

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #16

"HOW IS IT THAT YOU HAVE NO FAITH?"

(12th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting on, and doing activities related to the gospel reading of 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Today, I pray for the gift of faith. Help me to trust You always. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Mark 4: 35-41. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

Time of reflection and response:

The gospel passage describes that Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee on a boat with his disciples. They are accompanied by other boats. Suddenly, it becomes dangerous as the wind begins to blow very strongly causing the waves to break into the boat. The disciples are terrified, fearing for their lives. But Jesus is sleeping through it all!

Imagine you are in the boat with the disciples and Jesus. Allow yourself to be drawn into the whole experience. Let the drama unfold.

- How do you feel when the waves pour into the boat, threatening to sink it? What are you most worried about or afraid of?
- You call out to Jesus but find him unresponsive because he is asleep. How does it make you feel?

After a while, Jesus awakes and calms the wind and the sea; and scolds the disciples and you for the lack of faith.

- What is Jesus teaching you through the gospel today?
- Share a personal experience from the past when you felt that God did not care for you. Looking back, how do you feel about the experience today?

In difficult moments of our lives, we too may cry out "Lord, do you not care?". He will hear us, reassure us and say "why are you afraid? I am here with you."

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the gospel of Mark 4: 35-41. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words

Jesus Calms the Storm

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39



D H P F O T D W G C F L G C U
J D U U E L E N T M X M J O Z
M Y E I L K I R Q E D B S H U
U U Q I O P S K R U A F X H O
T E T W E Q T C H I I C L U R
S S V E Y K E K R N F E H I L
W C L E P F R B C O H I T E J
A S U G N B N D H A W P E Y R
M S X S B I I R Z H L D W D Q
P Q O A H A N P U M N M W A R
E U U B R I T G Q I T M K P Y
D A F F E U O D W A L L C S U
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R L F A G R R B K T J B F S M
X D R O W N I X U W A V E S T

STERN	CROWD	FAITH	CALM	TEACHER
OBEY	SWAMPED	WIND	AFRAID	DROWN
WOKE	SLEEPING	BOAT	EVENING	STILL
SQUALL	WAVES	CUSHION	TERRIFIED	QUIET

Activity #2: Break the code

Jesus Calms the Storm

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	C	L	H	Z	V	P	B	D	M	S	W	E	R	G	U	A	Y	I	Q	X	O	F	T	K	N

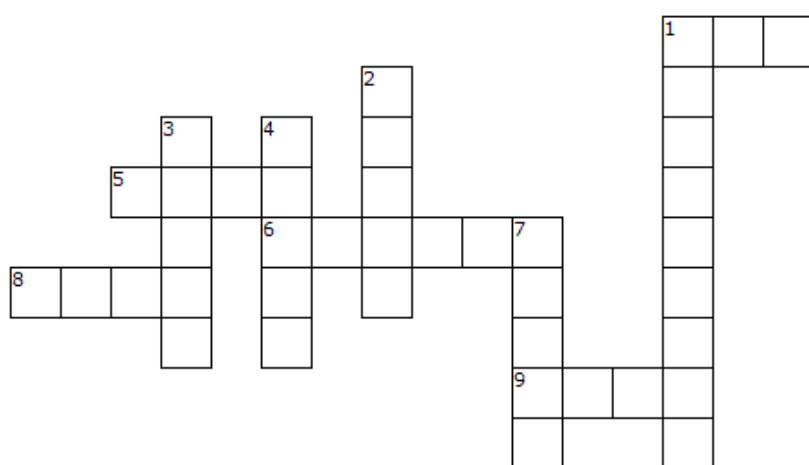
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- 12-19-26-9 _____
- 2-17-3-10 _____
- 22-8-13-18 _____
- 11-12-17-10-7-13-9 _____
- 12-17-6-13-11 _____
- 9-14-22-12-26 _____
- 8-22-17-24 _____

BOAT	WAVES	DROWN	FAITH
WIND	SWAMPED	CALM	OBEY

Activity #3: Solve the puzzle

Peace! Be Still!

