering a deeper relationship with Him.

Series Memory Verse: John 14:6

Series Big Idea: "Jesus, the Way Maker, loves me and performs miracles to show His power and love."



You are viewing the first week as a free sample lesson; use the link or QR code below to purchase the 5-week curriculum.

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**Jesus answered, "I am the way and
the truth and the life. No one comes to
the Father except through me.**

John 14:6 (NIV)



**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way,
the truth, and the life: no man cometh
unto the Father, but by me.**

John 14:6 (KJV)





Week 1: "The Way Maker Calms the Storm"

Bible Story: Mark 4:35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm

Main Idea: Jesus, the Way Maker, has power over nature and can bring peace in the midst of our storms.

Application: This lesson will help kids understand that no matter what storms they face in life, Jesus is with them, bringing peace and calm. It will encourage them to turn to Jesus in times of trouble, deepening their relationship with Him.

Introduction & Group Game: Puzzle Relay

Supplies: Simple puzzles appropriate to the children in your class.

Welcome Script: "Good morning, boys and girls! It's wonderful to see all of your smiling faces today. Welcome to the start of our new Bible study series called 'Walking with the Way Maker.' Over the next five weeks, we're going on an incredible journey together. We will learn about some amazing miracles performed by our Savior, Jesus. We'll discover how Jesus, the Way Maker, shows His love and power in extraordinary ways. We'll also discover how He can guide us through any challenges we face, just like He guided those in the Bible through theirs.

Sometimes life can feel like a really challenging puzzle, can't it? We might feel confused or lost, not knowing how to assemble the pieces. But guess what? Jesus is always there to help us. He helps us see how our puzzle pieces fit together, even when it seems impossible. To kick off our series, we'll play a game I think you'll enjoy."

Introduction Game: Puzzle Relay

"Let's play a game called Puzzle Relay. I'm going to divide you into two teams. Each team will get a jigsaw puzzle. Your goal is to complete the puzzle as a team as fast as you can. But there's a twist - only one team member can work on the puzzle at a time. Once a team member has placed a puzzle piece, they tag the next person, who then places the next piece. The first team to finish their puzzle wins. Remember, the key to winning this game is working together, just as we need to work with Jesus in our lives.

Leader Script (Once the game is over): "Great job, everyone! Just like we needed to work together to complete the puzzle, we need Jesus to help us solve the puzzles in our lives. And He does! Throughout this series, we're going to see how Jesus helped people in miraculous ways. And remember, the same Jesus who did those miracles is with us today. He loves us, guides us, and helps us, no matter what challenges we face. So, are you ready to start our journey with the Way Maker? Let's dive into our first story!"

Object Lesson: The Storm in a Bottle

Materials needed:

1. A clear plastic container or bottle
2. Water
3. Dish soap
4. Glitter
5. Food coloring (optional)

Teacher Script: "Now that we're all settled, let's dive into our first lesson. But before we do, I have a little experiment to show you. Can anyone tell me what this is?" (Hold up the empty container or bottle)

"That's right, it's a clear container, and right now, it's peaceful and calm, right? But what happens when a storm hits our lives?" (Pour water into the bottle)

"When difficulties come, it feels like our lives are filled with trouble, right? But that's not all, is it?" (Pour dish soap and glitter into the bottle, and food coloring if you wish)

"Problems can get all mixed up and messy, and sometimes, it's hard to see clearly because of all the confusion and fear." (Shake the bottle vigorously)

"Do you see this? This is just like the storms in our lives. It's messy, chaotic, and it's hard to see clearly. But, remember our first story, 'Jesus Calms the Storm'? What did Jesus do in that story?" (Wait for responses)

"That's right! He calmed the storm. He brought peace when there was chaos. Let's see what happens when we stop shaking this bottle and ask Jesus, the Way Maker, to calm our storm." (Stop shaking the bottle and place it on a table)

"Look at that, the water is becoming clear again. The glitter, the 'problems', they are settling down. This is what happens when we ask Jesus to calm our storms. He can bring peace to our lives. Like the water in this bottle, He can make things clear and calm again.

Today's lesson shows us that no matter how wild the storm seems, we can turn to Jesus. He can calm our fears and give us peace. And remember, this doesn't mean our problems disappear, but He helps us through them. He gives us peace in the midst of our storms, and that's a miracle, isn't it?

