

3 **STORY PICTURE: Jesus Helped His Friends**
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MATTHEW 14:22-33

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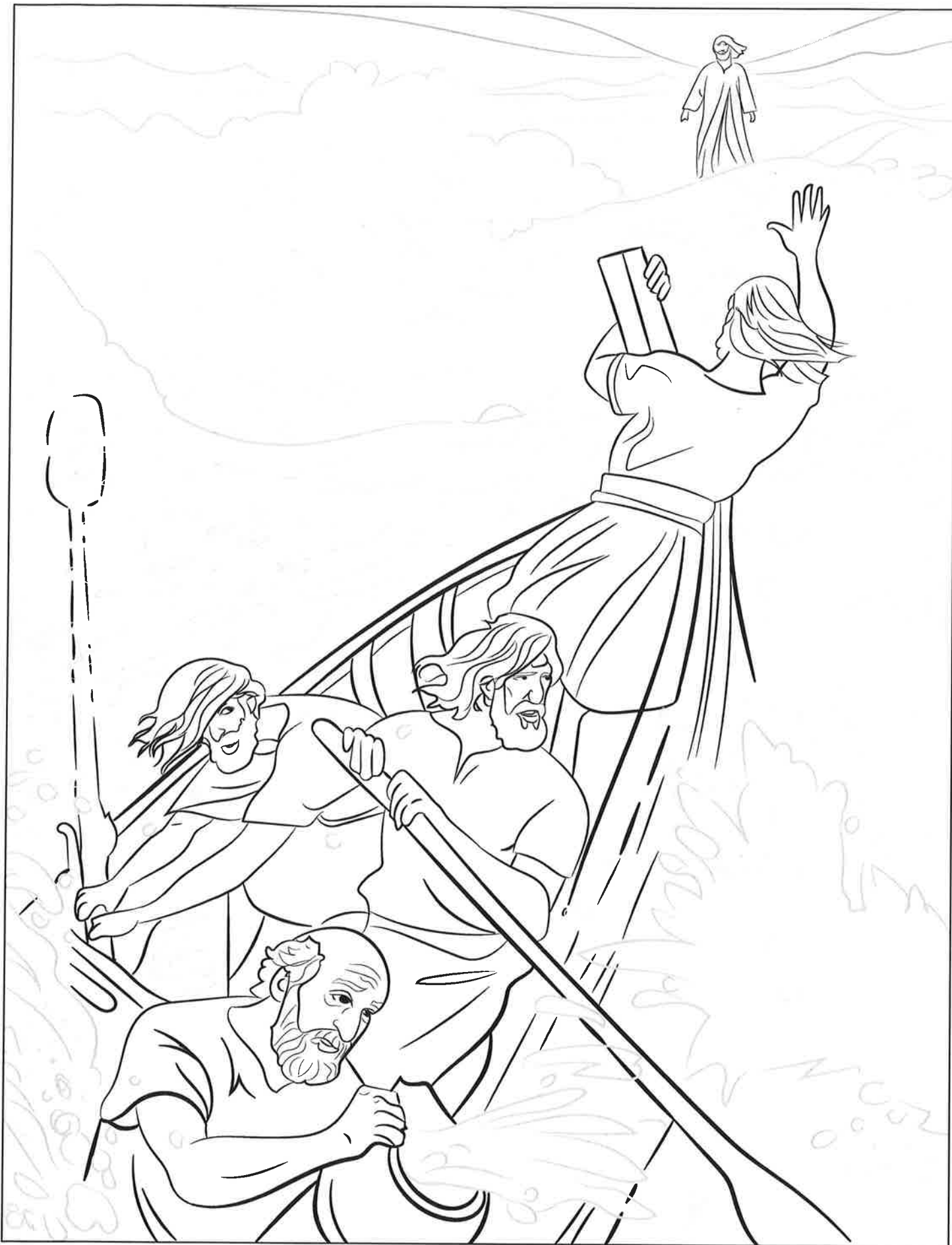
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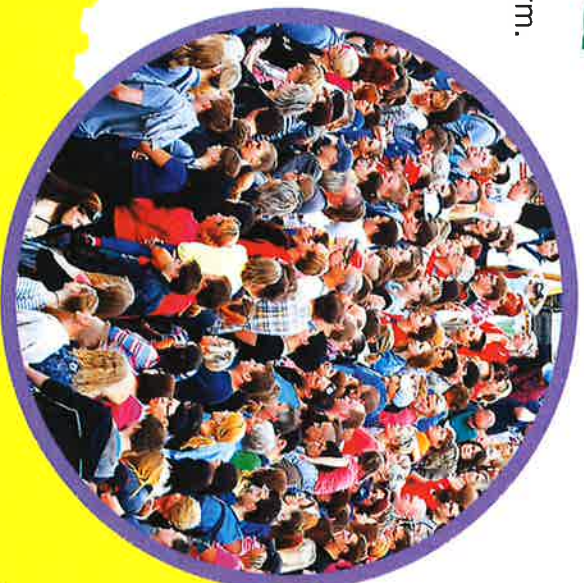
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When We Are Afraid

