

Linking the story to Matariki

Matariki is a time to stop and reflect, even when life is busy. In this story Jesus and his disciples had been very busy! Jesus preaches all day from a boat. He is so tired, that he falls asleep in the middle of a storm!

Matariki reminds us how God sustains our life through our connection to the natural world. Four of the stars in the Matariki constellation represent water and weather. Waitī (fresh water food from rivers and lakes) Waitā (oceans, and seafood) Ururangi (Wind) Waipunarangi (Rain).

In the story of Jesus and the Storm the disciples are confronted with all these elements in full force...

To make your own 'Jesus and the Storm' story basket you will need:

- a basket
- a blue piece of fabric for the Sea of Galilee
- a toy boat (could use a large paua shell, $\frac{1}{2}$ coconut shell or an oval bowl)
- some people (peg people, stones, small pieces of drift wood)



Jesus and the Storm Story Script

This is the sea of Galilee.

So many important things happen by the sea that we need a small piece of it to help us tell the stories

The sea is a wonderful and strange place.

When the wind blows the sea becomes very rough and wild.

And when the wind is calm the sea is peaceful and still

Once when Jesus was teaching beside the sea,

So many people came to listen to him that he had to get into the boat to teach

He taught all day. When evening came, he was very tired. "Let's sail across the sea," he said.

Suddenly a strong wind began to blow. The sea became very rough and wild.

Waves beat into the boat. It began filling with water.

Jesus was still sleeping...

"Wake-up!" They cried, "We're drowning! Don't you care?"

Jesus got up.

He said to the wind, "Peace! Be still!"

He said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"

The wind became peaceful and still; and there was a great calm.

"Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked his disciples, "Have you still no faith?"

They were amazed and wondered,

"Who is this person? Even the wind and the sea do what he says."

Wondering

Choose some or all of the following questions...

I wonder what it was like to be in such a great storm?

I wonder how Jesus was able to sleep during the storm?

I wonder how the wind feels blowing the sea?

I wonder how the sea feels being rough and wild?

I wonder why the wind and the sea did what Jesus said?

I wonder what the thought about on the boat ride?

I wonder what they told their friends and family when they came ashore?

I wonder where you are in this story?

I wonder what kinds of storms you have been through?

I wonder when you have experienced peace like this?