Wild Places Kid Studies

Week 5: Cowardly

Memory Verse: “And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ’Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was great calm.” Mark 4:39

Paraphrased for kids: Jesus spoke to the sea and the wind and waves obeyed HIM and were still.

The Sea of Galilee is known as a body of “living water” because the Jordan River flows into it and out of it. All the gospels tell the story of Jesus calming the sea when a storm arises as they are in the boat with Jesus.

A really bad storm comes up on the sea. Jesus has been teaching crowds of people all day and fell asleep in the back of the boat almost immediately. As the storm grew the disciples grew more and more afraid.

They waited a while but finally grew afraid that they would die. They woke up Jesus and asked him “Don’t you care about us?” Jesus replies “Why are you so afraid?” They had seen Him do many miracles. Didn’t they know how powerful He is? Jesus word afraid actually meant “Cowardly”. He asked his disciples “why are you such cowards?” Don’t the disciples know by now how much Jesus cares for them and how powerful He is?

We talked in week two about having courage. We all need to trust God with our fears. Even the winds and waves obey HIM. He will take care of us.

If you watched the video Pastor DeJong said, “It may seem like God is asleep, but He has his hand on the universe. He is always in control.”

Do you believe God cares for you?

Do you believe that He has the power to do great things?