

# Jesus Calms the Storm Craft

Paper plate boat on a calm sea · Mark 4:35–41 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

## What it looks like finished



**Easy and medium**

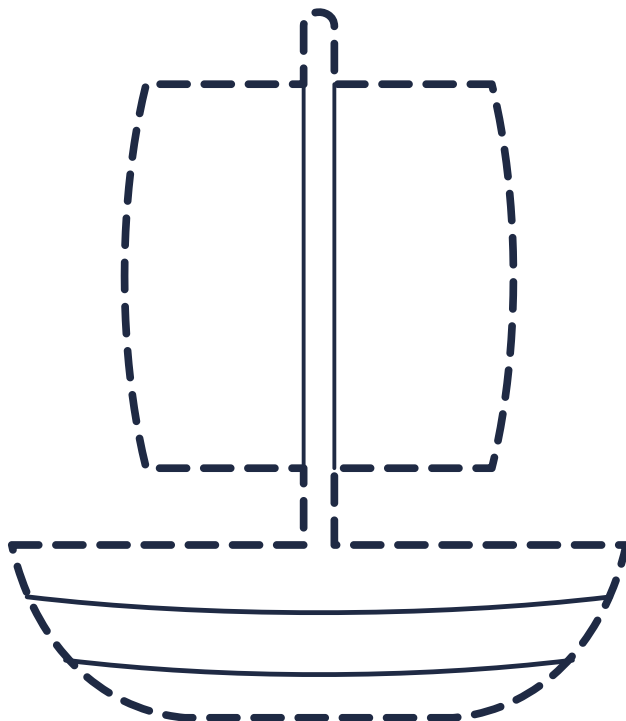


**Harder**

Both are a paper plate with an evening sky, a blue sea and a boat floating on calm waves after Jesus said, "Peace, be still." For the harder level, kids add the two little ships and the light blue front waves from page 3.

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✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Boat with its sail · waves. Color the boat brown, the sail yellow and the waves dark blue.

**"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.  
And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."**

**Mark 4:39 (KJV)**

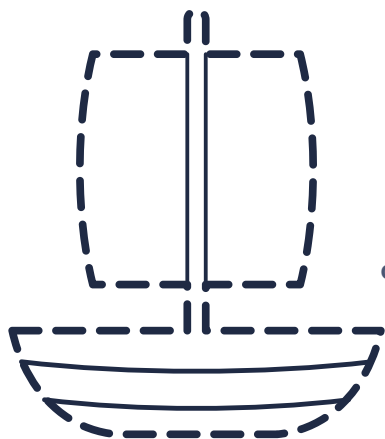
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**Little ships and front waves (harder level)**

"There were also with him other little ships" (Mark 4:36).

Color the boats brown, the sails yellow and the front waves light blue.



Two little ships: glue one  
on each side of the big boat,  
a little higher up.



Front waves: glue along the bottom of the plate, over the dark blue waves.



## For the teacher

**See it finished:** a photo of the finished craft is at [vbshq.com/crafts/calming-the-storm-craft](http://vbshq.com/crafts/calming-the-storm-craft)

**Time:** 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

**You need:** 1 paper plate per child, page 2 printed once per child, crayons or markers (orange, yellow, blue, dark blue and brown), scissors, glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a light blue crayon.

**Before class:** for preschoolers, cut out the boats, waves and verse strips ahead of time.

## Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's boat, waves and verse strip. Kids color the sky orange and yellow and the sea blue on the plate, color the boat and waves, and glue the boat on, then the waves over the bottom of the boat. Glue the verse strip on the back for them and read it together.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color the sky and sea, color and cut out the boat and waves, glue them on and glue the verse strip on the back. This is the first craft in the photos.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** color the plate and the page 2 pieces like the medium level, and also color and cut out the two little ships and the front waves on page 3. Glue one little ship on each side of the middle of the plate, a little higher up, so they look farther away. Glue the big boat in the middle and the dark blue waves over the bottom of it. Then glue the light blue front waves along the bottom of the plate so they overlap the bottom of the dark blue waves. Glue the verse strip on the back and say Mark 4:39 from memory.

## Steps (medium level)

1. **Sky and sea:** on the bottom side of the plate, color the top half orange and yellow for the evening sky (Mark 4:35) and the bottom half blue for the sea.
2. **Color:** on the template, color the boat brown and the sail yellow. Color the waves dark blue.
3. **Cut:** cut out the boat, the waves and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Boat:** glue the boat in the middle of the plate so the bottom of the boat sits on the blue sea.
5. **Waves:** glue the waves across the lower part of the plate so they cover the bottom half of the boat. Now the boat floats on a calm sea.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.

## Questions to ask while kids work

- Jesus said, "Let us pass over unto the other side," and they set out in the evening (Mark 4:35). Who was in the boat with the disciples?
- A great storm came, and the waves beat into the boat (Mark 4:37). Jesus was asleep on a pillow in the back of the boat (Mark 4:38). What did the disciples do?
- Jesus said, "Peace, be still," and there was a great calm (Mark 4:39). Your waves are calm waves. What can you say to Jesus when you feel afraid?
- Harder level: Mark says other little ships were with them (Mark 4:36). The wind and the sea obey Jesus (Mark 4:41). Who else saw Jesus calm the sea?

## Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** arose = got up, rebuked = told it to stop, ceased = stopped, a great calm = everything became very quiet and still.
- **No people on the boat:** the craft shows the calm sea right after Jesus spoke. Talk about who was inside the boat while kids color.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Gluing the waves:** put glue only on the back of the waves, not on the plate, so the boat underneath doesn't slide.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Jesus Calms the Storm Sunday school lesson and word search at [vbshq.com/bible-stories/calming-the-storm](http://vbshq.com/bible-stories/calming-the-storm).