

## Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way



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**Job 38:1-11**  
**Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 (29)**  
**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**  
**Mark 4:35-41**



### Who's in Your Boat?

*Object: Picture of a boat or a toy boat*

How many of you have ever been out in a boat on the water?

Let's imagine. What would happen, if we were to sail out in the middle of the lake and something bad happened? What if a storm came up? Have you ever been out in a boat when a storm came up? First the wind started to blow, then came the rain, thunder, and lightning. Oh my, that is quite frightening, isn't it?

Well, that is exactly what happened in today's Bible lesson. Jesus and his disciples had been traveling all around the countryside and Jesus had been teaching and performing many miracles. When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So, they climbed into a boat and set sail to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was very tired, so he was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a pillow. Suddenly, a fierce storm came up. High waves came up and the boat began to fill with water. The disciples were afraid and went and woke Jesus. "Teacher," they shouted, "don't you care that we are going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he spoke to the winds and the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly, the wind stopped blowing and the sea became calm. He turned to the disciples and said, "Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith?"

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

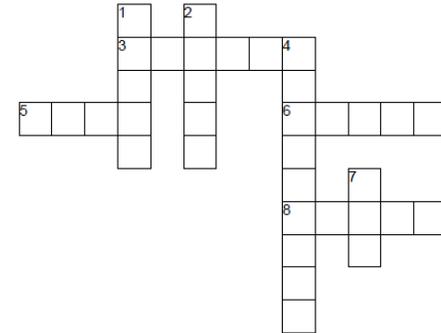
As we sail through life, things are going to happen. We will face many storms in our life. We may face a serious illness or a family problem. We might make a wrong decision or fall in with the wrong crowd at school. When you face these problems on the sea of life, who do you want to have in the boat with you? I know who I want! I want Jesus. He can calm every storm. If you take Jesus with you day by day, he will be there with you in the storm.

Our Father, we know that each day we will face difficult situations. We are thankful that as we sail through life, you are always there to calm the storms. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 6:2)

## Crossword Puzzle



### HORIZONTAL

3. To have a feeling of fear
5. A relatively small craft which travels on water
6. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
8. To be calm, without much activity

### VERTICAL

1. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
2. To die by being under water and unable to breathe
4. The original followers of Jesus
7. A period of twenty-four hours

FAITH	PEACE	DISCIPLES	DAY
STORM	AFRAID	DROWN	BOAT

**FIVE BOATS OF PEACE MOBILE:** Ahead of time, prepare five outlines of boats cut out of poster board. Let the child discuss ways that we can find PEACE and CALM in our life. Help the child to write key words for finding peace on the boats. (Suggestions: Prayer, Bible, Promises, Faith, Trust, Praise). Use a hole-punch to put a small hole in the top of each boat. Cut 5 pieces of yarn of different lengths. For each boat, attach a piece of yarn through the hole in the boat, tie a knot and attach the other end to a stick or ruler. Place the mobile where the child can be reminded of today's story.



# JESUS CALMS THE STORM



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