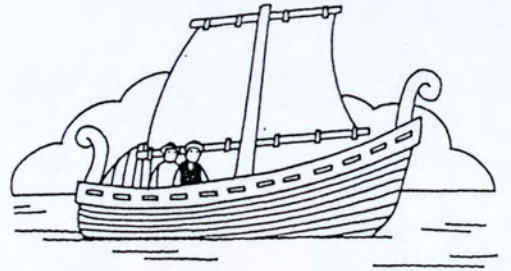


LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 158
Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
 Title: **God Heard My Cry (Peace)**
 Text/Story: **Mark 4:35-41; 5:1-20**
 Main idea: **God has power to bring peace to elements as well as to hearts of men because He has power over all.**
 Key Verse: **John 14:27**

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Brainstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the class into groups and provide each group with a pencil and piece of letter-size paper folded length wise to divide paper into two columns • Have each group brainstorm problems that they see around them at school, in their neighborhoods, in the news, etc. (e.g., violence, loneliness, wars, hunger, etc.); write the list down on the left-hand side of the paper • On the right-hand side of paper, ask groups to list down solutions that people use to try to solve these problems • Discuss how these solutions sometimes fail because they don't get to the root of the problem, which is the need for God and His salvation
	Lesson Mark 4:35-41; 5:1-20 Skits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the class in two and assign one group the story in Mark 4:35-41 and the other Mark 5:1-20 • Each group will read the verses and be ready to present the story to the class as a skit; have each group present its skit to the class • at the end of each skit discuss and emphasize how Jesus made the difference in each situation
	Post-Lesson 1 Letters to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a pencil, writing paper and an envelope • Have the students write down a prayer to God concerning a situation in their lives they need God's peace in; assure students these letters will be confidential and will be sealed up at the end of class • When these letters are complete, have students seal them up in their envelopes; they will take them home and keep them in a safe place • Discuss with the students that if they really offered these letters as a prayer, God will answer; when he does, they should retrieve these letters and thank the Lord for His help
	Post-Lesson 2 Worksheet: Jesus Calms the Storm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute the worksheet "Jesus Calms the Storm" and have each student fill in the blanks • Go over the answers when the class has completed the sheet



God Provides Peace

Read how God calmed the storm for his disciples in Mark 4:35-41. Then fill in the blanks below to complete the story. Use the words in the box at right. Each word can only be used once.

When Jesus and his _____ were in the _____, there arose a great _____.

And Jesus was in the _____ of the ship, _____ on a _____. They awoke him and said, "Master, carest thou not that we _____."

And he arose, and _____ the _____ and said to the sea, "_____, be still." And the wind stopped and there was a great _____.

Jesus said unto them, "Why are ye so _____? How is it that you have no _____?"

fearful

Peace

wind

pillow

disciples

faith

calm

asleep

bottom

storm

ship

rebuked

perish

Real Peace

No Fear

Without peace there is only fear. In Mark 4:40, we read that Jesus asked His disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Even though Jesus was right there with His disciples, they still fretted over the storm! Look up 2 Timothy 1:7, and fill in the words that are missing in the following verse.

"For God hath _____ given us the spirit of _____; but of _____, and of _____, and of a _____ _____."

Why should we live with FEAR (which is **not** of God),
when we can have God's PEACE (which He has **promised** to us)?

God's Peace

We read in John 14:27 that Jesus said, "... my peace I give unto you." To anyone who does not have peace, that may seem impossible and beyond understanding. Yet, it is His promise. Do you believe God means what He says? Look up Philippians 4:7, and fill in the words that are missing from the following verse.

"And the _____ of God, which passeth _____,
shall _____ your _____ and _____ through _____."

After reading through that completed verse, you will realize that we don't **have** to understand all that God does, we just need to trust Him, and we can have His peace. That trust is called faith.

Be Still

How often do you find yourself fretting, as the disciples did, over situations that come your way? Do you turn to Jesus and ask, "Why is this happening to me? Help! Do something. Make it go away!" When these times come, we need to obey the words in Psalm 46:10 which tell us, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Make a list of some of the things that might cause you to fear. Then, check off each one as you give it to God! Remember, "there hath not failed one word of all his good promise" (1 Kings 8:56).

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Definitions

- Still:** Relax, Abate, Cease, Let alone, Let go, At rest, At peace
- Know:** Understand, Recognize, Be aware, Discover
- God:** Almighty, Great Judge, Master of the Universe, King of kings, Divine Creator, Omnipotent, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, The All-knowing, The All-merciful
- Faith:** Trust, Believe, Assurance, Confidence, Security
- Peace:** Calmness, Contentment, Comfort, No fear, Freedom
- Fear:** Dread, Be scared, Terror, Be afraid, Be anxious
- Fret:** Irritated, Agonize, Grumble, Pout, Mope, Complain, Worry

STORMY — PEACE

For each letter in the word STORMY, write a word or phrase about how the devil makes our lives “stormy.” Likewise, give a word or phrase for each letter in the word PEACE which describes the “peace” the Lord gives.

S _____ P _____

T _____ E _____

O _____ A _____

R _____ C _____

M _____ E _____

Y _____

Which do you prefer?