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Theme/Lesson: Miracles/Jesus Calms the Storm

Your objectives in this lesson:

- a.) For the children to recall how Jesus demonstrated his power over nature and calmed the storm.
- b.) vocabulary words: calm and rough

Materials needed: The Bible, Blue or green tissue paper.

Idea: I have the children sit down on the classroom rug and discuss the difference between calm and rough, then I place a strip of 2 inches by 12 inches of tissue paper in front of each child and I say to them, "Please do not touch the tissue paper until I explain what it is for." When I am finished passing out the papers to each child. I explain that we are going to listen to a Bible story about Jesus. The story took place in a boat on the water, and we are going to pretend that the paper is the water around the boat. While I tell the story listen carefully, the water should stay calm and quite (on the rug) until you hear me describe the storm and the water getting rough. At that time you can pick up the paper and shake it as I continue the story, until you here the words of Jesus, "BE STILL." Then quietly put the paper back down on the floor.

After the story I ask the children, "Do you know anyone who can stop the wind and calm the water by saying "BE STILL", like Jesus did? His disciples could hardly believe it. Even the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus.