

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Calms the Storm (Matthew/Mark/Luke)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 8: 23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Luke 8: 22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Activity: What Scares You

Theme: Jesus is our protector

Supplies: Use a large bed sheet and chairs to make a tent. A flashlight is also a good effect.

Lesson:

We are going to hear more stories of the amazing things Jesus did while on Earth. Jesus healed people; He helped people in other ways, too. In our story today, some people had become very frightened. Listen to hear what amazing thing Jesus did."

Jesus had spent all day teaching the people beside the Sea of Galilee. It was almost night time, and Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So the disciples began to row to the other side. Jesus was probably tired from His day of teaching as He fell asleep in the boat.

Suddenly, a great storm came up, and the waves begin to grow larger. The winds were so strong that the boat was being tossed wildly over the lake. Water was coming into the boat. The disciples were terribly afraid!

(Sway back and forth, turn the flashlight on/off and make storm noises)

They knew a great wind could tear the boat apart. The men probably rowed with all their strength to try to get to the shore. Finally, the disciples decided to wake Jesus. They called out saying, "Master, we are going to die!"

Jesus of course woke up and saw how afraid His friends were because of the storm.

Jesus calmly got up and said, "Peace be still." The wind stopped blowing, and the waves became quiet and still.

The disciples said to each other, "Wow, even the winds and waves obey Him." The disciples were amazed at what Jesus did that day.

There are lots of storms in our lives, some like the one in the story, others like things that happen in our lives that scare us (like family issues, bullies, school problems, etc). Jesus is always with us and there to guide us thru the things that scare us

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus; thank you for looking over me thru the storms in my life... Amen

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Video: Saddleback Kids: Jesus Calms the Storm

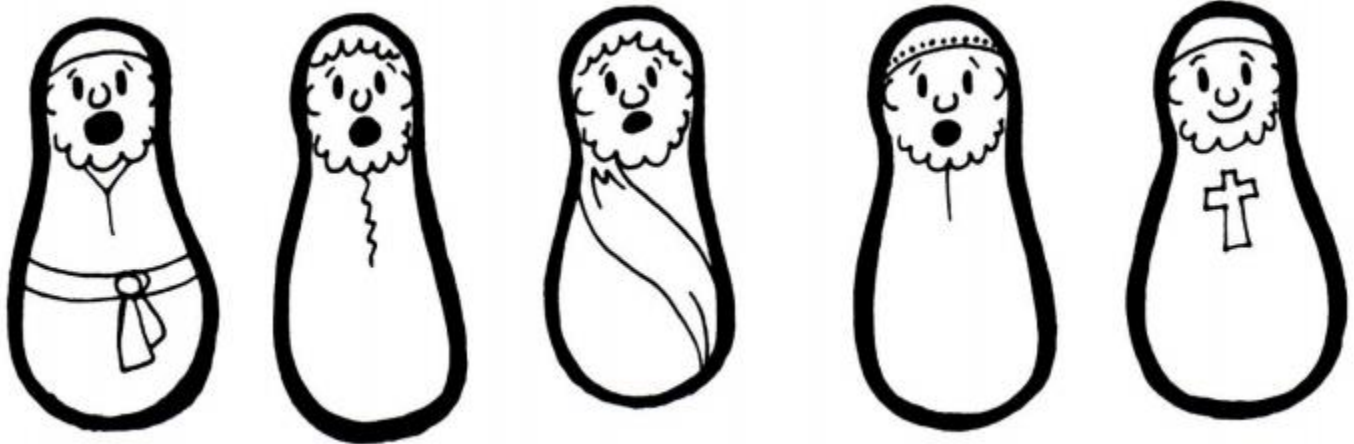
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Saddleback Kids: Jesus shows he has powers over the natural elements.

Duration: 2:01



Craft: Egg Carton Boat (Preschool)



Supplies: Egg cartons, crayons/markers, scissors, craft sticks, tape

Directions: Each child receives a set of figures and a sail to color and cut out. Also give each child half an egg carton and a craft stick. Carefully push the craft stick into one of the raised sections of the egg carton (you might have to make a small cut) and tape the sail to the stick. Place each of the figures in an egg compartment.

