

His Story, My Story - Session 2

Jesus Calms a Storm (Luke 8:22-25)

Leaders: You need to print the pictures for the sharing exercise.

Group building question

The leader will scatter the pictures on the table or the floor. Say, 'Please take two pictures that describes you. Or pictures which connect with something you are interested in, or like. Go around the group, explaining why you chose those pictures. For example, 'I choose this picture of this scene as there is no one there and I like having time by myself.'

His story

I am going to tell you a story from the Bible. We are actually going to hear this story three times. The first time, I want us to imagine the story. The second time, I want us to remember the story. And the third time, you are going to help me tell the story. Listen carefully because you are going to have to help me retell it, and we'll also talk some more about the story afterwards. This story is told in the Bible in Luke's Gospel, chapter 8.

First time

In Israel there is a huge fresh water lake called the Sea of Galilee. It is 21 km long, and 13 km wide.

One day Jesus and his disciples got into a boat on one side of the lake. Jesus said to them, "Let's go across the lake." He had work to do on the other side. Some of his disciples had been fishermen and they knew the lake well. So they started across.

While they were sailing along, Jesus fell asleep. But then the sun went behind clouds. The sky darkened. And a powerful wind began to blow. The waves heaved. They washed over the sides of the boat. And the boat began to fill with water. Every second the danger got bigger.

The disciples shook Jesus. They yelled, "Wake up Master! Master! We are going to drown here!"

Jesus stood up. He faced the water and the storm. He told the wind and the waves: "Quiet down!"

And they stopped! Just like that. Suddenly everything became calm.

Jesus said to his followers, "What happened to your faith? Why can't you trust me?"

The disciples were in absolute awe. They looked at each other and said: "Who is this man? He gives orders even to the wind and water and they obey him."

Second time

Now here is the second time, with pictures. In Israel there is a huge fresh water lake called the Sea of Galilee. It is 21 km long, and 13 km wide.



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Third time

OK this time you get to tell the story. Let's tell it together as a group.

Discussion

We are going to be answering six questions. I am not the only person who will ask the questions. We will take turns to do that. The rule is that everyone answers in a sentence or two.

- For the first four questions you can't answer the same as someone else!
- If you can think of several possible answers, try and say the thing that you think will be of most benefit to the group.

Here are the questions.

1. What do you like about this story? Why?
2. What questions might someone have about this story?
3. What can we learn about people from the characters in this story? (sometimes I ask, what

choices did the person have? What do we learn about them from the choice they made?)

4. What can we learn about God/Jesus from this story?
5. This week, what do you want to change in your life because of this story? State your answer in the form "This week I want to..."
6. Who else needs to hear this story?

Extra Video helps

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-xtVzzRVcl>

Young children's video. (Also helpful for adults.)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>



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