

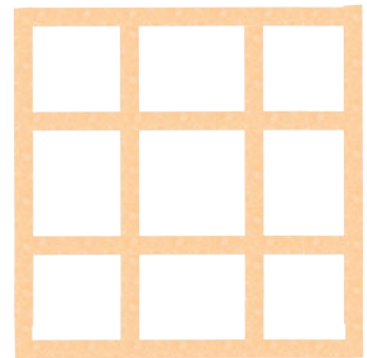
Storm of Life

Materials

- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Butcher paper/old grocery bags/brown paper
- Measuring tape
- Optional: Wind, rain and thunder noise makers to imitate the sounds of a storm. Place dry beans/rice inside a glass or plastic jar, or can with a lid. Tape the outside of the lid. Shake!

Instructions

- Measure off even (oddly shaped would work too) square/rectangle sections in your classroom. These are going to be boats/rafts. The number of sections depends on your class size and the number of students you want per group.
- After measuring off your boats, cut out the paper and tape it to the floor with masking tape.
- Choose boat captains for each boat and have the students sit in their boats.
- Pass out slips of paper to the students. Explain that each slip has a problem that might happen on a small boat. As a crew, you must work together to solve the problem. Students may only use what they have on them or in the boat.
- The first list includes problems that might happen on a boat. The second list outlines problems students might face in real life. Each crew must think how best to solve these problems and how they think God might want them to solve them.
- Give students a time limit to solve their problem. Then have the boat captain stand and explain their answer.



List of Boat Problems (one per boat)

- We ran out of food. What can we eat?
- We are cold. What can we do?
- The people are thirsty. What could they drink? (You might tell them that they can't drink ocean water.)
- The people are getting sunburned. What can they do?
- A person needs to use the restroom. What can we do?
- A person has food, but isn't sharing. What can we do?
- The captain falls sick. What can we do?
- After a storm, the boat needs repairs and loses some pieces. What can we do?
- There is a storm, and there is no shelter. What can we do?
- We can see land, but don't have any oars. What can we do?

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List of Everyday Life Problems (one per boat)

- My parents are arguing a lot. What can I do?
- I am afraid of the dark. What can I do?
- My best friend lies a lot. What can I do?
- My grandmother is really sick. What can I do?
- I'm not really good at school. What can I do?
- My mother and father don't go to church. What can I do?
- Sometimes, I get really angry. What can I do?
- Sometimes, kids make fun of me at school. What can I do?
- My family is moving and I have to go to a new school. What can I do?
- I am really shy. What can I do?

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