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39



ACROSS

1. A period of twenty-four hours
5. A body of water that is surrounded by land
6. To have a feeling of fear
8. A relatively small craft which travels on water
9. A raised movement of water rolling across the surface of the sea

DOWN

1. The original followers of Jesus
2. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
3. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
4. To be calm, without much activity
7. To die by being under water and unable to breathe

PEACE	STORM	DAY	DROWN	AFRAID
DISCIPLES	LAKE	BOAT	WAVE	FAITH

Activity #4: Fill in the blanks

Jesus Calms the Storm

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the _____." So they took Jesus in the _____ and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce _____ came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with _____.

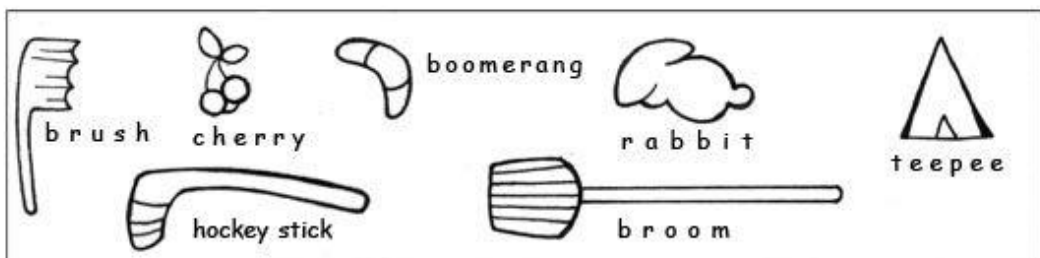
Jesus was _____ at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to _____?"

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the _____ and said to the _____, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you _____? Do you still have no _____?"

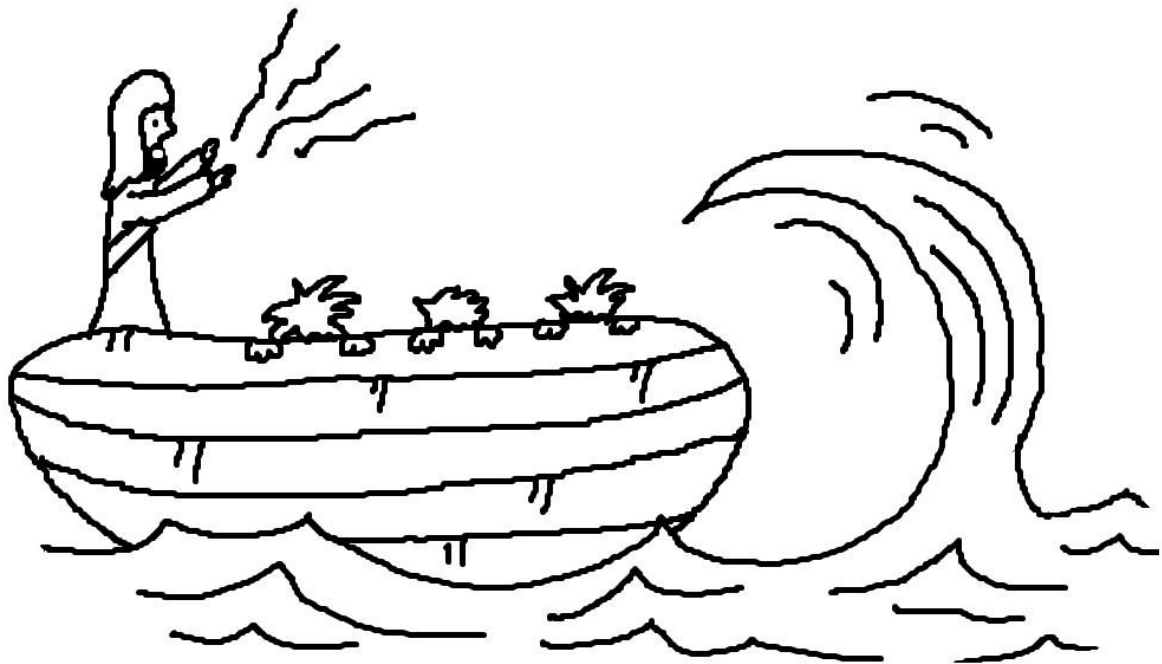
The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