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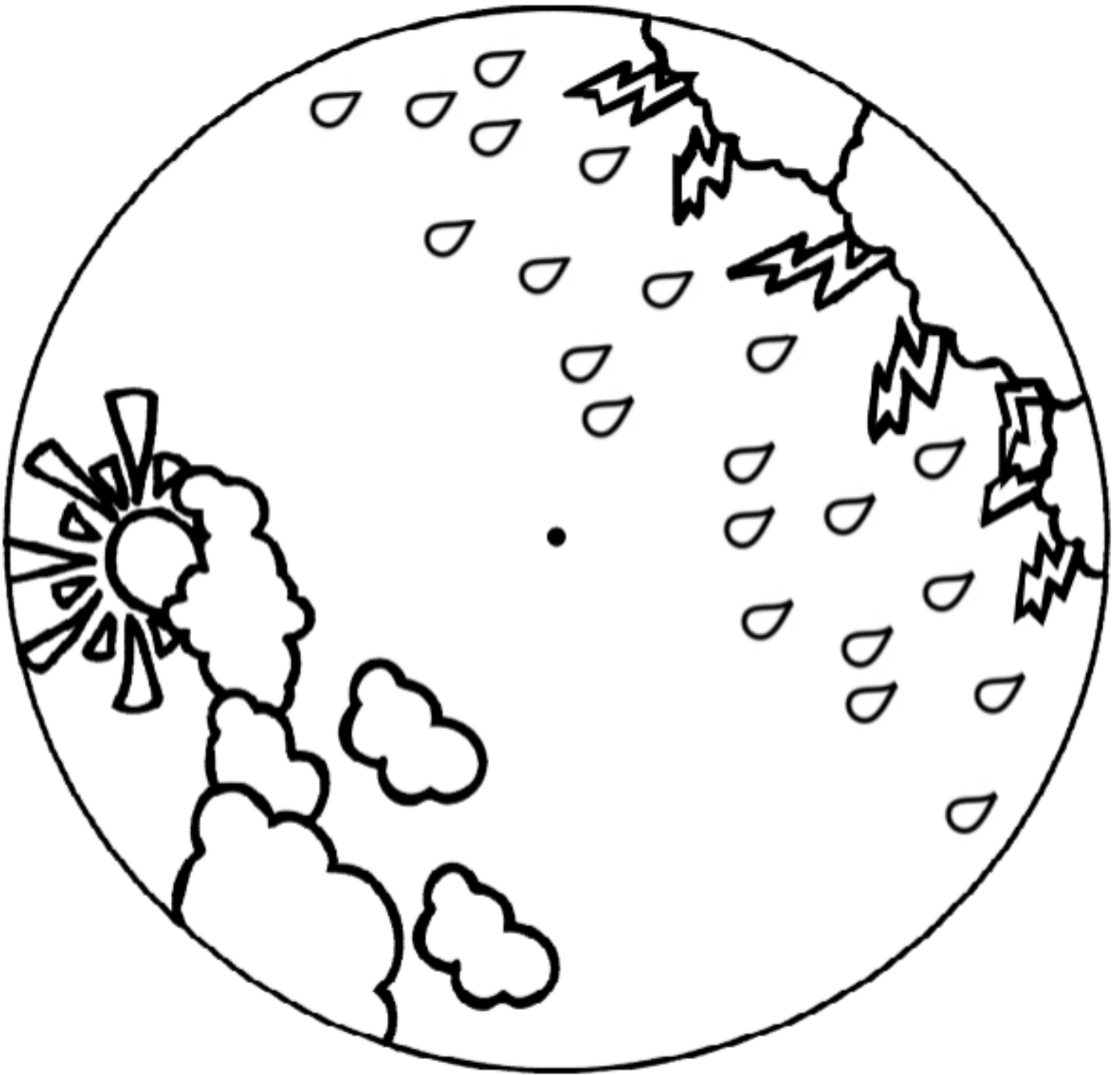
Even the winds and
the waves obey him!
Matthew 8:27