So as we walk through this week, remember our Storm in a Bottle. Remember that even in the chaos and mess, Jesus, the Way Maker, is there, ready to bring calm and peace. All we need to do is call on Him."

(Pause)

"Now, let's dive deeper into our story today, where we'll see Jesus do this very thing - bring peace to a chaotic storm."

Bible Story:

The Way Maker Calms the Storm

Teacher Script: "Are you ready for an adventure? Today, we will set sail on a boat in the middle of the sea, with waves crashing and the wind howling. Can you imagine it? Can you feel the boat rocking back and forth?" (Mime the motion of a boat rocking)

"Great! We will return to when Jesus and His disciples sailed on a boat. This story is from the book of Mark, chapter 4, verses 35 to 41."

READ: Mark 4:35-36

"So, Jesus and His disciples were on a boat. They had just finished a long day, and Jesus decided to take a nap. Can anyone tell me what they do before they go to sleep?" (Wait for responses)

"That's great. Now, while Jesus was sleeping, something happened. Do you want to guess what happened next?" (Wait for responses)

READ: Mark 4:37

"A great windstorm arose, and waves beat into the boat so much that it was filling up with water. Can you imagine that? Show me with your hands, how would the waves look?" (Let the children imitate waves with their hands)

"Now, let's see how the disciples reacted to this storm."

READ: Mark 4:38

"The disciples were scared. They woke Jesus up and said, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' Let's pause here for a moment. If you were in that boat, how would you feel?" (Allow time for responses)

"Those are all valid feelings. It was a scary situation! But now, let's see what Jesus does."

READ: Mark 4:39

"Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And suddenly, the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Can you say that with me? 'Peace! Be still!'" (Encourage the children to repeat the phrase)

"That's right! Jesus spoke to the storm, and it obeyed Him! Now, let's read what happens next."

READ: Mark 4:40-41

"Jesus asked His disciples why they were so afraid and if they still had no faith. The disciples were amazed and asked each other who this could be: even the wind and the sea obey Him. Now, I have a question for you all. Who can tell me why Jesus was able to calm the storm?" (Wait for responses)

"That's right! Jesus could calm the storm because He is the Son of God. He has power over nature. And He can bring peace in our lives, just like He calmed the storm. Isn't that amazing?"

"Remember, when you face your storms in life, you can call on Jesus, our Way Maker. He has the power to bring peace into our lives. He loves us and is always there for us. And that's our lesson for today. Jesus, the Way Maker, can calm our storms and give us peace. Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus is always with us?"

Memory Verse Activity: Verse Puzzle Relay

Materials needed: Index cards, Markers

Memory Verse: John 14:6

Teacher Script: "Now that we've learned about Jesus calming the storm, let's focus on our memory verse for this series. Our verse is from the book of John, chapter 14, verse 6. I have written each word from our memory verse on separate index cards."

(Distribute the index cards to the children)

"But uh-oh! Our memory verse is all mixed up! I need your help to put it back together. Let's form two lines at the front of the room. I'll give each line a set of cards with the words of our memory verse mixed up. Your job is to work as a team to put the verse in the correct order."

(Let the children arrange the verse. Help them if necessary.)

"Great job, everyone! Now, let's say the verse together."

(Read the verse aloud with the children, pointing to each word as you say it)

"Excellent! Remember, this verse reminds us that Jesus is our Way Maker, He's the way, the truth, and the life. Throughout this week, I want you to remember this verse. Can you do that?" (Wait for responses)

"Wonderful! Let's close in prayer, thanking God for giving us Jesus, the Way Maker, to guide us through life's storms."

Teaching Skit: In The Midst of the Storm

Characters:

- SAM - A young boy who loves sailing
- LUCY - Sam's younger sister who's afraid of storms
- JESUS (a student playing the role)
- DISCIPLES (other students)

(SAM and LUCY are pretending to sail a ship, using chairs as their boat)

SAM: Are you ready, Captain Lucy? We're going on a big sailing adventure!

LUCY: (looking nervous) I'm not so sure, Sam. What if there's a storm?

SAM: Don't worry, Lucy. Remember our Bible story today?

LUCY: (nods) Yeah, about Jesus calming the storm.

SAM: Exactly! Now let's sail!