Jesus helped His disciples when they were afraid during the storm. When are you afraid? Jesus cares and wants to help you.

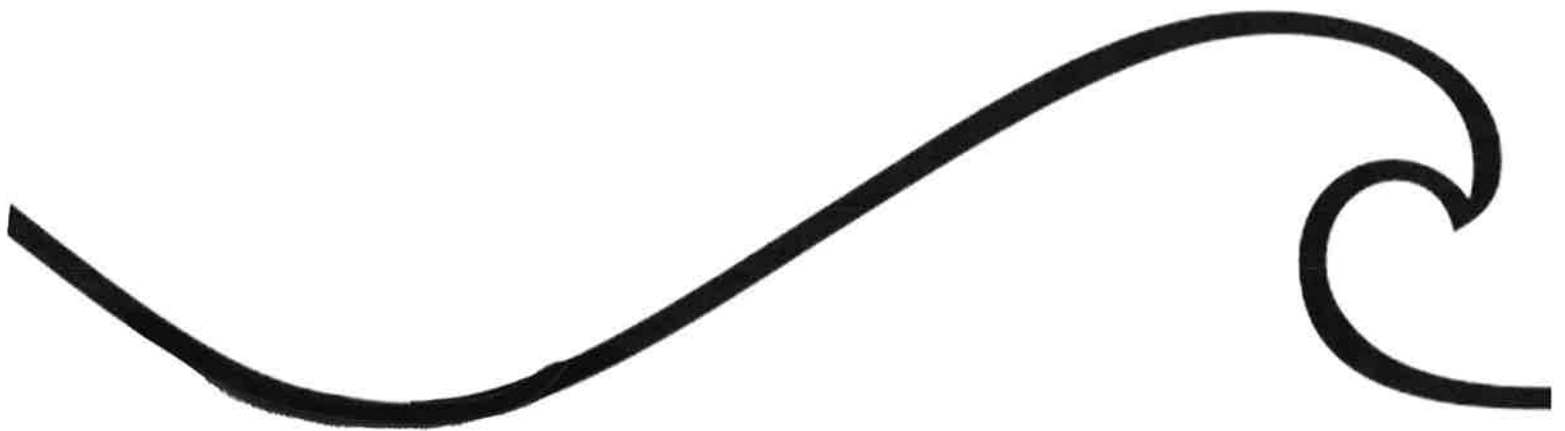


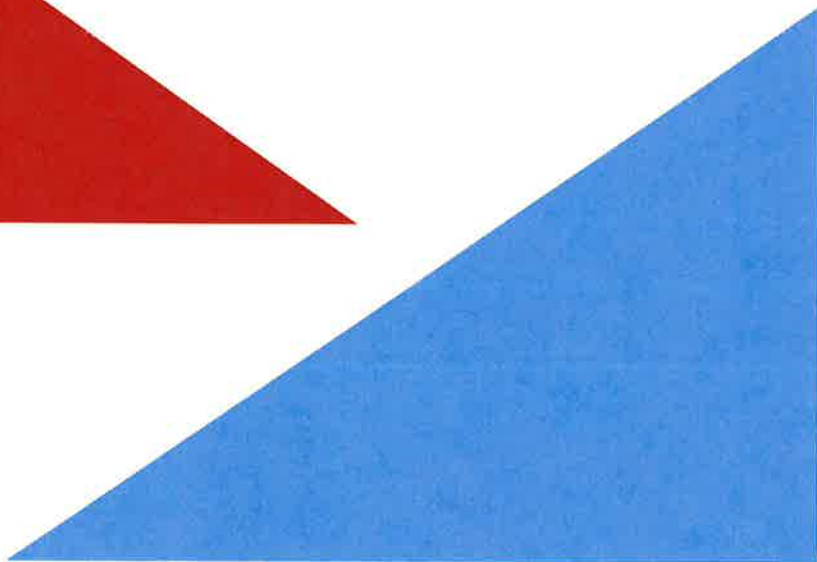
