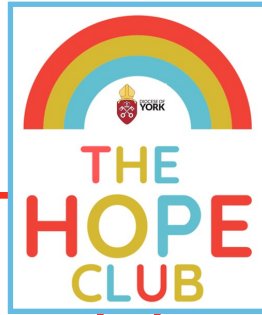


Hope in the Powerful Peace Bringer



STORY

Jesus calms the storm

Mark 4:35-41

That evening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the east side of the Sea of Galilee". So they left the crowd, and started across the lake in a boat. Some other boats followed along, and Jesus settled down to sleep in the back of the boat.

Suddenly a storm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink. Even though some of the disciples were fishermen, the storm was so fierce that they were afraid. Jesus was still asleep, but the disciples woke him asking "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

Jesus got up and commanded the wind and the waves to be quiet. Immediately the wind stopped, and the waves became calm.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?" Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Animated video of the story by Saddleback Kids
<https://youtu.be/uYLHqdSO9OY>

READY STEADY

Wave your arms about like you are waves in a big storm. When someone says stop, slowly make your moves smaller and gentler until you are completely still.

DO

Make a boat from a kitchen sponge

<https://www.thecrafttrain.com/sponge-boat-craft-for-kids/>

Make a picture with a moving boat so that you can retell the story

Make an origami boat or dove

Write a list of words that mean peace

Make a Scene! Create a snapshot of the moment just before Jesus calms the storm

PLAY

Put jar lids, shallow cups or a paper boat in a large bowl of water. Make a storm with your hands and see how quickly you can sink them

Play 'stormy seas'. When someone says 'go', everyone has to run around and wave their arms being stormy seas. When they say 'stop' everyone must stand still like a statue.

WONDER TOGETHER

About how you would have felt if you had been in the boat with Jesus. what the world would be like if there was peace everywhere?

PRAY

Jesus' power brought peace to the sea. That power is still at work today. Gently ripple some water in a bowl with your hand. Ask God to bring peace in situations you know about nearby and far away. As the water settles, know that he has heard your prayer.