Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 4

use with all THREE lessons

Place story in

take out

of BQB

The Case of the One-of-the-Kind Man

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:2-25

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in the Visual Aids books)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the One-of-the-Kind Man. Here is your listening assignment... " *Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:*

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?

2. What made Him so different from everyone else?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is John 14:9, ESV:

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

I need to find out:

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?

2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.

Hold up each of them for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

1. Which four belong in our story?

2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

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The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man *Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25*

***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold,** optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture.*
Tip: Stack pictures in numerical order before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture.

(SB1) Jesus went to the big, beautiful Sea of Galilee. (SB2) Jesus' disciples and (SB3) many other people followed Him. They wanted to hear what Jesus had to tell them about God.

Step, step, into a bouncy boat (SB4) Jesus went. He pushed it out from shore a little ways, then sat down. From the boat, Jesus would talk to everyone on the beach so they could see Him and hear Him.

All day long, the people listened to what Jesus had to say. They listened to Him as the sun started up in the sky in the morning. They listened to Him as the sun (move BG3) was hot and shone straight down on their heads. And they listened as the sun (move BG3) dipped down to the west at the end of the day.

Does all day seem like a very long time to be still and listen? Do you have a hard time being still and listening?

All day is a VERY long time to be still and listen; but, Jesus was worth it! Jesus was (SB5) a One-of-a-Kind Man. Jesus was perfect! He never did anything wrong. And... He wasn't just a man. He was (SB6) God's Son!

No one had ever (SB7) talked about God the way Jesus did. And no one had ever done (SB8) all the amazing things that Jesus did--like heal the sick, bring dead people back to life, and even (SB9) forgive people's sins! Everything He did, and said, and even thought was good, and perfect, just like God, His Father. So when Jesus talked about God, the people couldn't wait to hear. They were happy to stay still on that beach all day, listening to Jesus. Oh, how they wanted to know God!

When evening came, Jesus said to His disciples: "Let's sail to the other side of the lake."

(SB10) The disciples climbed in the boat with Jesus. They pulled on the ropes to raise the sails. Other (SB 11,12) people got in their own boats and went with them.

The (SB13) sweet wind blew in the sails and the men took up the oars and rowed and rowed. Off the boats sailed over the gentle little waves of the Sea of Galilee.

I think those men were happy to row after being still and listening on that beach all day. I would be, wouldn't you? It would feel good to DO something.

What do you like to do after sitting still for a long time?

Yes, those men may have been happy for some work, but not Jesus. (SB14) He was so tired! He couldn't keep His eyes open. He had been teaching all those people about God all day long. It was hard work!

So Jesus did what any of us would do if we had worked so hard and were so tired.

Can you guess what it was?

He slept!

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Yes, (SB15) Jesus lay down on a cushion in the back of the boat. The wind cooled his head, the waves rocked his body. Jesus closed his eyes and fell fast asleep. Ahhh!

But suddenly, that calm, peaceful evening changed--and changed very, very quickly. Down from the hills, (SB16) a big, powerful wind began to blow. Whoosh it went across the lake and tossed up the water. The little waves which had been so gentle and soothing, grew bigger and bigger and stronger and stronger!

(SB17, 18,19) Crash, crash! The waves slapped the sides of the boats, tossing them up and down...and side to side. Whoosh! Whoosh! (SB20) The wind grew even stronger! (SB21,22,23) Crash! Crash! The waves grew even bigger. Now the waves weren't just hitting the sides of the boats...they were (SB24) splashing INTO the boats. If this storm kept up, the boats would sink and everyone would drown! Everyone was so scared!

Have you ever been in a big storm? Were you scared?

Well, that's not quite right. Not EVERYONE was scared. There was one man in the boat with the disciples, in the middle of those big winds that went WHOOSH and those big waves that went CRASH... and He wasn't scared at all. It was that One-of-a-Kind Man, Jesus. What do you think He was doing?

Can you guess?

Jesus just kept on sleeping right through that big storm! He wasn't worried at all. He knew that God, His Father would take care of them. Jesus knew that even this storm was a part of His good and perfect plan to show His disciples and the others out in the storm that He was God's Son. Jesus kept right on sleeping, even as the storm kept right on raging.

And what did the disciples do? They kept right on panicking! Their boat was filling up with water. There was no way to (SB25) dump it out fast enough. TIt was sinking lower and lower and lower into the water. Soon the boat would sink and they would drown out in those big waves! Help!!!!!

What would you do, if you were in that storm?

The disciples scrambled their way to the back of that bouncing boat to where Jesus lay asleep and shouted, "Wake up! Wake up! Teacher, we're going to die in this storm! Don't You care?! Save us! Save us! (SB26) Do something!"

Jesus wasn't sleeping now. He woke up and came to their rescue. And what a rescue it would be! The kind of rescue that only the One-of-a-Kind Man could do.

(SB27) Jesus stood up on His feet in that wobbly, bouncy boat and yelled out in a big voice. "Peace! Be still!" He said to the wild, whoshing wind. "Peace! Be still!" He said to the crushing, crashing waves.

And do you know what happened?

Can you guess?

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***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold,** optional interaction cues in italics)*

The wind stopped its wild whooshing (take off SB16,20). And the waves stopped their crushing, crashing (take off SB17-19,21-24). And everything became as quiet and as still as they could be.

Jesus' disciples looked at each other, amazed at what they had seen Jesus do. They were afraid, too.

(SB28) "Who is this Jesus that He can tell the wind and waves what to do and they obey Him!?" they asked each other. What makes Him such a One-of-a-Kind man?

But even as they asked the question, they knew the answer.

Do you know the answer?

Only God could tell the wind and waves what to do. Jesus wasn't just a man like them. He was a One-of-a-Kind Man. He was God's Son, (point to SB6 on board) sent to show the world what God is like and sent to be their Savior. God was using this windstorm to help Jesus' disciples begin to understand exactly who Jesus really was and put their trust in Him.

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Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:
1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man? Jesus.
2. What made Him so different from everyone else? Jesus was the only man who never disobeyed God. And Jesus was not just a man. He was the Son of God, too.

For You and Me:
Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because He is God's Son. There is no one like Him! And what did Jesus come to do? He came to save sinners from their sins and bring them to God. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can be God's people!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:
Our Bible Verse is: John 14:9, ESV
"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like? Jesus.
2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like? Because Jesus is God! Yes, Jesus is God's Only Son.

For You and Me:
How amazing that God would send His only Son to show us what He's like... and to do even more than that! God sent Jesus to bring us to God--that is, to save us from our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can be God's people!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:
Our six clues were: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.
1. Which four belong in our story?
The boat; the wind; some people; and some waves.
2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this?
He calmed them with just His word. Only God can!

For You and Me:
Jesus showed the disciples that He was God's Son by calming the wind and waves with just His word. How powerful was Jesus! Why? Because Jesus is God! How even more powerful Jesus was when He beat sin and death. He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He rose from the dead on the third day! How powerful is the Son of God! We should praise Him and put our trust in Him as our mighty Savior!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

Jesus showed God's mighty power when He calmed the storm with just His words! But Jesus did something that showed EVEN MORE of God's mighty power! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as our Savior to pay for our sins. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead, showing that He had really beaten sin and death. Now that's mighty power!

If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can receive this wonderful of salvation from God. We can know special closeness with God in our hearts. And when we die, we can go to live with God forever.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!

C God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.

T Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.

S Work deep inside our hearts so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we read about Jesus in the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.