



KK '16 DQT Devo: Tuesday/Friday

"Jesus Does Care"

Mark 4:35-41



Main Point to Teach: The children will learn that no matter what problem or situation arises Jesus is with us to help always.

Helping Passages: Matt. 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25

Quick Start: Have you ever doubted if God was with you? Maybe it has been a difficult situation at home or school that made you wonder if God is with you. There are sometimes in life where God seems like He is not there or not listening to us. But what do you think the truth is? Has God really left us alone? Listen today as we find that the disciples that followed Jesus everywhere had a time like this as well.

Narrate the story in: Mark 4:35-41. **Read all of Mark 4 for your own benefit.**

(Just a reminder: Teach at the level of the children you are teaching)

Make sure to point out as you tell the story:

- **Story Introduction:** Jesus had spent time teaching the people through illustrations. He had taught them many truths about the kingdom of God. After all of this He had commanded His disciples to get on a boat and cross the Lake of Gennesaret (Sea of Galilee). It was there the disciples would learn one more lesson.
- **Lead role:** Jesus is the main character of this event. Jesus had been teaching the multitudes and now commanded the disciples to go across the Lake of Gennesaret. He went into the boat with them, but quickly found a place to go to sleep. Jesus was able to sleep even through what the disciples would have described as a horrible storm.
- **Supporting Cast:** The disciples. The disciples had obeyed the instructions of Jesus and loaded on a boat to cross the lake. They took care of the navigating while Jesus slept. But an unexpected, but very usual storm began to take place. As the storm picked up their worry grew. The boat began to be swayed harder and harder. Eventually they had all they could handle when the boat began to take water. They thought that their doom was certain.
- **Climax of the Story:** It was at this time in the event that they went to Jesus who was still asleep. They woke Him in great worry and asked for His help. Their question, do you not care? They were convinced that they would not survive. How could Jesus just sleep? This did not even stir Jesus. He simply arose to command the wind and the sea to be still.
- **Conclusion:** Immediately the wind ceased and the sea was calmed. Jesus then asked a tough question to them, why were you afraid? They had forgotten who was in the boat with them. Could they not believe that even asleep Jesus was aware of the situation? They stood in amazement of what had just happened. They had never seen such great occurrence in their lives. They understood just a little bit more that Jesus was more than just a teacher. He cared for them and even the wind and the sea obeyed Him.

Bring It Home: There are many times in life that it seems that Jesus, God, may not care or be paying any attention. It may be you have a problem at home with your parents, maybe somebody is sick in your family, perhaps your trouble is with friends. It may seem that you will indeed not make it through it. But have no

fear because no matter what situation you are in you can be sure Jesus is there with you. You have to trust Him to calm the trouble in your life or to get you through it. How do we know that Jesus cares and is on our side? He proved it when He took care of our greatest problem, sin. **Present plan of salvation (or flipper flapper)**. No matter if it is a difficult situation in life or the problem of sin Jesus cares and is with us to help. Before Jesus went on to heaven after rising from the dead He said "Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20).