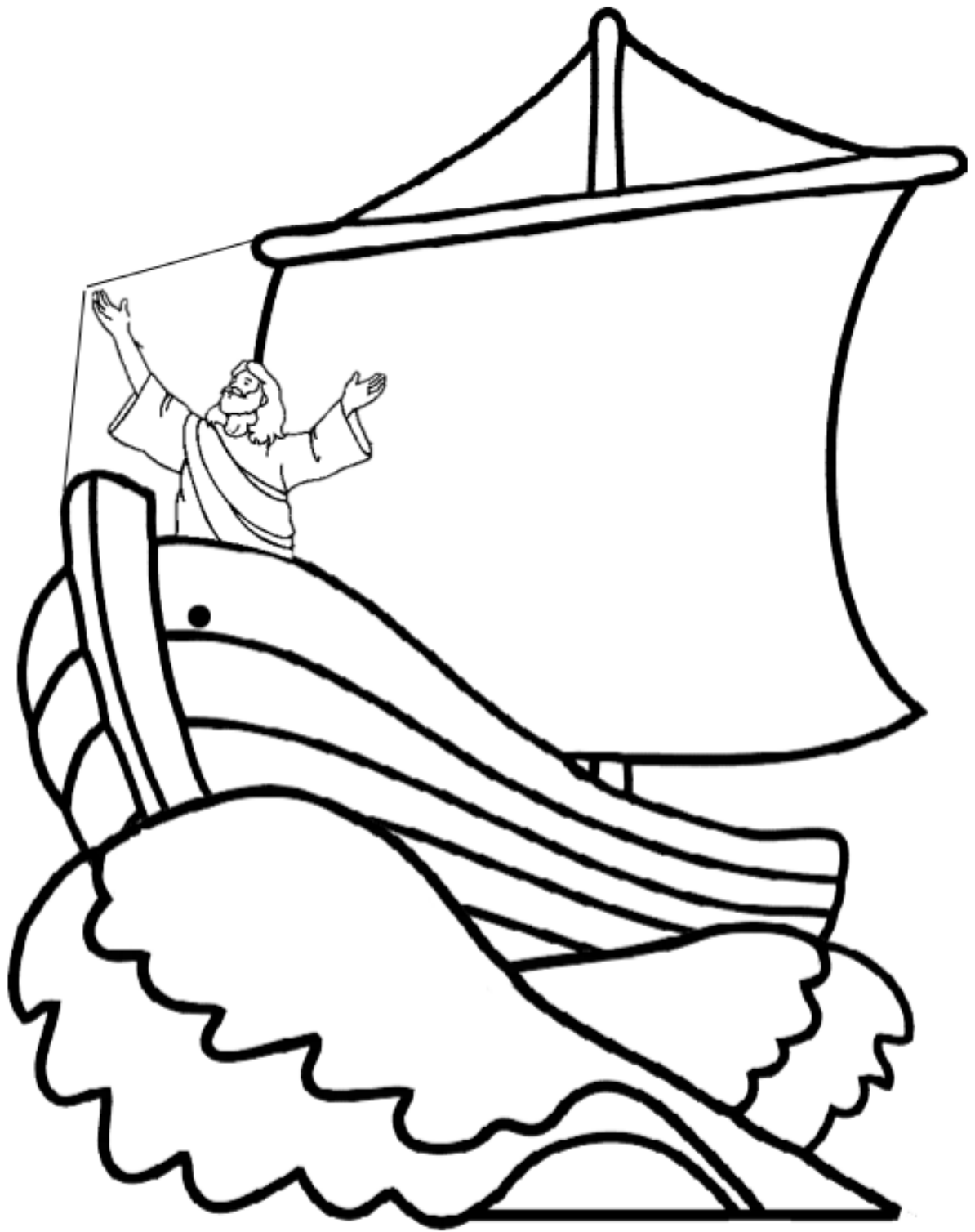
Craft: Storm Wheel

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, brass paper fastener

Directions: Have each child color and cut out the boat and weather wheel. Carefully poke a hole thru both pages (where marked by the dot) and insert the paper fastener. Rotate the wheel to see the storm and Jesus calming the sea.

