

# **SAMPLE STORY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

## **JESUS CALMS THE STORM WITH A WORD**

by Sally Michael

(Note: Use flannelgraph figures where appropriate.)

### **HOOK:**

(Show a toy boat. Float it in a pan of water.)

Look at my boat. It is on the water.

What will happen if water gets in my boat? (Pour water in the boat until it sinks.)

Uh oh!

Do you want to hear a story about a real boat with water in it?

### **BOOK:**

This is a story from the Bible.

Everything in the Bible is true and right.

Jesus and His disciples got in a boat.

They were going to the other side of the lake.

But a great big wind came! It was blowing! It was blowing hard!

It made the water jump up! The water was jumping higher and higher!

The water was jumping in the boat!

More water was jumping in the boat! The boat was getting full of water!

The disciples were afraid. They were afraid of the big wind.

They were afraid of all the water in the boat. Maybe the water would cover up the boat!

Where is Jesus?

Jesus is asleep.

Jesus is not afraid.

“Jesus! Wake up! Wake up, Jesus!”

The disciples were afraid.

They said to Jesus, “Don’t you care if the water covers us up?”

Jesus always cares about His people.

Jesus knew just what to do.

Jesus knows everything!

Jesus stood up.

He looked at the wind.

He looked at the water.

Jesus talked to the wind and the water.

“Quiet! Be still.”

The wind stopped.

The water stopped jumping.  
They were quiet. They were still.  
Jesus is strong!  
Jesus can do anything!  
The wind obeys Jesus.  
The water obeys Jesus.  
Jesus is in charge of the wind.  
Jesus is in charge of the water.  
Jesus is in charge of everything.

**LOOK:**

**COLORING BOOK:**

Where is the boat?  
Is there a big wind?  
Is the boat getting water in it?  
Why did the wind and water stop?  
Jesus can do anything!  
Jesus is in charge.  
Is Jesus in charge of you?

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## **JESUS HAS MERCY ON BLIND BARTIMAEUS**

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### **HOOK:**

Can you close your eyes? (Make sure everyone has his eyes closed.)

Can you see the door?

Can you see the window?

Can you see me?

Open your eyes! Now you can see me!

Do you want to hear a story about a man who could not see?

### **BOOK:**

This is a story from the Bible.

Everything in the Bible is true and right.

This is Bartimaeus.

He cannot see.

He cannot work.

But he can hear.

Bartimaeus hears the people coming.

Bartimaeus hears the people talking.

They are talking about Jesus!

Jesus is coming!

Jesus can do anything!

Jesus can make sick people get better.

Will Jesus help Bartimaeus?

Bartimaeus knows Jesus can help him.

“Jesus, be kind to me! Jesus, help me,” called Bartimaeus.

“Be quiet, Bartimaeus,” said the people.

But Bartimaeus was not quiet.

“Jesus, be kind to me. Jesus, help me.”

“Jesus, be kind to me. Jesus, help me.”

Jesus did not tell Bartimaeus to be quiet.

Jesus did not walk by Bartimaeus.

Jesus is kind.

Jesus is loving.

Jesus looked at Bartimaeus.

Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?”

"I want to see," said Bartimaeus.  
Can Jesus fix Bartimaeus' eyes?  
Can Jesus make Bartimaeus see again?  
Nothing is too hard for Jesus.  
Jesus can do anything!

Jesus is happy that Bartimaeus knows Jesus is strong.  
Jesus is kind.  
Jesus is loving.  
Jesus fixed Bartimaeus' eyes.  
Now Bartimaeus can see.  
Bartimaeus knows Jesus is strong.  
Bartimaeus knows Jesus is kind.  
Bartimaeus knows Jesus is loving.  
Bartimaeus will follow Jesus.

**LOOK:**

Are you happy about Bartimaeus?  
Do you know that Jesus is strong?  
Do you know that Jesus is kind?  
Do you want to follow Jesus?

**COLORING BOOK:**

Where is Bartimaeus?  
Where is Jesus?  
What is wrong with Bartimaeus?  
Who can fix Bartimaeus' eyes?  
Jesus is strong.  
Jesus is kind.  
Bartimaeus will follow Jesus.  
He will love Jesus.  
He will obey Jesus.

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### THE DWELLING OF GOD IS WITH MAN. COME, LORD JESUS!

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#### HOOK:

*(Show a picture of a very beautiful place.)*

Does this look like a nice place?

Can you tell me about this place?

Do you think you would like being in this place?

This is a very beautiful place.

It is a very nice place.

But I know about a place that is lots, lots, lots, lots more beautiful than this place.

And it is much, much, much, much nicer than this place.

Let me tell you about this place.

#### BOOK:

No one in this room has ever seen this place.

No one in this room has ever even seen a picture of this place.

But we can read about this place in the Bible.

We know that everything in the Bible is true and right.

God gave the disciple John a dream.

The dream was about heaven, God's home.

John wrote down what he saw in his dream.

