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NWMC Conference Kids

Faith

Introduction

Please read through the introduction with your child together. Feel free to discuss.

Today, we are going to be talking about having Faith over Fear. Do you know what it means to be to have faith? Faith means that we have complete confidence or trust in something even though we do not see it. Have you ever been outside during a storm? Was that scary? What happens when it storms? Is it loud? Is it windy? Now, imagine being on a boat while it is storming and there is nothing to shelter you from the wind and the rain. Is this a scary thought? Have no fear! Let's listen and read a story about how Jesus is always there for us even when we are afraid.

Story: Mark 4:35-41

Please read the story out loud to your child or have them read it to you. Then, use the example questions to discuss what you learn from the story.

Jesus Calms the Storm

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." **36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

41 They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Discussion/ Questions:

What happened while Jesus was sleeping?

What did Jesus do when he woke up?

Why do you think the disciples were afraid?

Who helped them?

Are there moments in your life where you feel like God is sleeping when you need him the most?

How would the disciples have responded if they walked by faith and not fear?

Wrap Up:

In this story we learned about how Jesus’ disciples were on a boat with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. After a very long day of preaching Jesus decides to lay down and rest. During this time a storm appears, but Jesus stays asleep. His disciples are scared and cry out for him. We learn that Jesus responds with “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Jesus is disappointed in them for letting fear get in the way of their faith in Him. This teaches us that even in the scariest moments in our life we must always have faith in the Lord.

Prayer:

Please take this time to pray with your child. There is an example prayer below.

Father God, help us to remember that even when we are fearful we can always have faith in your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen us so that we may walk by faith and not by sight. God, please help us to know that it is ok to have fear so long as it is followed by faith in our Lord. In your powerful name we pray, Amen.