

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Wow!
Jesus has the power to calm our fears.

BIBLE

Jesus Calms the Storm:
Luke 8:22–25

QUESTIONS

Have kids sit in a circle and use a toy boat to pass around as you ask the following questions. Encourage the kids to have the boat go up and down the waves as they pass the toy boat.

- **Who was on the boat with the disciples?** *Jesus.*
- **What was Jesus doing on the boat?** *Sleeping.*
- **Why were the disciples so afraid?** *There was a big storm.*
- **What did Jesus do when he saw the storm?** *He talked to the storm, and it calmed down.*
- **When we are afraid, who should we talk to?** *Jesus.*

Remember, Jesus loves you! That's why we can pray to him when we are afraid. It makes me wanna say . . . Wow! Jesus has the power to calm our fears.

ACTIVITY

Cut sponges in half. Then reduce the thickness of the sponges by half. Poke a hole through the middle of the sponge with scissors. Then cut triangles out of cardstock (or foam paper), hole punched at the top and bottom. Pass out markers, crayons, or stickers, and have kids decorate their sails. Afterward, help kids stick a straw through their sails then through the hole in the middle of their sponge. (You could also make these using ready-made kits.) Provide a large tub of water where they can test their boats. Make sure everyone takes turns with the water and set out a towel as a parking area where sailboats can rest and dry until pick-up time. Check out [this video](#) for an example.

Who can tell me what today's Bible story was about?

Take your boat home with you to remember **Wow! Jesus has the power to calm our fears.**

MEMORY VERSE: "In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." — 1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