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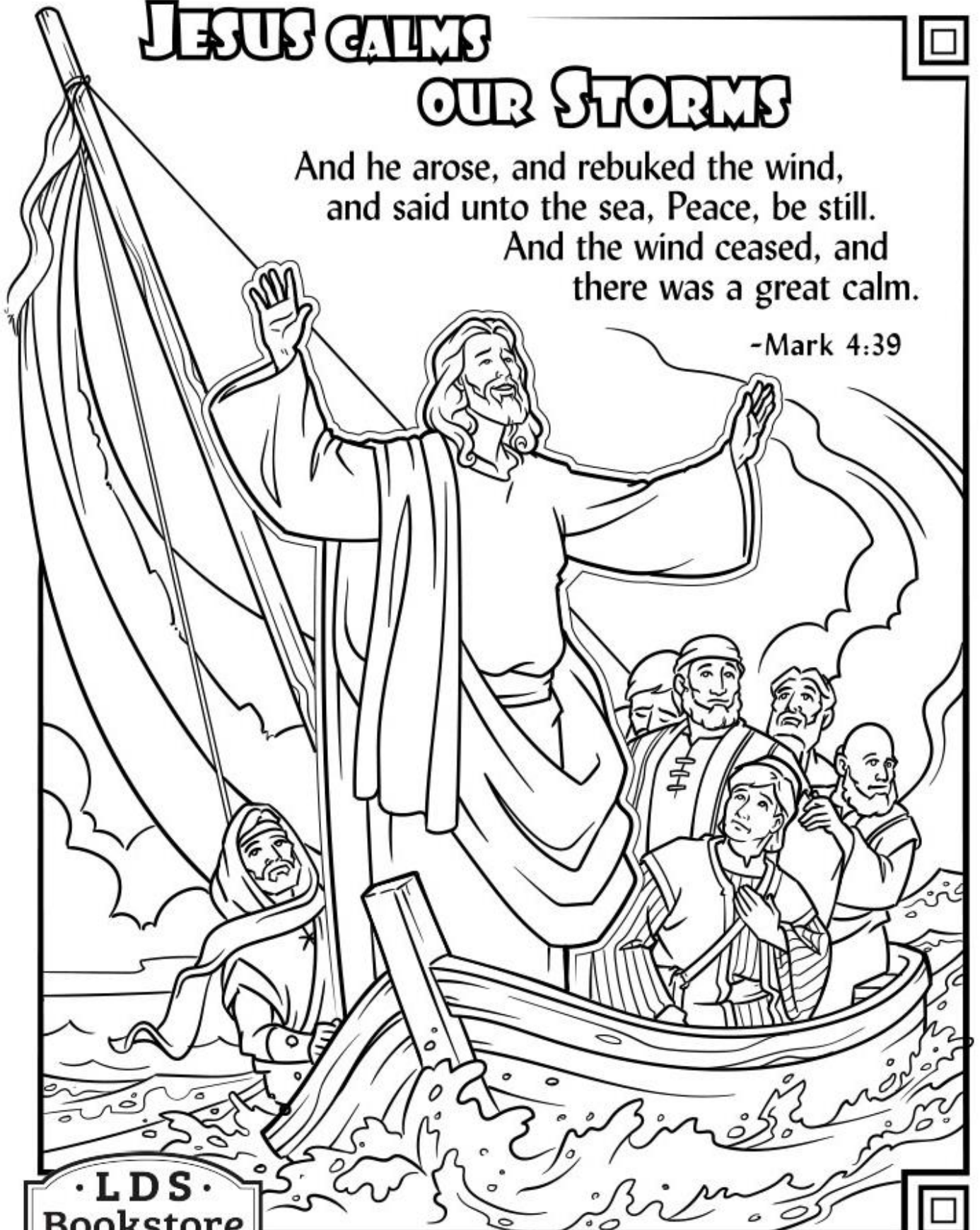




JESUS CALMS OUR STORMS

And he arose, and rebuked the wind,
and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.
And the wind ceased, and
there was a great calm.

-Mark 4:39

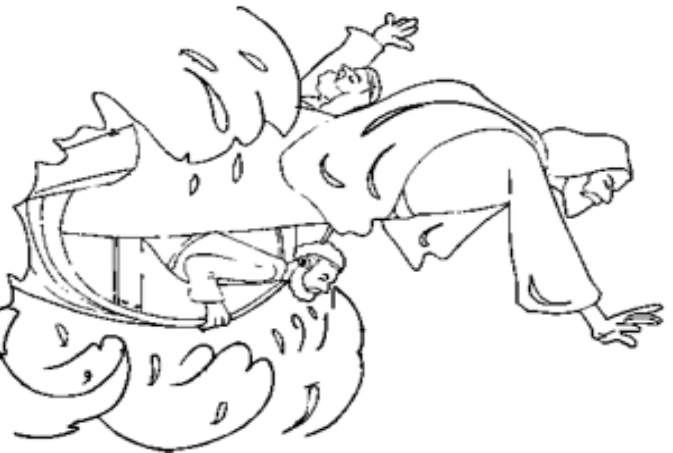


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Unscramble each of the clue words from the choices at the bottom.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to see what Jesus said.

Help the disciples cross the Sea of Galilee

OABT 6
 LEKA 12
 GLEA 11
 WDNII 10
 WSTEP 8
 RAEDGN 2
 MAACL 4
 DEMZAA 5



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CALM	WIND	AMAZED	BOAT
GALE	LAKE	DANGER	SWEPT

