

Day Two: Jesus takes care of me!

Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. 1 John 4:9 NIRV

▶ Welcome back to the land of Gospeltopia. Yesterday, we met Erika Elephant. She was very friendly, but a little forgetful. She had trouble remembering, but hopefully you remember what you learned yesterday... **Jesus knows you!** Jesus knows everything about you and loves you.

Say hello to Kevin Kangaroo! Kangaroos are animals that take care of their babies in a very unusual way. Probably the best-known fact about kangaroos is that kangaroo mummies carry their young in a pouch. Inside the pouch, the baby kangaroo, or joey, is protected and fed.

Today you'll learn that Jesus takes care of you. He protects you and watches out for you. Anyone who puts their trust in Jesus can rest knowing that Jesus takes care of them.

Let's say a prayer and then get on with our adventure through Gospeltopia with Jesus.

Dear God, Thank you for going on this adventure with me. Take care of me. Let me remember that I can always turn to you for help. In Jesus' name, Amen

To learn more about kangaroos, visit kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/kangaroo/



▶ **Bible Story: Jesus calms the storm**

Life is an amazing gift. God has given us so many good things. Family. Friends. Sunshine. Lakes and rivers. Forests and swamps. Food and water. There is so much to be thankful for. One of the ways that God takes care of us by giving us all of these amazing blessings. Sometimes we don't feel blessed though. Life can get hard sometimes. Things come along that scare and frighten us. Some people are afraid of the dark. For some people, it's lightning. For others it's spiders or snakes. Other times, we might find ourselves in dangerous situations. There is a chance that we or someone we love could get hurt.

In today's story, we find that the disciples were experiencing both of those things. They were scared. And they were also in danger. But they found out they knew someone who could truly take care of them. Let's read about it:

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." Luke 8: 22 - 25

Jesus and the disciples were sailing across the lake when the storm came. Some of the disciples were professional fishermen and had experienced many storms on the water, so they knew how to handle the boat. For them to be frightened like this, you know that must have been one intense storm!

While the disciples were worried about the boat sinking and them drowning, Jesus was asleep. He wasn't worried; he knew that he could take care of them. The disciples woke Jesus up and said, "We're going to drown!" But Jesus simply stood up and said, "Be still." Immediately the storm stopped. The disciples were amazed at what they had just seen. Jesus was so powerful that even the wind and the waves listened to his voice. And he chose to use his power to take care of his friends, the disciples. Just as Jesus took care of the disciples, we can know that "Jesus takes care of me."

How long do you think the disciples worried about the storm before they turned to Jesus? Sometimes when we face a problem, we try to take care of it ourselves, even when it's bigger than us. After a lot of hard work and no results, we finally turn to Jesus and ask him to help us. But Jesus wants us to turn to him first, whenever we are frightened or overwhelmed. Jesus takes care of us! When you're angry with your friends for being mean, turn to Jesus. When you're in bed at night and find yourself suddenly scared, talk to Jesus right then. When you're worried about the future, bring it to Jesus. Go to him first. Jesus is our helper. Jesus is our Savior. Jesus takes care of us.

Bring all of your troubles and fears to Jesus. Jesus is your helper and Savior.

PRAYER: *Dear God, You are strong to take care of us. May we always turn to you for help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen*

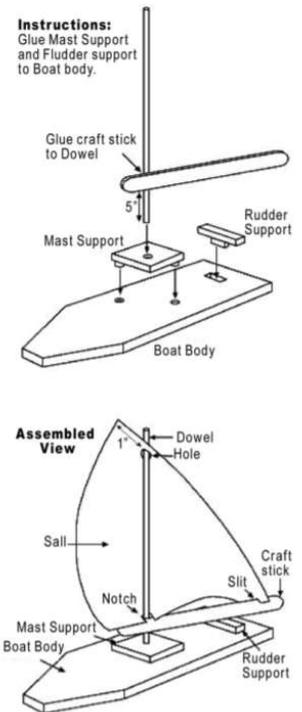
▶ **Song: Jesus is the Rock**

Jesus is the rock and He rolls my blues away! Bop shoo bop shoo bop woo!
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▶ **Craft: Wooden sailboat**

You will need glue and markers for this craft. If you choose to paint your boat (optional), you should paint the pieces before you put it together.

1. Use markers to decorate your sail (the cloth piece). You may want to write "Jesus takes care of me" on the sail as a reminder of today's lesson!
2. Glue the mast support and rudder support to the shaped boat as shown in the drawing. Make sure that the holes and plugs in the wooden pieces match up.
3. Position the hole of the sail at the top and then glue the notched area's of the canvas sail to the wooden craft stick.
4. Thread the wooden dowel through the hole in the top of the canvas sail.
5. Glue the wooden craft stick to the dowel behind the first notch in the sail. Allow time for your craft to dry.



Get moving: Kevin Kangaroo Says!

This game is played a lot like "Simon Says" where one person is the caller and everyone else has to do what the caller says, but for this game, our caller will be Kevin Kangaroo! Players have to be careful to only move when the caller says "Kevin says..." Here are some suggested kangaroo moves for you to call out:

- Hop up and down as quietly as you can
- Hop up and down as loudly as you can
- Hop very slowly
- Hop very quickly
- Hop in a straight line
- Hop with your legs wide apart
- Hop as high as you can
- Hop in a very silly way

Snack time: Animal cookies

While you enjoy your animal cookies for today's snack, see how many different animal shapes you can find! Did you find Erika Elephant? What about Kevin Kangaroo?