

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 15	Jesus Does Wonderful Things
Lesson 2	Jesus Calms the Storm

AIMS

1. Children will learn that because Jesus is God, He can performed miracles; even the weather obeys Him.
2. They will learn the difference between miracles and magic.
3. Only God can work true miracles.

STEP 1

Show the children a simple magic trick. Ask them if they think this is a miracle. Explain that magic is a trick that fools the audience. A miracle is not a trick nor does it fool anyone; it can only be done by God. A magic trick is done to entertain or to receive a reward. A miracle is done to help someone, to show God's love and to prove that Jesus is God.

Recap the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 from the last lesson with the children, and stress how this miracle shows us that Jesus is God. Jesus worked many miracles, and we will learn about another one today.

STEP 2

1. Read the special paragraph in the children's pack with the children.
2. Then read with the children the story of the calming of the storm from the children's pack.

STEP 3

Have the children imagine that they are disciples on the boat with Jesus. Ask them:

1. Would they have been scared in the storm?
2. Would they have been wet and cold?
3. Would they be surprised that Jesus was asleep during the storm?
4. Would they have asked Jesus to help them?
5. How would they have felt when the storm stropped immediately Jesus ordered it to stop?
6. What would they have thought?
7. Would they have realised that Jesus was the Son of God?

STEP 4

Explain that the calming of the storm was not done by the power of man. No man can control the weather, not even the weather man on television! But Jesus is not only a man, He is also God, so He is able to make the storm obey Him. He did this to save the Apostles, to calm their fear, to show His love for them, to show that He is God and to strengthen their faith.

STEP 5

Ask the children to name some of the similarities between the miracle of the multiplication of the

loaves and fish and the calming of the storm. Try to elicit the following sorts of answers:

1. Man alone could not do these works; only God has such power.
2. These miracles strengthened the faith of the people and revealed that Jesus is the Son of God.
3. Both the miracles helped people.
4. Both miracles show God's love for man and His concern for man's well being.

REINFORCE

Complete the "filling-in" exercise in the children's pack.

Have the children learn Catechism question 33 in their packs.

CONCLUDE

End the class with a prayer, thanking Jesus for His miracles.

Sing with the children, "Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!" *Adoramus hymnal*, #516.

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will study Jesus' miracle of healing.