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Who is Jesus?

Following current events as they unfold, it can be easy to be confused and overwhelmed by the pain and chaos around us. Asking the question, “Who is Jesus?”, can bring us comfort as we grieve and process the pain we experience in our earthly life.

What Biblical stories or characteristics of God give you comfort as you process pain and suffering?

Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let’s not let it slip through our fingers. We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help. Hebrews 4:15-16 (MSG)

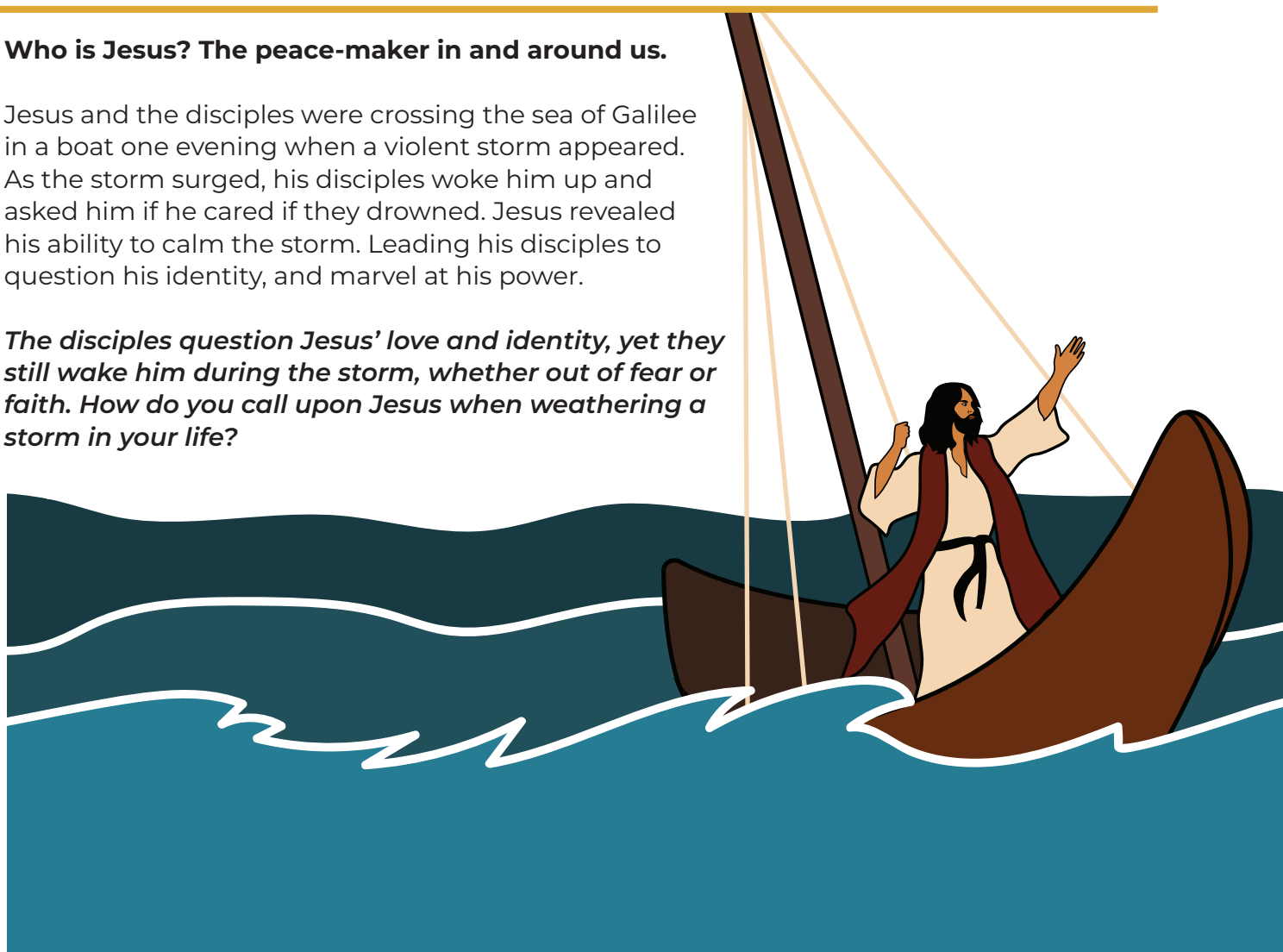
Read through these passages, focus on Jesus as the main character, and ask him to reveal himself to you.

Jesus Calms the Storm – Mark 4:35-40

Who is Jesus? The peace-maker in and around us.

Jesus and the disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee in a boat one evening when a violent storm appeared. As the storm surged, his disciples woke him up and asked him if he cared if they drowned. Jesus revealed his ability to calm the storm. Leading his disciples to question his identity, and marvel at his power.

The disciples question Jesus’ love and identity, yet they still wake him during the storm, whether out of fear or faith. How do you call upon Jesus when weathering a storm in your life?



Jesus Heals a Blind Man – Mark 8:22-26

Who is Jesus? The holistic healer, who enters into our suffering.

After feeding a crowd of 4,000 with seven loaves of bread, Jesus and his disciples enter the town of Bethsaida. The people asked Jesus to touch the man so that he could see again. He healed the man by spitting on his eyes and touching them. Jesus asked the man if he could see anything. The man opened his eyes and said that he could see men walking around like trees. Jesus then put His hands on the man’s eyes again. After this the man could see clearly.

The people bring their blind friend to Jesus. What do they recognize and how can we apply the same principles to our lives today?



Jesus seeker of the lost – Luke 15:1-7

Who is Jesus? Our Good Shepherd, who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one.

In response to judgement from religious leaders to spending time with those rejected by society, Jesus tells the story of a shepherd who leaves his flock in search for one sheep who wandered away.

Jesus rebukes the pharisees for their judgements of tax collectors and sinners. Are there groups of people that society marginalizes today? Consider how you view and treat these people. Is your response more like Jesus’ or the Pharisees?

