

FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 9: TRIANGLE – Be strong – “Stop, Wind!”

Memory Line: “Thank you for making me” (Psalm 139:14 NLT).

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Shape and Topic:

TRIANGLES are amazing. A square can be squashed to one side. But if you put a diagonal in it, it makes two triangles and becomes very strong. It cannot be pushed out of shape. Triangles make weak things strong.

Bible Story: Stop, Wind! (Mark 4)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Helpers (11 animals, if possible)

Materials needed: (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

3 chairs for a boat – brown cloth to cover them

White triangle sail

Blue cloth for sea

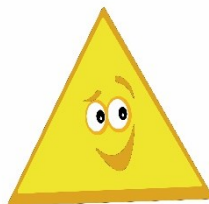
Reflective Time (interactive):

What can we do when we have a problem? When we fall down? When we lose our toy? We can be strong and ask for help. So, remember, whenever you see a TRIANGLE, you can be strong.

Short Prayer: “Dear Jesus, thank for being strong. Help us to be strong. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“In Every SHAPE” card for this session:



strong



Story 9: “Stop, Wind!” (Mark 4)

It seemed that most days Jesus worked hard. One evening as the sun went down, Jesus stopped and looked around. The Sea of Galilee sparkled. He turned to his helpers. "We need a break," he said. "Let's sail to the other side of the lake."

Jesus climbed in and he saw a cushion in the bottom of the boat. He fluffed it up and lay down. He sighed, looking up at the TRIANGLE sail. It billowed a bit. He fell fast asleep.

The helpers sailed in silence. They didn't want to say a word. They knew Jesus needed to sleep. But suddenly the clouds turned black. The wind started to blow. Rain fell. "We must go faster," whispered the helpers.

The wind blew harder. The waves grew bigger. The TRIANGLE sail looked like it would break. But the helpers didn't want to wake Jesus up.

The waves splashed into the boat. The helpers got wet. Jesus got wet. But Jesus didn't wake up. "This is bad," said the helpers. "Row faster!"

Then suddenly BANG! Lightning lit up the sky. The air shook as it rumbled, but Jesus still didn't wake up. "This is terrible," cried the helpers. "We're scared."

Now the waves and rain filled up the boat. "Jesus, wake up!" they shouted.

Jesus opened one eye, then the other. He yawned. He looked at the TRIANGLE sail. It was still there. Then he stood up. "Wind, be quiet!" he called. "Waves, stop splashing!"

Suddenly everything stopped.

The helpers stared at Jesus and at the sea. "Why were you scared?" Jesus said. "You're always safe with me."

The helpers nodded. They could feel strong because Jesus could calm any storm.