(They pretend to sail. Suddenly, they shake their chairs to mimic a storm)

LUCY: (looking scared) Sam, it's a storm! What do we do?

SAM: (calmly) Let's call Jesus, just like the disciples did.

(JESUS and the DISCIPLES enter)

SAM: (calling out) Jesus! We need your help!

JESUS: (calmly) Why are you scared? Have you no faith?

LUCY: But, Jesus, the storm is so big!

JESUS: (smiling) Watch this.

(JESUS raises his hands as if calming the storm)

JESUS: Peace! Be still!

(SAM and LUCY stop shaking their chairs. The DISCIPLES look amazed)

SAM: Look, Lucy! Jesus calmed our storm!

LUCY: (smiling) You're right, Sam! He really is the Way Maker.

JESUS: (nods) Remember, I'm always with you, in calm and storm. I love you, and I'll help you through your challenges.

(They all agree and thank JESUS)

SAM: And that's our lesson for today, folks. No matter what storms we face, Jesus, the Way Maker, is with us and can bring peace to our lives.

(End of Skit)

Discussion Questions & Prayer

Leader Script: "Hi, everyone! Wow, you all did an amazing job during today's Bible lesson. I can tell you were really paying attention! Now, let's get into our small groups and talk a little more about what we learned."

Here are some questions to help guide our discussion:

1. Can anyone remember what miracle Jesus performed in the story we read today?
2. Why do you think the disciples were so afraid during the storm? How did Jesus respond to their fear?
3. Jesus calmed the storm when the disciples were scared. Can you remember when you were scared or worried and how you could ask Jesus for help?
4. Our main idea today is that Jesus, the Way Maker, has power over nature and can bring peace in the midst of our storms. What does that mean to you?

Great! Let's take some time to share any prayer requests we might have. Do any of you have something you'd like us to pray for? (Pause for prayer requests)

Let's pray together. 'Dear God, thank you for teaching us today that Jesus is our Way Maker. He calms our storms and brings us peace. Help us to remember to turn to Him when we're scared or worried. Please hear the prayer requests we shared today, and help us throughout this week. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.'"

That concludes our small group time today. Remember, Jesus loves you and is always there to help you in the midst of your storms. See you next time!

Craft Activity:

Jesus Calms the Storm Seascape

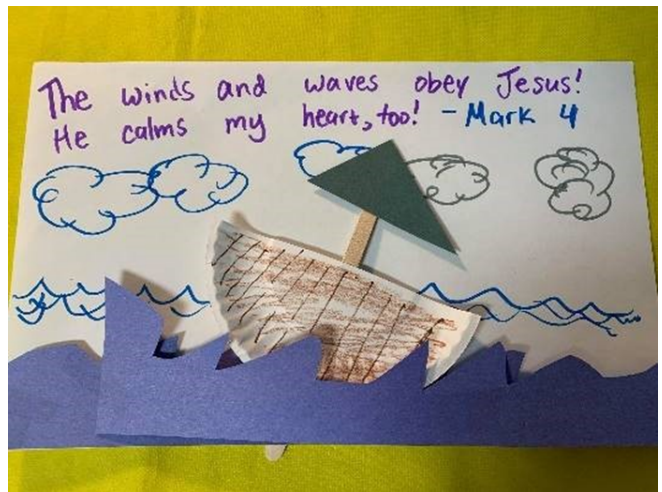
Materials:

- Paper (construction)
- Markers or crayons
- Glue and/or tape
- Popsicle stick(s)
- Scissors
- Small paper plate (optional)



Directions:

1. Decorate a large piece of construction paper with a scene depicting stormy weather.
2. Use construction paper to add "waves" to the storm scene. Leave a loose spot underneath.
3. Create a boat out of paper and/or paper plates and sticks.
4. Attach a stick behind the boat and slide it between and among the waves.
5. Add verses and captions.
6. Watch the boat "bob" along the "water" as you re-tell the story!
7. Add a magnet, string, or pipe cleaner for hanging if desired.



Hint: Watch a video demonstration of this craft on our YouTube channel.

"Craft Ideas: Jesus Calms the Storm" from Ministry-To-Children.com

<https://youtu.be/4H4kjqQc0ec?t=301>

Word Search

Jesus - Storm - Disciples - Boat - Peace

Faith - Calm - Fear - Miracle - Prayer - Trust - Love

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