wind	drown	boat	faith	storm
waves	water	afraid	sleeping	lake

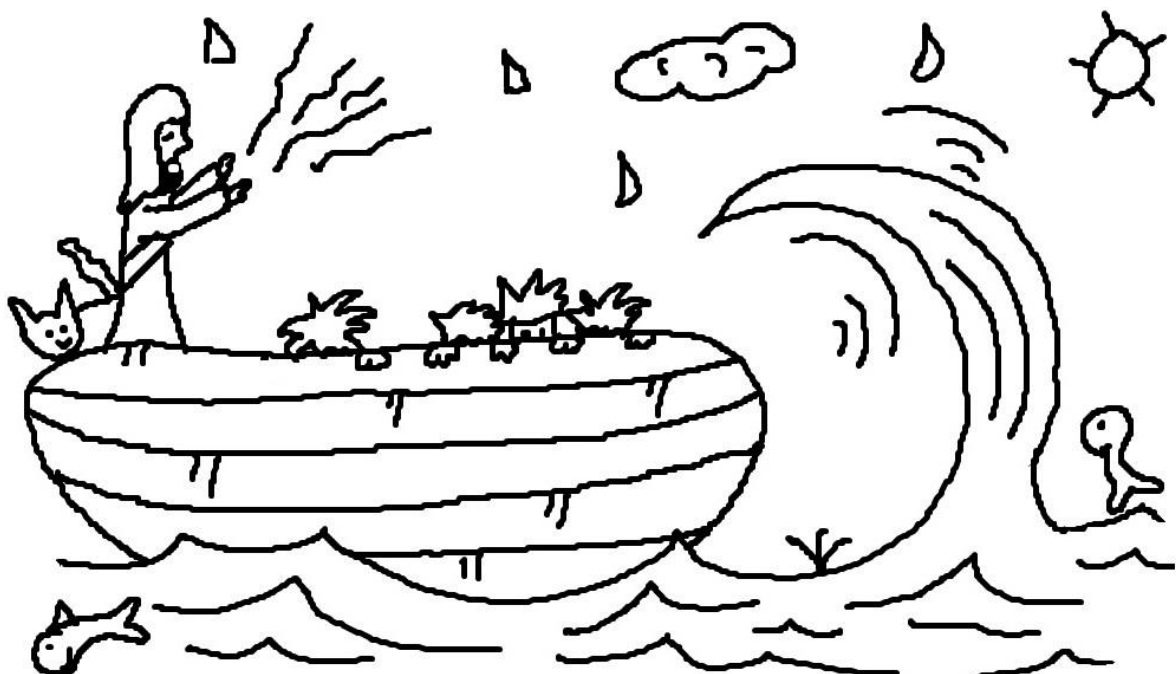
Activity #5: Find the hidden items



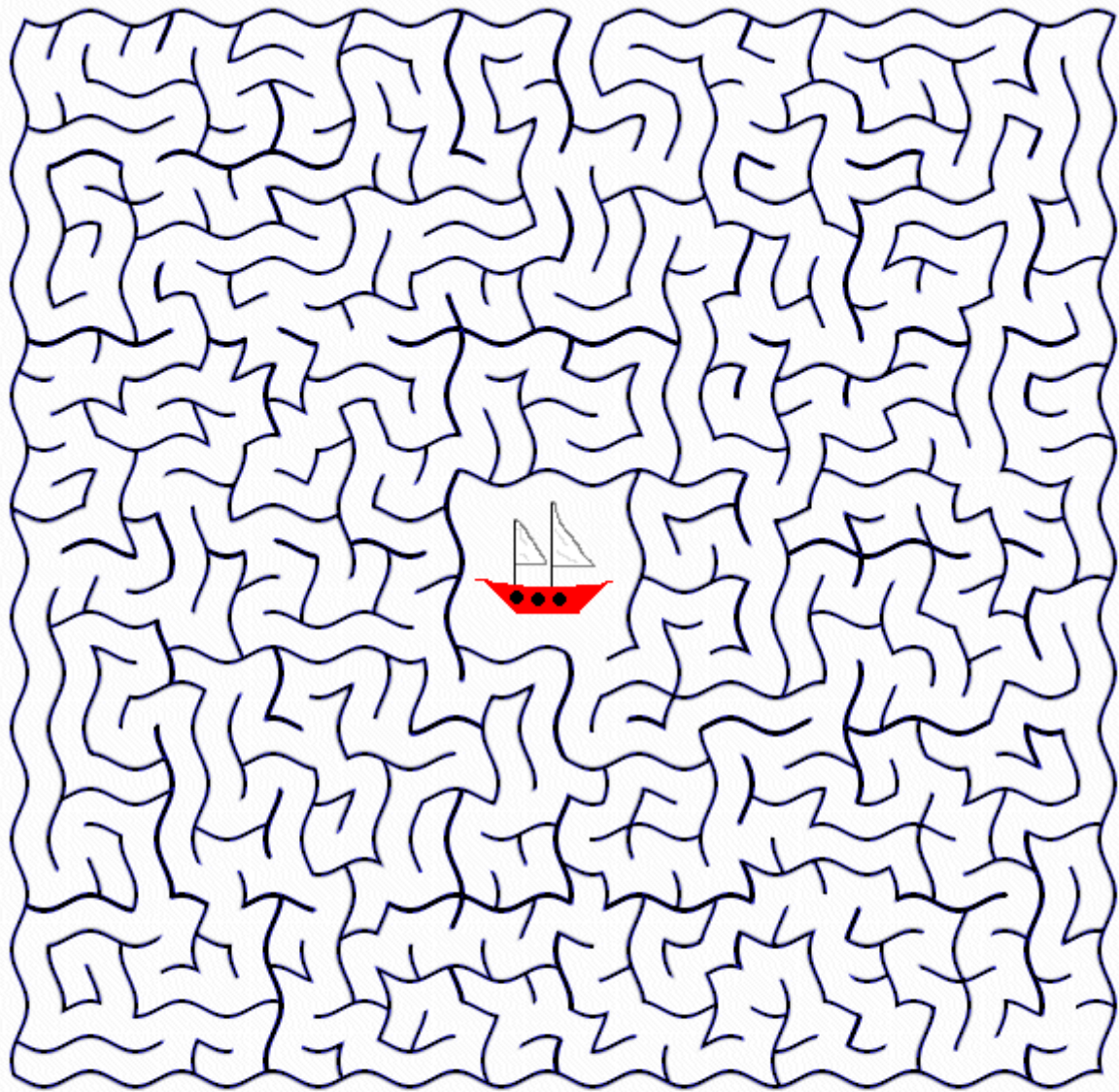
Activity #6: Spot the differences



Jesus Calms The Storm Find The Difference.
Find all 17 differences in the picture below.



Activity #7: Find your way to the boat



Jesus and his disciples were in a little boat in a terrible storm.
Jesus said "Peace, be still".
The storm instantly stopped.
Mark 4:35-41