And we can read it in the Bible.

John said that he saw a great city.

It was very beautiful.

The city was made from shiny gold. *(Show something shiny or "gold".)*

The walls around the city had shiny jewels in them. *(Show shiny "gems".)*

There was a river in the city.

And the city was very bright.

This is a pretend picture of the city.

But it is not as pretty as the real city.

There are some other good things about the city.

Do you ever cry?

What makes you cry?

Well, there will be no crying in heaven. There will be nothing to make you sad.

There will not be any cuts, or "ouwies" in heaven.

Would you like to live in a place where you will never get hurt?

But there is something even better about heaven.

God lives in heaven!

Heaven is God's home.

There is a great big throne—a big chair for a king—in heaven.  
Who's throne chair do you think it is?  
It is God's throne chair because God is the King of heaven and the King of everything.

There will not be any night in heaven.  
There won't be any sun or any moon.  
But it will always be bright and light in heaven.  
God is so great that God's greatness makes it light in heaven!

Everyone who loves God will live in heaven some day with God.  
We will see the beautiful city.  
We will see the river.  
We will see the shiny jewels.  
But best of all, we will see God!

But the people who do not love God will not live with God in heaven.  
They will not see the beautiful city.  
They will not see the river.  
They will not see the shiny jewels.  
They will not see God.

Would you like to live in heaven with God some day?  
We cannot go there right now.  
We will go there after we die if we love Jesus.

Someday, Jesus will come back and take everyone who loves Him to heaven.  
We will live with Jesus forever in heaven.  
We will see God.  
We will be happy in heaven because seeing God is the most happy thing there is.

Hurry up, Jesus!  
Hurry up, and come back to take us to heaven.

**LOOK/COLORING BOOK:**

This is a pretend picture of heaven.  
You can color it really pretty.  
But not as pretty as heaven.  
Heaven is a very special place.  
Why is heaven so special?  
Will everyone go to heaven?  
Who will go to heaven?  
Do you want to go to heaven?

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## JESUS APPEARS BY THE SEA JESUS GOES TO HEAVEN

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### HOOK:

(*Show the children a fishing pole.*) Who knows what this is?

Did you ever catch a fish?

Did you ever catch a lot of fish?

The Bible tells us a story of a big catch of fish—more than 150 fish!

That's a lot of fish!

Would you like to hear the story?

### BOOK:

Some of the disciples went fishing.

They didn't fish with a fishing pole.

They fished with a big net. (*If you have a net, you might want to show it.*)

The fish would swim into the net and the men would catch the fish.

The disciples threw the net into the water.

Maybe a lot of fish would swim into the net and get caught!

But when they pulled the net up, there were no fish in it!

They threw the net in again—no fish!

They threw the net in again—no fish!

They fished all night, but they didn't catch any fish.

By morning they were very tired from fishing all night.

So they turned the boat around and headed for the land.

When they got close to the beach, they saw a man on the beach.

It was Jesus.

But the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus called out to them, "Do you have any fish?"

"No," they said, "We don't have any fish."

Jesus knew that they didn't have any fish.

Jesus knew that they had fished all night.

Jesus knows everything.

Jesus told the disciples to throw their nets on this side of the boat (*indicate the right side*) and they would catch some fish.

How could Jesus know that?

Jesus knows everything.

The disciples threw in the net.

When the disciples tried to pull up their net, they couldn't.

The net was too heavy!  
It was full of fish!  
How did those fish get in the net?  
Jesus made them swim into the net.  
Jesus is in charge of everything—even fish.

When Peter saw all the fish in the net, he knew that the man was Jesus.  
Who would know where the fish were?  
Who could make the fish swim into the net?  
Only Jesus!  
Jesus knows everything.  
Jesus can do anything.  
Jesus is greater than anyone.  
Jesus is God.

So Peter jumped out of the boat and swam to Jesus.  
He was so happy to see Jesus.  
Then Jesus gave the disciples breakfast.

The disciples did not need to ask Jesus, “Who are you?”  
They knew the man was Jesus.  
Only Jesus would know right where to throw the net.  
Only Jesus could make the fish swim into the net.  
Jesus is God.

After the disciples and others saw Jesus, Jesus prayed for the disciples.  
Then Jesus went up into heaven.

**LOOK:**

Did Jesus say, “Maybe if you throw the net over the side, you might catch some fish?”  
No! Jesus told the disciples, “You WILL find fish.”  
How could Jesus be so sure?  
How did Jesus know that there would be fish there?  
Jesus knows everything. He is God.  
Jesus can make fish swim into the net. He can do anything.  
Jesus is God.  
Do you think that Jesus knows everything?  
What kinds of things does Jesus know?  
What does Jesus know about you?  
Would you like to pray and thank Jesus for being so great?

**COLORING BOOK:**

Who is this man on the beach?  
How do you know that it is Jesus?  
What did Jesus know?  
What did Jesus do?  
Why can Jesus do that?

