

WEBS Home Church - Storms

Welcome

Good morning, I wonder how you've got on making up actions to the song we started to learn last week 'Carry the Light'? If you're brave enough, including any adults, make up some actions, record it and post!

Worship

Let's pray:

- Father as we come to the end of our first week when school has been closed and the nation is in 'lock down', help us to face this 'storm' knowing that you are still God, you are faithful, all powerful, the way maker, the promise keeper, that you are still Lord. Amen.
- Follow the youtube links for the worship songs ('Cornerstone', 'Way maker' and 'Carry the Light' by New Wine kids). Cornerstone & Way Maker are longer versions for those who would appreciate it but be free not to use all of it! And feel free to dip into the songs rather than use all three too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTxafiWXZOw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOE4bMaM2AU>

The next link shows you some actions to 'Carry the Light' but it doesn't have the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QySgaCOIHRc>

Prayers

Use the hand prayer system below to pray together.



Say together at the end:

Thank you Father that you listen to us, because of Jesus. Amen

Reading

Mark 4:35-41 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” **36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

41 They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Video story

Follow the youtube link to the video based on the Bible reading:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY&app=desktop>

Activity for under 5's (If helpful)

Get a box for a boat, a fan for the wind, some spray bottles of water for the rain and waves. You can help your preschooler decorate his or her box boat with as much detail as time allows. Add a sheet for a sail and a spatula for a paddle. Tell the story repeatedly, but this time using the wind and waves to experience the storm.

Experiment (to try if you have the stuff in your cupboards)

You will need: Clear plastic cup and two small paper or foam cups. Put 2 inches of white vinegar in clear cup, 1 tablespoon of baking soda in one of the small cups, and 1 tablespoon of cooking oil in the other small cup.

In this activity you will be mixing materials to create a harmless chemical reaction. This activity can be messy, so be prepared with towels!

Let's try this experiment to see what happens when we let Jesus take care of our fears. Let's pretend that the clear cup represents you. The white powder represents the things that scare us. The oil in the other cup represents Jesus.

Sprinkle some of the white powder into the clear cup. While you watch what happens, think about how you feel when you're scared. Then pour some oil into the clear cup. What happened?

The baking soda and vinegar together would have fizzed quite a lot representing our anxiety but did you notice the calming effect of the oil that represented Jesus?

Questions to think about together

The sea of Galilee is the world's lowest freshwater lake. Cold winds regularly blow from the Mediterranean through the mountains whipping up huge storms on the lake. This isn't news to Jesus's friends, they know how rough the lake can be. But whatever storms they've been through before, this one is the worse. The situation is completely out of control - sound a little familiar to the times we're living in?

Jesus sleeps in the middle of it and His friends shout 'don't you care?' Maybe some of us are wondering, does God care about what is happening to us right now? But Jesus gets up, calms everything down and reminds them that He is all powerful so much so that 'even the wind and waves obey him'. Jesus isn't showing off, He's just reminding them of what belonging to God's kingdom is about.

Jesus's message is clear - we may be facing a very big storm right now but chaos and fear have no place in His kingdom.

i) Are you afraid right now?

ii) What is Jesus saying to you about that through the bible reading?

Ending Prayer

-Perhaps spend a minute or two in silence, ask the Lord what He is saying to us as a church community right now.....

-Father,

This feels like a great big storm right now for the world, our country and for our own household. No matter how bad the situation, help us, like the first followers, to turn to you and your unlimited power. We ask for your peace right now because we know that one day you will deal with all chaos and fear forever. Help me to trust that you are control and that you love me. Amen.

During the week.....

Keep practicing the worship song 'Carry the Light', how about making up some actions to it, video it using your parents phone (with permission) and ask them to post it to the St Mary's Facebook page! When we're all back at school and church we'll use the actions!

Positive stories:

Please follow the link to stories from China following the coronavirus outbreak:

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/virus-outbreak-sees-christians-in-china-depending-increasingly-on-gods-word/?source_code=92708_t1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-02-28%20%20Newsletter%20%20Christians%20in%20quarantine%20turn%20to%20Scripture&utm_content=2020-02-28%20%20Newsletter%20%20Christians%20in%20quarantine%20turn%20to%20Scripture+CID_be7e2666d20bcd8288f5623f46aae8b1&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=a%20ray%20of%20hope

Enjoy - from Dawn Airey and Jo Icke.