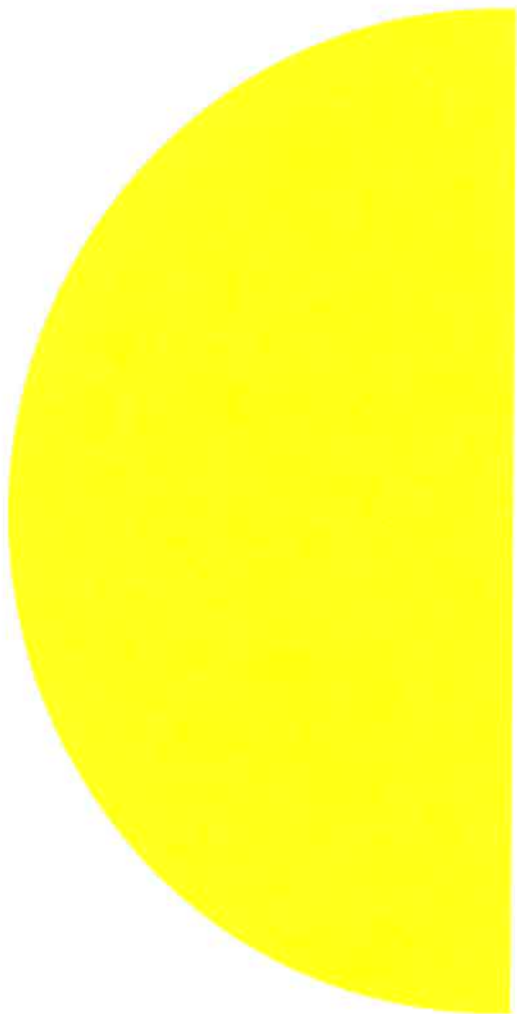
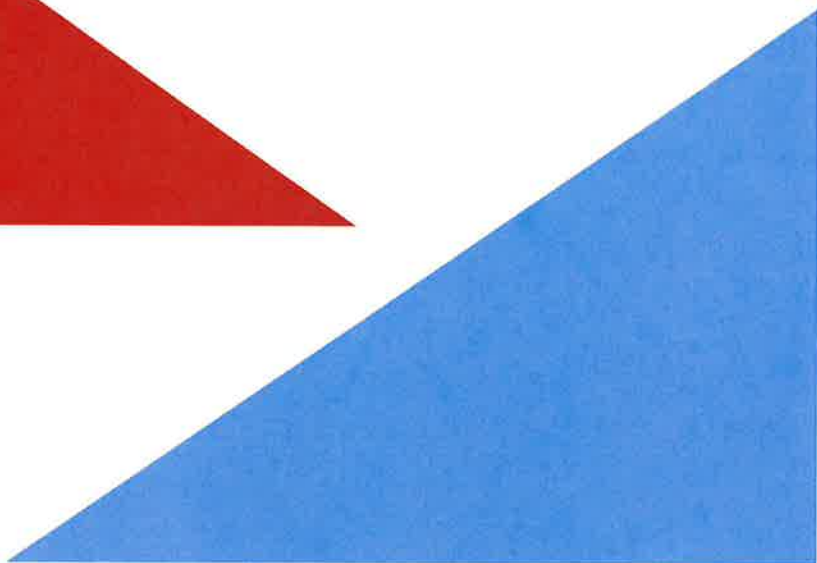
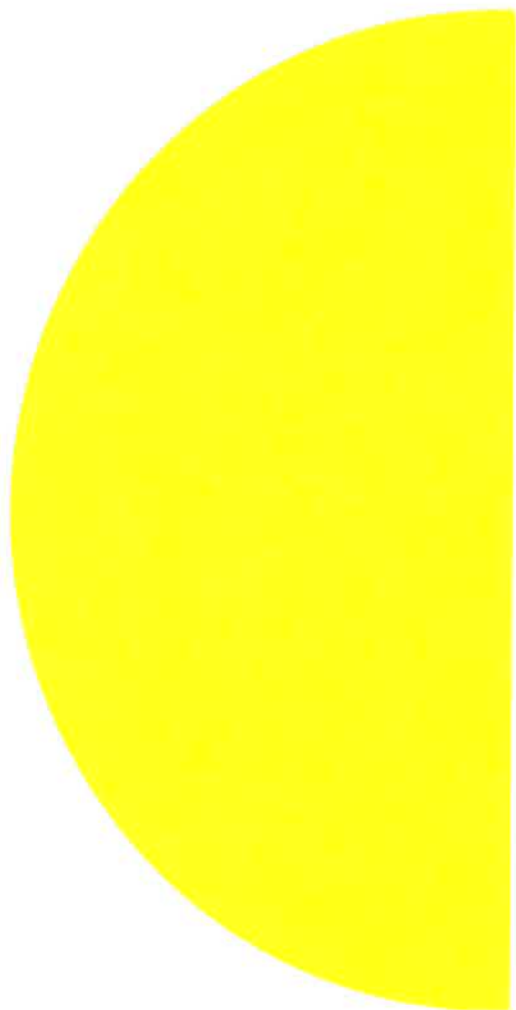
Mark the pictures that show times when you are afraid.

