



1 H U R R I C A N E C O R O N A

Memory Verse

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33b

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Little's

- Did you know that God says he will never leave us, even if we get sick?
- Tell God you love him when you pray, because he loves you too.

Mids

- What does it feel like to hear adults talk about Coronavirus?
- What would you tell your friends who are sad about not being able to go to school?

Oldies

- What is one way you can show others you are trusting God, even when we can't be together in person?
- Write a short prayer that you could say every night before bed about trusting God even when you're scared. Post it by your bed.

What is happening in our world? This is a basic question I have muttered multiple times over the last week or so. I have no better explanation for what's happening in our world than the next guy. We look to the experts: our teachers, parents, doctors, local and world leaders. They don't seem too sure either. So much information swirling around, how will we ever know what's true?

The Coronavirus hit like a hurricane. Have you ever been in a hurricane before? Ok, me neither. But, I am going to guess it's pretty scary. They are known to hit fast and hard and the people involved have no control over what's happening. I sure feel that way right now. Adults aren't able to work, students aren't able to go to school, businesses are closing, and things are just plain weird. We can't even go to church! Most of us are blessed enough to have all we need while we stay locked up in our homes: food, water, warm bed, toys, Netflix, the list goes on. Unfortunately, that still doesn't take away all of our fears.

It reminds me of a story in Mark 4 where Jesus went out in a boat with his friends (the disciples) and decided to take a nap. *Sounds Like my kind of activity!* Anyway, a huge storm hit and the disciples freaked out! Imagine this: water rushing in over the sides of the boat, swaying and tipping back and forth, unable to stay upright, clinging to the sides of the boat like your life depended on it. Do you know what Jesus was doing? STILL NAPPING!!!! Now, I bet you have some grandpas that can nap through a lot of noise and commotion but this was just extraordinary! His friends shook him awake saying, "Don't you care if we drown?" At that moment, the disciples had no hope. They felt terrified. Jesus got up and said to the wind, "QUIET! Be still!" And with just those words, the wind stopped, and the waves completely calmed. Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" He was proving that he was in control the entire time. He wanted them to trust that he would take care of them.

There are so many examples in the Bible of God showing us he loves us and is in control of everything, even when it doesn't seem like it. He even sent his son, Jesus, to earth to save us from sin and teach some live and in person lessons to his followers!

As it says in our memory verse for today, there *will* be trouble on earth. We will feel sad, scared, and confused many times in our lives. But God is still in control of everything. It may seem to us like he's napping but NOPE, he's got it. We just need to have faith. Believe that he will be with us no matter what. We can take a deep breath and feel a little better knowing we have him watching out for us!

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