

Lesson 3

Lesson objectives:

What do the miracles tell Christians about Jesus ?

To learn stories from the New Testament.;

To understand that Jesus' miracles showed the disciples who he was (ie, God, who has mastery over creation.)

To understand that Christians today see Jesus as more than a historical figure and draw comfort from the Bible.

Urgent text!

At 14:15 Jim texted:

Class 4RN
Hi guys!! Thx again– gr8 research!

About to get on to the plane. 2 hrs until take off. V. scared, I hate travelling in planes and boats.

Mum told me to remember stuff in Bible about JC on boat. 2 embrsd to tell her I can't rmmbr! Don't have Bible with me– Please help! Thnx guys!!

Level 2

AT1 I can retell a religious story and say some things that Christians believe (ie that Jesus does miracles)

AT2 I can talk about what is important to me and others with respect for feelings. (ie these things help me/ my friend when afraid)

Level 3

AT1 describe what a believer might learn from a religious story (is that Jesus has power over nature, that he answers prayers, that he helps people during scary times)

AT2 make links between some of the things that influence me with those that influence others (ie what helps me when I am scared, compared with what helps a Christian believer)

<http://request.org.uk/jesus/what-did-jesus-do/2013/06/13/jesus-miracles-power-over-nature/>

Possible questions How might a Christian answer these?

- **Why did the disciples feel they were in danger?**
- **What did they do when they found Jesus asleep?**
- **What did Jesus do?**
- **How could he do that?**
- **How can knowing what happened help us when we feel threatened?**
- **Can Jesus help us today?**

You could use REonline's Email a believer resource–
<http://pof.reonline.org.uk>

Teaching suggestions

Use the Godly Play strategy of storytelling to recount the events in Mark 4. Children think of all the words to describe the disciples during the storm– annotate a large prepared picture of a boat in a storm- eg post-its.

What would you have done if you had seen someone do that to the weather?

Main activity: Children write in thought bubbles what the disciples might have been thinking when they saw Jesus calming the waves. What did it show people about who he was? How might it link to Psalm 89: 9?

Extra Idea alternative! Use the questions above to create a telephone call with Jim's mum (in pairs)

G and T: What does this story teach Christians about having faith? (Teacher Directed discussion) What would we say to Jim?

SEN: work with slightly more able children to act out the story and video using I-pad.

Plenary

Class discussion

Why did Jim's mum remind him about this story? How might it help in his journey?

What does it show Christians about who Jesus is?

