

Story-Meal for
Calming Two Storms

There is to be a storyteller at each table, who will act as host (hostess) and will lead the activities. In the middle of the table is a big cup with strips of paper (the eight questions) sticking out. This will be used later during the meal.

After opening prayer, the storyteller follows these instructions.

1. Introduce yourself and have each person introduce themselves. Ask them to only give their name and where they are from. Normally they could say more, but the activities are about to start, and there is only enough time for name and location.
2. Allow the crab salad to be served. Tell them this indicates how anxious (crabby) the disciples felt during the voyage over to the other side.
3. Begin telling the story. Go up to the part where a disciple says “Don’t you care for our lives?”
4. Lead your table into the beginnings of “Making a rainstorm.” Simple have them start rubbing their hands together.
5. The moderator of the meeting will stand up and continue the activity.
 - Rubbing hands
 - Patting knees
 - Snapping fingers
 - Clapping hands
6. The pastor (or key person) stands up and says “Stop! Be still.” Everyone stops.
7. Finish telling the story at your tables.
8. Start serving meal.
 - a. Serve the deviled egg, a reminder of the demon possessed man,
 - b. Everyone put dressing on the plate – when he was healed he was clothed
 - c. Put the pork on top of the dressing – Demons went into the pigs
 - d. Pour gravy over the top, “drowning” the pork – the pigs drowned in the sea.
(chicken could be a substitute for those who don’t eat pork)
9. As this is being done, have each person tell of salvation experience. It could be their own, that of someone else, or the man in the story.
10. Once this is done, start the dinner conversation – eight questions (one for each person at the table). Each person takes a turn pulling a question out and reading it to the rest of the table – allowing discussion to follow.
11. Near the end of the meal, drama team comes into the room – yelling ... (the skit starts)

(Optional)

Jell-O - represents how the herds men felt, weak in the knees, after seeing what they saw

Water - the sea

Tea, coffee - color of the storm clouds, black.

Eight questions:

1. A wild storm came up with waves crashing over the boat, but Jesus was sleeping. Why didn't he wake up sooner?
2. The wild man ran to meet Jesus and shouted, "Leave me alone." If he wanted to be left alone, why did he run to meet Jesus?
3. The demons asked Jesus to send them into the pigs. What happened to the demons after all the pigs drowned??
4. When the people saw the man who had been possessed, he was fully dressed and sitting quietly. Why were they afraid? Why did they ask Jesus to leave?
5. The healed man started telling everyone what Jesus had done for him. Why should we tell our personal stories?
6. What is your favorite part of this story?
7. What does this story tell us about God?
8. What does this story tell us about people?

PLAY

The story-meal was held in the church gym. After the meal, a group of actors come into the room yelling things like things like ...

“All right, it is time to clear these tables. We have to get set up of the drama.”

“Are all the actors here yet?”

“When can we start flooding the gym?”

“Where do you want to put the boat?”

“We got to move all of these tables out of here.

“Jim, remember your part. You only say ‘Wake up, Don’t you care that we are about to drown.’ No more of your dramatics screams and running up and down inside of the boat.”

Jim asks, “Are you sure there won’t be any Hollywood Scouts here?”

The moderator of the meeting jumps up and says to Amy, the head of actors, “What is going on here?”

“We are setting up for our drama. Don’t worry, we have it all set up in about an hour. The longest part is flooding the gym.”

“Flooding the gym! No, no! Amy we can’t do that.”

Man runs across the room screaming wildly.

Amy says, “Oh, don’t mind him. He is just practicing his part. Ha ha, Makes a pretty good crazy man doesn’t he?”

“Amy, I’m telling you ...”

Some one yells in from the exit, “Say where do you want these pigs. They are really messing up my truck something bad.”

Amy: “Oh, just put them in the hall there. We don’t bring them in until later.”

Moderator: “Pigs! Amy you can’t ...”

Amy: “Oh don’t worry. It’s not what you think.”

Moderator: “Oh, that’s a relief.”

Amy: “No, there aren’t 2,000 pigs – just 100.”

Moderator: “100 pigs! Amy, ...”

Someone yells from the side, “Can we start flooding the gym now?”

Amy: “Not yet. Go help with the pigs.”

Moderator: “Amy, listen. We don’t have time for this big of a production. Remember, I said a short drama.”

“Oh yah, but this has really worked out good. My actors are excited about this. Its going to have action, drama, suspense, not to mention the pigs.”

Someone from the side: “Amy, the electoral man is here to set up for the lighting strikes.”

Amy: “Tell him to ...”

Moderator: “Amy, please. This is more then we have time for tonight.”

Amy: “But John, you said to get a play ready that really told the story. People will never forget the story after we are done.”

Moderator: “Wait, I know what we can do.” —rustling through papers — “Look, the Calming Two Storms story won’t be until January 20. That is right after Christmas. That would be a great time to do this play.”