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Matthew 14:27







We ♥ volunteers!



And YOU make a great fit!

- Volunteers for the 8:30am and 11am services are needed and appreciated for both campuses!



WELCOME Baby
new arrivals

Welcome Lil' One!

Wyatt Austin Hester
2.16.21



Happy Birthday!

Easton Reed - 3yrs!

Judson Boren - 4 yrs!

Atticus Caruthers - 3yrs!

Campbell Harvey - 5 yrs!



EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Ask me what I learned today...

Today's Bible Story:

Jesus Helped His Friends

Bible Text Truth:

Jesus helped His friends when they were afraid.
Jesus helps us too.



Bible Skills learned this week:

- Bible scripture can apply to our lives.
- Recall familiar Bible stories and Bible facts.

Bible Focus @ Home:

Guide your preschooler this week to turn pages in their Bible to find Bible stories we've discussed at church. Say: "This is where we read about Jesus going to the mountain to pray and helping His friends on the boat. Matthew 14:27 offers comfort to both children and adults. Share with your preschooler that Jesus cares about people and wants to help them when they are afraid.

Let's Pray

Generosity



Instruct my child, Father, to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, and to be willing to share.

1 Timothy 6:18

Upcoming Preschool Events



Stay tuned for more details!

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021



BIBLE STORY:

Matthew 14:22-33

MARCH MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 4:9

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus helps people.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus is the Son of God. (YK)

Jesus is the Son of God, so He is omnipotent. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Luke 18:9-17

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 18:17

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Luke 12:49-53*

MONDAY: *Luke 12:54-59*

TUESDAY: *Luke 13:1-5*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 13:6-9*

THURSDAY: *Luke 13:10-17*

FRIDAY: *Luke 13:18-21*

SATURDAY: *Luke 13:22-30*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

USE THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU STUDY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:



• **Talk about fears.**

Engage your family in a discussion around fears. Begin by talking about some of the fears you may have, or had, and let others join in.

Say: "Jesus' disciples were used to fishing on the lake and knew that storms could come at any time. The Bible says that even though these men had been on the lake many times, they were terrified by a violent storm.

"When Jesus came to the men walking on the water, He not only calmed the waters but also calmed the disciples' fears. Jesus cared about His disciples fears our fears too."

• **Investigate the Sea of Galilee.**

As a family take some time to research facts about the Sea of Galilee. This Sea in northern Israel was the site of many of Jesus' travels. The Sea is not far from the town where Jesus grew up, and most of His 12 disciples also grew up near the Sea.

Discover what you can about the storms that were common on the Sea of Galilee and consider why the disciples would have been so afraid.

Say: "Jesus calmed the storm and invited Peter to walk on water. Jesus is all-powerful—He is God's Son."

• **Play a helper game.**

Play a quick relay game that requires objects being moved from one side of the room to the other. The first time you play the game, make it an individual game where one person "relays" against another. Discuss the difficulties during the game.

Play the game again, this time forming teams. Talk about the differences in the two experiences and decide if it was easier to compete with a helper or individually.

Say: "Things are easier with a helper. Jesus helped His friends, and we should help others, too."

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SESSION 3

Text Truth: Jesus helps people.

Bible Verse: Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Matthew 14:27

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus said, "Have courage. Do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

For Kids and Parents

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