

JESUS IS LORD OVER NATURE

Instructions: Follow along with the teacher and fill in the blanks when necessary.

Fear

Have Faith

<p>Matthew 14:30 "But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was _____; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!'"</p>	<p>Matthew 14:31 "And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of faith, why did you _____?'"</p>
<p>Mark 4:38 "But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are _____?'"</p>	<p>Mark 4:40 "But He said to them, 'Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have _____ faith?'"</p>

In both Bible stories, what threats did the disciples see?

Matthew 14:24 "the boat was t_____ by waves."

What danger did Peter see?

Matthew 14:30 "the wind was b_____."

Although the disciples feared and saw danger, Jesus encouraged them to have faith. He wanted them to see and believe in Jesus' great power instead of seeing the dangerous end to the situation.



FINDING OUR FAITH

1. **How do you define faith?** Write down your response without referring to the Bible or discussing it with your classmates.



2. Read Hebrews 11:1. **How is faith defined in this passage?**

3. Read Hebrews 11:6. **Why is it so important to have faith?**

Let's consider how faith is developed.

A. Let's read Mark 9:14-29.

a. Why did the father ask the Lord Jesus for help?

b. What did he say to the Lord Jesus in verse 24, and what does this verse teach us about faith?

B. Let's read Hebrews 12:1.

C. What effects did the two events in which the Lord Jesus walked on water and calmed the raging storm have on His disciples?

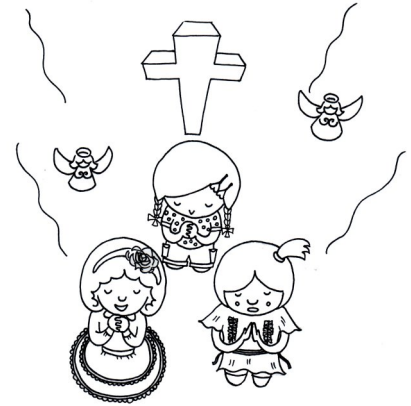
D. Let us read this short testimony.

Sis. Susan had gotten into a conflict with a brother in church. She thought the matter had blown over when she approached the brother and said she hoped that the misunderstanding would clear up and that they were still friends. Unfortunately, the situation worsened because the brother did not think it was a small matter, and he even said unkind words to her.

Susan was very troubled at heart. She went through quite a bit of an emotional roller coaster. She was full of anger against that brother. She prayed, but her anger could not be abated, so her mood was affected. She also felt wronged, and even grew hateful in her heart. Nevertheless, she knew that she had to remember God's words, and not sin against God in her anger (e.g., Eph 4:26a "Be angry, and do not sin.") She knew that she must not grieve the Holy Spirit by sinning, either with her speech or her actions. That was the least she could do to let the Holy Spirit guide her as she waited for God to help her through her emotions. She knew that prayers should not be all about what one feels or has complaints about. Rather, deep prayers should be done with meditation on the words of God.

To help herself, she asked for two good spiritual friends to pray with her. One day, after praying, one of the sisters who had been praying with her shared with her some encouragement about the need to forgive and let things go. After the long sharing, Susan had a long prayer by herself, thinking through her possible weaknesses that prevented her from letting the matter go. She realized that it was her pride that caused her to feel that the brother should be the first to apologize. She realized that her own ideas should be secondary to the importance of having peace between brothers and sisters. Such realizations were the work of the Holy Spirit, for Susan herself could not have thought in this direction.

In her prayers, she repented before God. She understood that her own ego must go. Her own ideas must go. Only God's glory should prevail. And, to bring glory to God's name, she must humble herself and take the initiative to make peace, never mind what the other party thought or felt. Right after making such a decision and promise to God in her prayers, Susan felt completely at peace.



Discussion Questions

1. What are your prayers about? Do you have a list of requests for God to fulfill, or do you think about (meditate upon) God's words in relation to things in your life?
2. Have you ever experienced how praying actually gives you peace or changes your ideas about certain things so that you know you are in tune with God's will?
3. What are the characteristics of a good prayer that is acceptable and pleasing to God?

A TESTIMONY OF FAITH

Wonderful Grace

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One day during the year when my son was in second grade, he came home from school complaining that his leg hurt him very badly. I discovered that his tonsils were also swollen. Three months later he complained of pain in the right of his abdomen. I took him to see a doctor. The diagnosis was that he had leukemia (blood cancer). Some days were good for him; some bad. This unstable state was so uncontrollable that the doctor said there was no surety that he would live another day. So, we were living from day to day. I, being a faithful Buddhist, was heartbroken. I had never been a terribly bad person so I could not figure out why this tragedy had happened to my only beloved son.

Then I remembered the wife of my colleague who was a very religious Christian in the True Jesus Church. I called her, and explained the situation to her in the hope that she could offer some help through prayers. She immediately came to the hospital the next day to pray for my son. She had also come with many members of the True Jesus Church. During the next few months, they came often to pray for my son.

After about four months, there was still no improvement in my son's condition and the doctor kept increasing the amount of drugs for him, finally reaching what was 54 times the original dose, from 25cc to 1350cc. I was very shocked, but that doctor said that was his only hope for survival and if he did not respond he would die anyway.

My son bled continuously, and every couple of minutes, a nurse had to wipe the blood off his mouth. One day when I was carrying him to the washroom, his body just went totally out of control, and his eyes turned up so that only the whites showed. After we prayed for a while, he became calm but seemed so weak that I thought death was near. Three days later, early in the morning, I was praying in his hospital room when I saw a ray of light beaming upon my head. After my prayer, I was wiping some blood from my son's mouth when all of a sudden, my son sat up and, in a loud voice, said that he felt much better and wanted to be baptized. At that moment, the wife of my colleague came in and coincidentally announced that the pastor felt that my son should be baptized.

After he was carried into the water and baptized, my son walked to the car by himself and started playing with the steering wheel. Later that night, he wanted to eat cake and drink milk. He had not been able to eat for four days already. His temperature was back to normal again. Since then, his visits to the hospital were only for checking up on his progress. He later returned to school and was an energetic child.

Praise the Lord! Jesus is the Almighty God; He is merciful and powerful and will listen to our prayers. Blessed are those who love Him and believe in Him. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Life Application Questions

1. What did the boy's parent do when he was heartbroken?

2. Why was he facing an impossible situation?

3. How did God comfort the parent?

4. What are some things that the parent learned?

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

Short Answer

1. How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus walking on the water and why?
2. Peter started walking on water but then became afraid. Why?
3. Why did the disciples worship Jesus after they first witnessed Him walking on water and stopping the storm?
4. How did Jesus calm the storm?
5. What can we learn from the answer above?
6. Did you have any difficulties this week? How did you trust in God to help you overcome them?