

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF COMFORT

"EVEN THOUGH I WALK – THROUGH THE VALLEY – I WILL FEAR NO EVIL – YOU ARE WITH ME – YOUR ROD & STAFF – COMFORT ME"
 PRETEND TO WALK HANDS DIP LOW SHAKE HEAD "NO" HUG YOURSELF HOLD A PRETEND STAFF HANDS OVER HEART

STORY: JESUS CALMS THE STORM – MARK 4:35–42

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM MARK 4 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. What was happening on the boat that made the disciples afraid?
2. How did Jesus show His power and bring comfort to His friends in the storm?
3. What do we learn about Jesus when He calms the storm?
4. When you feel scared, what can you remember about Jesus?
5. Can you think of a time when you were afraid? How can you ask Jesus to give you comfort like He gave the disciples?

BIG IDEA: JESUS CALMS OUR FEARS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sea of Galilee is Israel's lowest and largest freshwater lake, fed by the Jordan River and known for its harp-like shape, earning it the Hebrew name "Kinneret". Luke calls it "Gennesaret." The Romans called it Lake Tiberias. It's a crucial source of drinking water for Israel and a vital center for tourism and Christian pilgrimage, famously associated with Jesus walking on water and his Sermon on the Mount.

The lake is also notorious for sudden, violent storms caused by winds funneling over the surrounding mountains, a phenomenon noted in biblical accounts of Jesus calming the storm.

SOMETHING TO NOTE: (Read Colossians 1:15–17 as a family)

Here Paul says that in Christ all things were created. He also writes that Christ is before all things and in him all things hold together. Throughout scripture, we see again and again how Jesus is Lord over all creation. It should be no surprise that the wind and the waves obey Him. Read the following verses as a family to see how God rules over creation.:

Exodus 14:15–22; Joshua 10:12–15; 2 Kings 2:13–15

PRAYER PROMPT:

"Jesus, just like You calmed the storm for Your friends, You can calm the fears in our hearts too. Thank You for being with us and giving us comfort when we are scared. Help us remember that You are stronger than any storm we face. Please give us peace and remind us that we can always trust You. Amen."

PROMISES