

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Matthew 8:23-27

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 8:27

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

*Jesus took care of His friends. (BT)
Jesus did things no one else could do. (P)*

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus has power over everything—even nature.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus is God the Son and has authority over everything—even nature.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 6:14

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Corinthians 4:6-13*

MONDAY: *1 Corinthians 4:14-21*

TUESDAY: *1 Corinthians 5:1-8*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Corinthians 5:9-13*

THURSDAY: *1 Corinthians 6:1-11*

FRIDAY: *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

SATURDAY: *1 Corinthians 7:1-7*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Matthew and 1 Corinthians together as a family:



- **Jesus the man.** Following the healing miracles at the beginning of Matthew 8, Jesus accompanied His disciples to a boat and they began to cross the lake. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were experienced fishermen and had often fished the waters of this lake. As the boat made its way across the lake, Jesus, displaying His full humanity, fell asleep. Soon a storm arose on the lake. This was not uncommon for the lake and the experienced fishermen had likely seen storms similar to this before. The storm described in Matthew, though, was much worse than a normal storm on the lake and even through the storm, Jesus slept.
- **Jesus the Son.** As the storm raged, the disciples began to try and navigate the ship across the lake to safety. The waves however were too strong and began to swamp the boat. Fearing for their lives, the disciples woke Jesus up and asked Him to save them. Jesus, displaying His full deity, immediately spoke to the wind and waves, and calmed the storm. Amazed, the disciples wondered aloud Who Jesus was. Jesus encouraged the disciples to have greater faith in the future as they continued to follow Him.
- **Joined with Christ.** Paul spent a great deal of time in his first letter to the Corinthians talking about the deity of Christ. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that Jesus was the Son of God and had lordship over everything—including nature. Paul spoke about a different type of nature, however, when he taught the Corinthians. Paul spoke about human nature. Just as Christ has authority over the natural world, He also is Lord over the natural desires of man. Paul declared in 1 Corinthians 6 that all things might be permissible, but not everything might benefit the physical body, or the body of Christ. Believers are joined to Christ through the Holy Spirit Who lives inside them, and Christians should show honor to God by desiring to live holy lives.