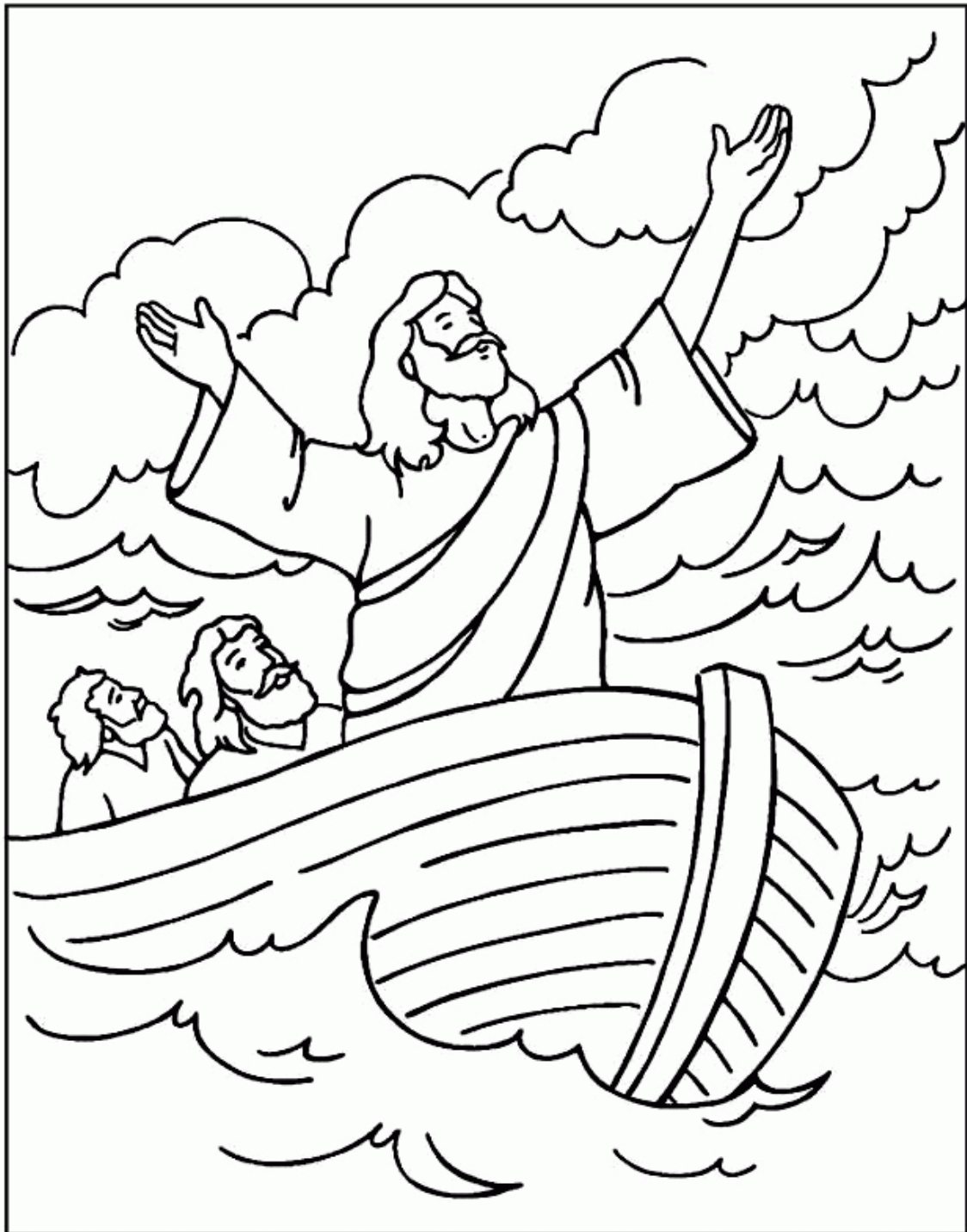
Activity #8: Spot the differences

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



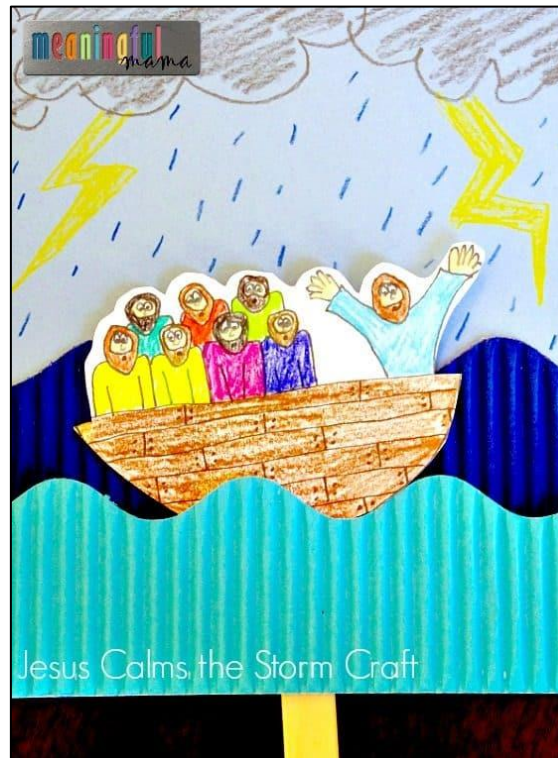
Activity #9: Colour the picture



Jesus Calms the Sea

The winds and the waves shall obey my will;
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!

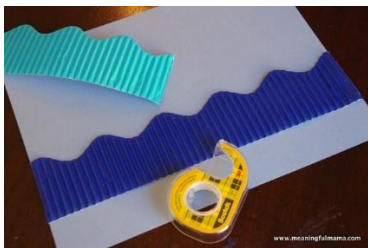
Activity #10: Jesus Calms the Storm Craft



1. Use coloured pencils or markers to color the picture of the boat with the disciples and Jesus. Then, cut out the picture.



2. The boat now needs to be stuck at the end of an ice cream stick or any other suitable stick.



3. Use double sided tape or glue to stick down the first layer of darker blue paper. This layer is behind and slighter higher than the next layer.



4. The lighter blue paper goes on top of the first one. DO NOT glue the entire layer down. Only glue the ends so the ice cream stick boat can move through between the waves.



5. The final image contains lightening, rain and clouds.

