



Jesus is in the boat

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Mark 4:35–39



Topic

Jesus is with me



Takeaway

Even when there is a storm, Jesus is with me



3 minutes



Object: a large blue cloth and a small toy or paper boat



Preparation: 5 min



sitting in a circle



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Jesus is with me”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

½ min

Opening

Everyone holds the edge of the blue cloth. This is the lake. The boat lies in the middle. At first the lake is very calm – the cloth stays still.

1 min

Story

In the evening Jesus and his friends got into a boat. Jesus was tired and fell asleep at the back of the boat. Then a strong wind came. The waves got high (everyone shakes the cloth), and water came into the boat. His friends were very frightened and woke Jesus up: “Help us!” Jesus stood up and said to the wind and the waves: “Be still!” And straight away everything was completely calm (the cloth goes still).

1 min

Thought

Jesus was in the boat the whole time. He was there when it was calm, and he was there in the storm. Jesus is always with you too – when you are happy and when you are afraid. Everyone says together: “Jesus is with me!”

½ min

Question for all

When are you sometimes afraid?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear Jesus, thank you that you are always with me – even when I am afraid. Amen.



For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.
- Say the prayer line by line and let the children repeat it.



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