Pioneers Devotion Outline

Activity tie-in: Weather

Object- A bowl of water with a small plate and some rocks.

Bible Verse- Mark 4:41 “They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Lesson- God is control of everything- even the storms we experience in our lives!

Introduction Ideas

- You might talk about a time where there was a violent thunderstorm
- You could ask students about the scariest storm they have ever witnessed
- You could show a video of a violent storm or hurricane

Lesson Suggestions

- Move from the into to the idea that there are many difficult times in your life that could be categorized as storms.
- Object Lesson: You could have the plate float on the water and explain that the rocks are the difficulties in our lives. You could show how that plate sinks once you add more rocks. God however is able to take away all our difficulties and save us from the difficulties of this life.
- Quote and Apply the Bible verse: Mark 4:41 “They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- When you quote the Bible verse, you could ask students to make the application:
    - “How might we get help when we are caught in the storms of this life?”
        - We can pray to God and ask him to help with difficulties and challenges we are facing.
    - “Who is charge of the weather? And how can that bring us comfort?”
        - God is in control of weather, and literally everything in our lives
        - It brings us comfort because we know that God will protect us and will keep us safe.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, you are truly in charge of the wind and the waves and everything else in our lives. Please continue to be by our sides, whether through weather storms or storms of trouble and doubt in our lives. Help us trust in you always. Amen.