

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: MARK 4:35–41

WONDER TRUTH:

JESUS HAS POWER OVER CREATION

Countdown Clock

**5 minute countdown clock with music to let kids know it's large group time

Leader Introduction

Hello friends, my name is _____, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on Serve the City days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.

Declaration Video

Worship

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and What do I see? God's Big Story , Waiting for Me!

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Mark in the Bible. Mark is in the New Testament, in the first four books of the New Testament called the Gospels.

God's Big Story

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Jesus and His followers who were on a boat. His followers are the disciples. Encourage the kids to say, "disciples." Let's find out from the Bible what happened.

Spread a parachute (or blanket or bedsheet) out on the ground. Invite kids to sit around the parachute with you and put a toy boat on it. Give the kids blue streamers they will use to represent the wind in today's story.

Let the kids practice waving their streamers around slowly and quickly. Then have them put the streamers down in front of them until it's time in the story.

Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were in a boat in the middle of a big lake. Jesus was teaching people all day, and He was tired, so He laid down in the boat and went to sleep.

Can you all pretend to go to sleep? *Pause to allow the kids to respond.*

Gently move the parachute or bedsheet to make the boat move.

While He was sleeping, a big storm came. The wind picked up. Pick up your streamers and pretend that it's just a little windy. ***Demonstrate***

The disciples were afraid of the storm. They woke up Jesus.

Jesus got up and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" (Mark 4:39).

The storm and the waves stopped, and everything became calm! ***Encourage the kids to lay down their streamers and freeze. Stop moving the parachute.***

The disciples learned even the wind and waves obey Jesus! The storm stopped when Jesus told it to stop.

Jesus is more powerful than the storm! Jesus has power over everything—the weather, storm, and all of creation.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Jesus Calms the Storm](#) God's Big Story!

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is **JESUS HAS POWER OVER CREATION**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

All through the Bible, we see God's power over creation! He speaks, and the universe is created! He parts the Red Sea and causes bread to rain on His people. So when Jesus calmed the storm, He showed great power that only belongs to God. Jesus showed that He is more than just a man—He is God!

WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

- **HOW GREAT**—Put one arm straight up for each word.
- **GOD IS!**—Point up.
- **WE'LL NEVER**—Cross arms back and forth in front of you.
- **COMPLETELY**—Bring both arms down from above you, to your sides.
- **UNDERSTAND** —Point to your head with both hands.
- **HIM.**—Point up.
- **JOB 36:26a**—Hold your hands together in front of you, palms open, as if opening a book.

PRAYER JOURNAL:

Leave these questions for Small Group Leaders to do in Prayer Journals:

- What are some things you know about God? (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: God is powerful; God created everything; God can do anything; God loves us.)
- What are some things that you don't understand about God?