

Thunder Night

GOD'S WORD

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you."

Psalm 56:3 (WEB)



THE STORY

A big storm rolls in at bedtime, and when the thunder booms, LJ disappears under his blanket. Mom comes right in, plugs in a little nightlight, props a verse card by his bed and prays with him. Then Dad tells LJ that he hid from storms too when he was little, until his own dad taught him to pray Psalm 56:3. When the thunder cracks again, LJ still jumps, but this time he holds his card and whispers the verse.

The next afternoon Grandma opens her big Bible and tells LJ about the night Jesus calmed the storm: "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39). Jesus was in the boat the whole time, and He is with us in every storm.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. What makes you feel scared, like the thunder made LJ feel?
2. What did Mom, Dad and Grandma each do to help LJ?
3. Jesus was in the boat the whole time. How can remembering that help us when we're afraid?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, when I am afraid, I will trust in You. Thank You for being with me in every storm, even in the dark. Help me remember that You are always near. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Make a verse card. Write Psalm 56:3 on a small card, decorate it together, and keep it by your child's bed. Whenever something feels scary this week, hold the card and say the verse together, slowly.

DRAW IT

Draw the place where you feel safe, and write one word that reminds you God is with you.