

Jesus shows us he's always there

Theme- Jesus is always there with us, no matter what we are doing or where we are.

Games

Relay Chuck Split the group into equally sized teams. Line the children up in single file and have a stack of soft balls/bean bags at one end of the room/hall. The first person from each team starts by grabbing a ball and passes it to the next person in the line then goes to the back while the rest of the team passes the ball down the line. Once the person who started the relay receives the ball they shout for the next person to start again. If the ball is dropped then it must go back to the first person who started the relay.

Spin the plate Players sit in a large circle. A leader stands in the middle and spins the plate on the floor. At the same time they call out the name of one of the other players who has to catch the plate before it stops spinning. If they manage to catch the plate then they have a go at spinning the plate.

Flappy Fish Split the group into equal sizes and give each team a fish (see resources), and a newspaper or piece of card. Set up a starting and ending point, (not too far). On your mark, the first person from each team must flap their fish using the paper down to the end point. Then they pick up their fish and give it to the next person in their team. The first team to have all their players complete the relay are the winners.

Memory verse *"I'll never let you down; never walk off and leave you."*
Hebrews 13 verse 5. (The Message)

Introduction Ask the children what force it was that was moving the fish in the last game. Explain to the children that even before they started to move the fish with their papers that the air was still there even though they couldn't see the effects of the air. Sometimes God is still, and we do not see anything happen but He is always there.

Story The story is 'The Storm on the lake' which is in Luke 8 verses 22-25.

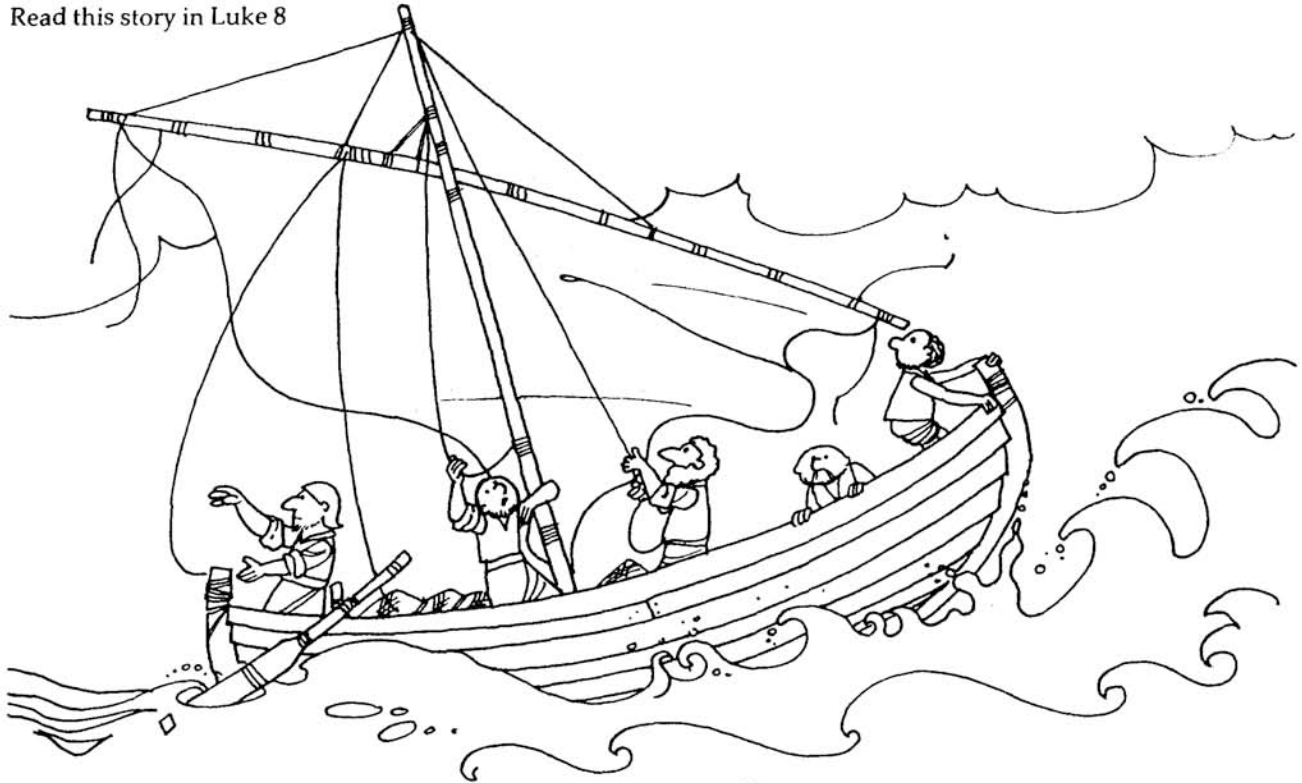
Application Get the children to think of things or people that are always there, even if we cannot see them i.e. wind, air, our parents, friends, the sea, moon, sun,, stars etc... Even though we can't see Jesus we can know His presence with us. It's a choice we make to believe in Him. Remind the children of the memory verse. There are loads of references to God being with us in the Bible. Encourage the children to think of Jesus as their friend.

Prayer Light a candle and put it in the middle of a circle. Pass an object round the circle and each person should say a prayer in turn. Explain that when we have a friend we should talk to them and praying is just talking to our friend Jesus.

Resources There is a funsheet in the resources section.

Song "I need faith"

Read this story in Luke 8



"I'll never let you down,
never walk off and leave you"
Hebrews 13 verse 5

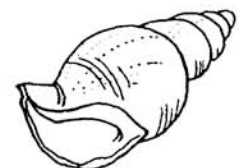
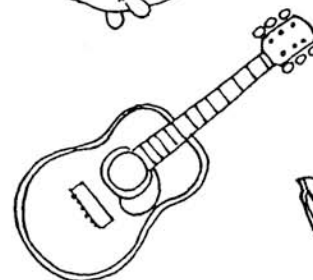
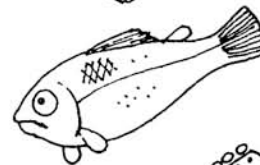
Word search

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BOAT
CALM
DISCIPLES
FAITH
JESUS
LAKE

OBEY
QUIET
SIDE
STILL
STORM
WAVES
WIND

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Draw a circle around those things you might find at the sea-side



Week 3