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## JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE, FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND

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### HOOK:

Uh oh! I have some snacks—but I don't have enough snacks. (*Show a plate with a few small crackers or cereal bits on it.*)

I don't have enough for everyone—I don't have one for list the names of the children.

This is a problem.

Would you like to hear a story about some people who had the same problem as I have?

### BOOK:

This is a story from the Bible.

Everything in the Bible is true and right.

Jesus and His disciples told many people about God. And many sick people were made better. They went to many towns. And walked very far. They were very tired.

There were so many people who wanted to talk to them. And there were many sick people who wanted to be made better.

Jesus and the disciples did not even have time to eat because so many people were coming to them.

Jesus knew that the disciples were very tired.

So Jesus said, "Come with me. We will go to a quiet place and rest."

So they got in a boat to go to a quiet place.

But many people ran to the quiet place because they wanted to see Jesus and the disciples.

When Jesus and the disciples got to the quiet place, it was not a quiet place any more!

It was full of people!

Did Jesus tell them to go away?

Did he say, "We're tired. Leave us alone. Get out of here and let us sleep"?

No. Jesus felt sad because they did not know what to do. They did not know what to think.

They did not know very much about God. They did not love God.

Jesus is good and He loves people. And He wants them to know about God.

He wants them to love God.

So Jesus started to talk to the people about God.

It was late and the people were very far away from the town.

The people were hungry. But there was no food in this faraway place.

So the disciples told Jesus to send the people away.

"Tell the people to go away. Tell them to go the town and buy food to eat," they said.

But the disciples were not in charge. Jesus is in charge.

And Jesus told the disciples to give them food to eat.

The disciples said, "It would cost too much money to buy food for all these people!"

The disciples were worried. The disciples were afraid.

The disciples had a problem.  
But it was not a problem for Jesus.  
Nothing is a problem for Jesus.

Jesus told the disciples to check how much food there was.  
They told Jesus that there was a little bread and a little fish.  
Let's count how many loaves of bread there were. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
Five loaves of bread and two fish.  
Is that very much food to feed all those people?  
No! It is not enough.  
It is like my snack. There are too many people and not enough food.

But that is not a problem for Jesus!  
Nothing is a problem for Jesus.  
Jesus can do anything!

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and Jesus prayed to God.  
Jesus said, "Thank you God for this bread and fish."  
Jesus knew that every good thing comes from God.  
Jesus was not worried. Jesus was not afraid.

Jesus broke the bread and the fish. (*You may want to demonstrate this.*)  
He gave some bread and fish to all the disciples.  
"Now you break your bread and your fish and feed all the people."

Would there be enough bread and fish?  
Can Jesus feed all the people?  
Can Jesus make more bread and fish?  
Jesus can do anything. Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

The disciples gave food to this person, and this person, and this person.  
And there was still more food.  
They gave food to this person, and this person, and this person.  
And there was still more food.  
They gave food to this person, and this person, and this person.  
And there was still more food!  
They did not run out of food.

Everyone had food to eat.  
Did they just get a little piece of bread and wish they had more to eat?  
No. They had more than enough to eat. They ate until they were full.  
There was even bread and fish left after everyone was full.

The disciples picked up the extra bread and fish.  
They put the extra bread and fish in baskets.  
Look how many baskets they filled.  
Let's count them. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.  
Twelve baskets of food left!

Did Jesus give them just enough food to eat?  
No. Jesus gave them more than enough food to eat!  
Jesus showed the people that He can do anything.  
Jesus showed the people that He can give them more than what they need.  
Jesus can feed them when their stomachs are hungry.  
Jesus can fix their hearts when they are sad.  
Jesus can forgive them when they are bad.  
Jesus knows all about them and Jesus knows what they need.  
Jesus can give all the people more than what they need.

The people were hungry. They needed food to eat.  
But Jesus knew that they needed more than food for their stomachs.  
They needed to know God.  
They needed to love God.  
Jesus gave them food for their stomachs.  
And Jesus told them about God.  
Knowing God is better than having food.

### **LOOK:**

Jesus knows what we need too.  
Jesus can give us more than what we need.  
Jesus doesn't give just enough. Jesus gives more than enough.  
Nothing is too hard for Jesus.  
And Jesus is full of love for people.  
Are you sad about anything?  
Are you worried about anything?  
Are you scared about anything?  
Is this a problem for you?  
Is this a problem for Jesus?  
Jesus can give you more than what you need.

### **COLORING BOOK:**

Look at the bread and fish in these baskets.  
It is extra bread and fish.  
It is bread and fish that the people could not eat because they were full.  
How many loaves of bread did the disciples have in the beginning?  
How many fish did the disciples have in the beginning?  
Could they feed the people with five loaves and two fish?  
Could Jesus feed the people?  
Jesus fed more than 5,000 people—and there was still more bread and fish!  
Could you do that?  
Could your dad do that?  
Only Jesus can do that.  
Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

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