



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

<b>LESSON TITLE</b> Life of Jesus – Miracles – Jesus calms the storm	<b>LEARNING STAGE</b> LKS2	<b>WST TEACHER/DATE</b> Mrs Tricia Bastable/Mrs Johanna Jordan/ Mrs Fiona Penny
<b>AIM:</b> To understand that Jesus did Miracles to show what God is like.  <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To explore the miracle of Jesus calming the storm.	<b>MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22)  Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom  <b>Other AOL covered:</b> Ultimate questions	<b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>WST will bring:</b> Jug and wine glasses, food colouring, water Paper plates Boat templates Felt tips (in case needed) Split pins Extra worksheets  <b>School to provide:</b> Felt tips Cushion

### Introduction

Christians believe in God. The Bible (the Holy or special book Christians read) tells us about God and tells us the big story of God's plan for the world. This big story starts with how God made the world. God made everything perfect and beautiful. He also made people and he wanted people to be his friends and to be friends with each other. But then things changed. People didn't want to listen to God and instead wanted to decide things for themselves and it spoiled their friendship with God. This made God very sad, but he had a plan. A plan to restore his friendship with people. He promised to send someone special who would be a leader to the people, who would tell them about God and teach them about forgiveness. Christians believe this special person was Jesus and that Jesus was the Son of God.

Today we will be looking at a story about Jesus from the Bible. Some stories tell us about amazing things Jesus did (miracles), others are about someone Jesus met and how it changed their lives or a story he made up. All these stories help us to understand more about God. So at the end of the story I'll ask you what you think Jesus wants people to understand about God.

Briefly tell the story of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding, using water and food colouring. Explain that this is only a trick but Christians believe Jesus did amazing things which can't be explained. These are called miracles.

### Main content

Using an interactive version, tell the story of Jesus calming the storm.  
Ask the children what surprises them about the story? Do they ever feel scared?

Discuss how Jesus was able to calm the storm. Explain that God made our wonderful world and Jesus used God's power to calm the storm. Discuss whether Jesus can still help people today? Christians believe that Jesus is alive in heaven and when people talk to God and Jesus in heaven he hears them and helps them when they ask him to.

Using a finger, draw/trace a big wavy line across the palm of their hand as they think of something scary.

Make the point that when the disciples were scared they talked to Jesus. Draw a calm wave over their palms to illustrate the calmness we can feel when we share how we are feeling.

### **Activity**

Using templates make a paper plate boat with a moving background showing stormy weather on one side and calm weather on the opposite side.

### **Extension/enrichment activities**

Extra worksheets (spot the difference, maze, word search)

### **Plenary**

Recap that we have learned that Jesus did miracles to show that God can help us when we ask him to.

### **Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions**

Repeat the story using a storybook with pictures to further explore the emotions of the disciples and the miracle Jesus did.

Explore other miracles Jesus did.

### **Class teacher's notes**

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