Amy take the papers and look at them. “Humm, Well, maybe that would work.” (looking like you are not too sure. Suddenly you brighten up.) Say, if we wait until then, we could flood the church auditorium instead of the gym.”

Moderator: “Right, right. I’m sure the pastor will go along with that.”

Amy start walking away yelling. “There has been a change of plans. Tell the firemen to put away their hoses.” Others start complaining.

Amy: “Someone call the farmer to come pick up his pigs, but tell him we need them January 20.”

Someone yells from the side: “Can we flood the gym now.”

Everyone yells, “NO!”

Calming Two Storms Chorus

Title: His Amazing Power – to the tune of “*I Will Make You Fishers Of Men*”

1. Jesus said, "Let's get on the boat,
Go over the lake," a pillow they'd take.
Jesus knew what lessons they'd learn of His Amazing pow'r.

(Chorus)
His Amazing pow'r, His Amazing pow'r,
Jesus knew what lessons they'd learn of His Amazing pow'r.

2. Suddenly a fierce storm began,
fearful they were, to Jesus they ran.
"Master, we'll die if You don't show
Your Amazing Pow'r!

(Chorus)
Your Amazing pow'r, your amazing pow'r.
"Master, we'll die if You don't show
Your Amazing pow'r!"

3. Then spoke Jesus
"Peace, be still,
Why do you fear, I am still near."
We see Jesus showing to them His amazing pow'r.

(Chorus)
His amazing pow'r, His amazing pow'r.
We see Jesus showing to them His amazing pow'r.

4. At the shore came yelling a man,
no clothes he had, Boy, was he mad!
A demon spoke to Jesus and said,
"Your the Most High God!"

Chorus:
Your the Most High God! Your the Most High God!
A demon spoke to Jesus and said,
"Your the Most High God!"

5. Jesus sent them into some pigs,
over a cliff, into the sea.
The tending men ran into the town
Amazed at His great pow'r!

Chorus:

Amazed at His great pow'r, amazed at His great pow'r.
The tending men ran into the town
Amazed at His great pow'r!

6. A crowd came out to see for themselves,,
The man had a seat, his change was complete.
This struck fear whenever they thought of Christ's amazing pow'r.

Chorus:

Christ's amazing pow'r, Christ's amazing pow'r.
This struck fear whenever they thought of Christ's amazing pow'r.

7. Sadly they told Jesus to leave.
The man he did stay, no longer to stray.
He told all of Christ's love for him
and His amazing pow'r!

Chorus:

His amazing pow'r. His amazing pow'r.
He told all of Christ's love for him
and His amazing pow'r!

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Mark 4:35-41 Mark 5:1-20

Calming the Storm

Jesus taught the crowds all day. In the evening, he said to his disciples, "Let's go to the Gentile side of the lake." So they left the crowd, took several boats, and started out to the other side.

Jesus went to the back of the boat, laid His head on a cushion, and fell fast asleep. While He slept, a sudden and fierce storm hit the lake. Large waves crashed over the boat and threatened to capsize it. Jesus slept through it all.

The disciples woke Him up and said, "Master, we are about to die. Don't you care for our lives?"

Jesus got up and turned to the storm and sea. "Stop! Be still!" Immediately the storm stopped and the seas became calm.

He then turned to the disciples and said, "Why did you fear? Where is your faith?" He then went back and continued to rest.

The men looked at the calm sea and peaceful skies. Then they looked at one another and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and seas obey Him!"

Healing the Wild Man

Their boat was heading to a place where a demon-possessed man lived. People had tried to control him, but no one was strong enough to hold him down. Many times they attempted to put him in chains, but he easily snapped them off. He couldn't stay in houses, so he roamed the hills naked and lived in tombs. He cried and yelled, and cut himself with stones.

When the boat arrived on shore, the wild man came out of the tombs. From a distance, he saw Jesus get out of the boat. Then he ran and knelt down before Him, and shouted with a loud voice, "I know who You are. You are Jesus, the Son of the Most High God! Leave me alone. Don't torture me."

Jesus said, "Before I cast you out of this man, tell Me your name"

"We are many, so we are called Legion. Please, don't send us out into the bottomless pit. Look, there are pigs over on that hill. Send us there, and let us enter them."

Jesus looked at the pigs, and said, "Yes, you may go there."

With that, the demons left the man and entered the pigs. Immediately, all 2,000 pigs rushed down the hill and off the steep bank. They plunged into the sea and were drowned.

Returning Home

The men who were tending the pigs ran into the town and told the people what happened. A crowd came out to see for themselves. When they got to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed. He was fully dressed and sitting quietly.

Those who saw the whole thing told about what happened to the man and the pigs. This struck fear into their hearts and they asked Jesus to leave.

As Jesus got into the boat, the man who was healed asked if he could go with Him. Jesus turned and looked at him. "This is what I want you to do. Go back to your people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you. Tell them about God's mercy on your life."

So Jesus and his disciples left the shore and returned to the Jewish side of the lake. The man went to his hometown and started telling everyone what Jesus had done for him. They were all amazed.