

## **Story:** Jesus Calms the Storm

### **Lesson Intro:** Crazy Storm

#### **Materials:**

- Tub of water
- Fan
- Boat

#### **Directions:**

1. Uncover the tub of water.
2. **Ask:** What do you think will happen to the boat when I turn on the fan? Wait for children to respond.
3. Start the fan on low speed and move it up to high. Ask them if they would be afraid if they were on the boat.
4. Have you ever been in a storm? Were you afraid? When do you feel scared?
5. Discuss times when you were afraid.
6. Do you know we can always depend on Jesus to take care of us when we are afraid? Today we are going to read a story about Jesus and his disciples. They were on a boat in the ocean and a terrible storm started rocking the boat. The disciple's were afraid so Jesus calmed the storm.

#### **Lesson**

1. Read "Wind and Waves" on page 363 to 367 in The Beginners Bible.  
Ask questions as you read.

**Prayer:** Please pause to allow the children to repeat the prayer.

Dear God, *Thank You, Jesus, for always being with us. "When I am afraid, I will trust in You."*  
*Thank you for always hearing and answering our prayers. Amen.*

## **Activity: Calming the Storm**

### **Materials:**

- Blue blanket/towel
- Small boat or beach ball

### **Directions:**

1. Have the children hold onto the blue sheet.
2. Put a boat or ball in the center.
3. Next, let the children wave it really fast.
4. Place a ball or other soft object on the sheet and try to keep it from falling off.
5. Have one person say stop and have all the children stop waving the sheet and explain how Jesus calmed the storm.

## **Activity: Making a storm**

### **Materials:**

- Tub of Water
- Straws
- Small boat

### **Directions:**

1. Have the children retell the story. As they remember events, act out the story.
2. Place the tub of water between the children.
3. Take off the lid of the tub.
4. Place the boat in the water.
5. Have one child pretend to be Jesus and Sleep.
6. Use the straws to blow water around the boat.
  - a. Make sure the children do NOT suck in the water.
  - b. I would suggest blowing air out of the straw for the children to practice before they get near the water.
7. Have Jesus wake up and tell the water to stop.

## Activity: Pop Goes the Fear

### Materials:

- Balloons
- Clothes Pins
- Markers

### Directions:

1. **Say:** We've seen from the things Jesus said and did for his disciples on the boat that he desires to protect us from fearful situations. What fears do you have? If you would like to share a fear, I'll write it on one of the balloons.
  - a. **\*Note- Balloons are held close with close pins.**
2. Use the felt marker to write on balloons several things kids say they're afraid of.
3. Show the children the close pin. See if they can read what is written on them. (Jesus).
4. **Say:** Think of these pins as being like Jesus. Our fears are written on the balloons. Let's see what happens when we let Jesus handle our fears.
5. Unwind the balloon from the clothes pin. The Balloon will deflate.
6. **Say:** Jesus has the power to destroy our fears. As each balloon is deflated, let's praise God for destroying our fears with his Word.
7. One by one, unclip the balloons. As each balloon deflates, lead children in thanking God for his power and love.

### Ask:

- Would a smaller or larger balloon have the same results? Why do you think so? **(No, Jesus defeats all our fears!)**
- Are there any fears that may be too big for Jesus? Explain. **(NO- Jesus can defeat all of our fears).**

**Say: Jesus' power and love are not limited by the size of our fears. He created us and everything else in the universe. There is nothing too great or too small for him to handle.**

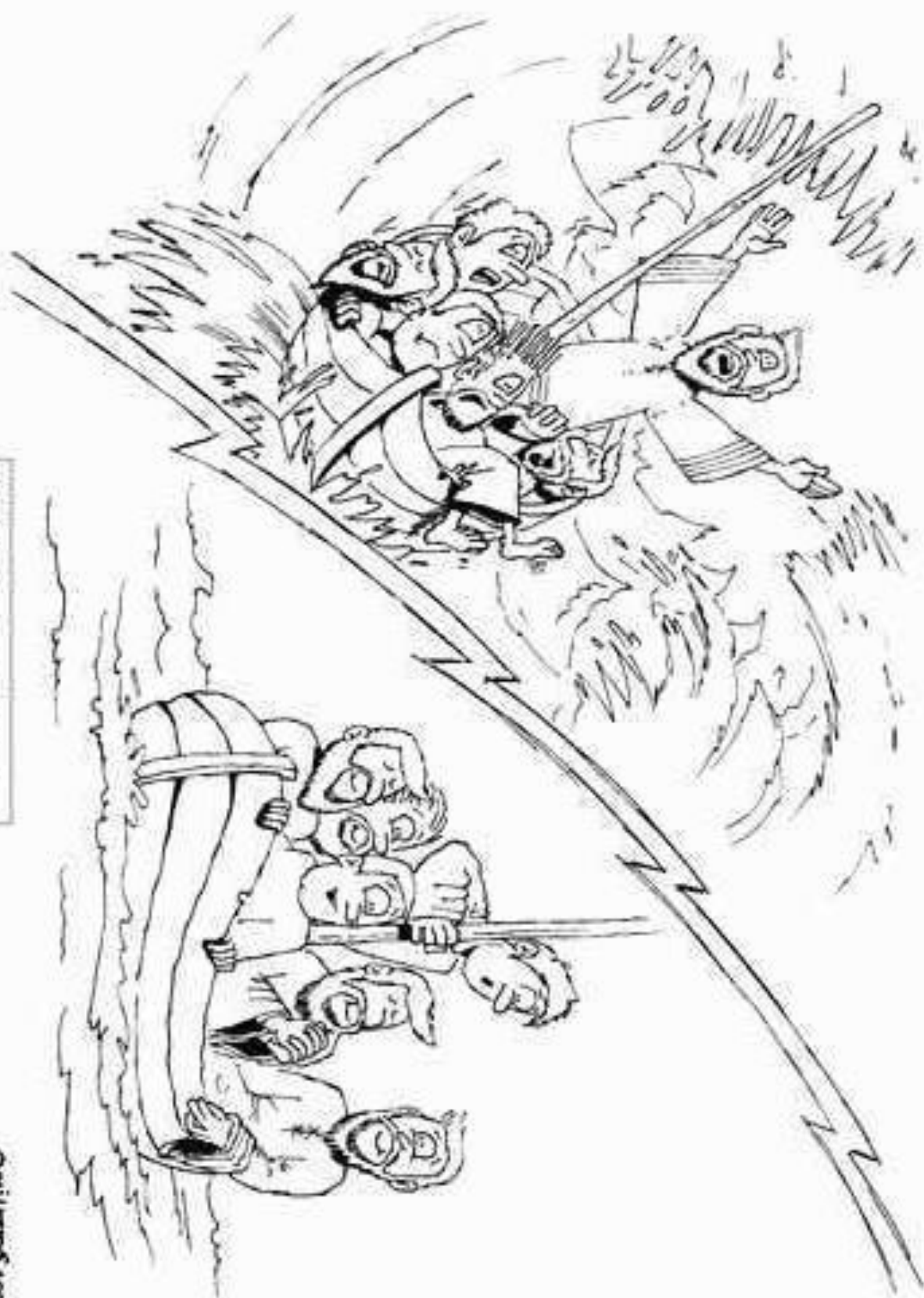


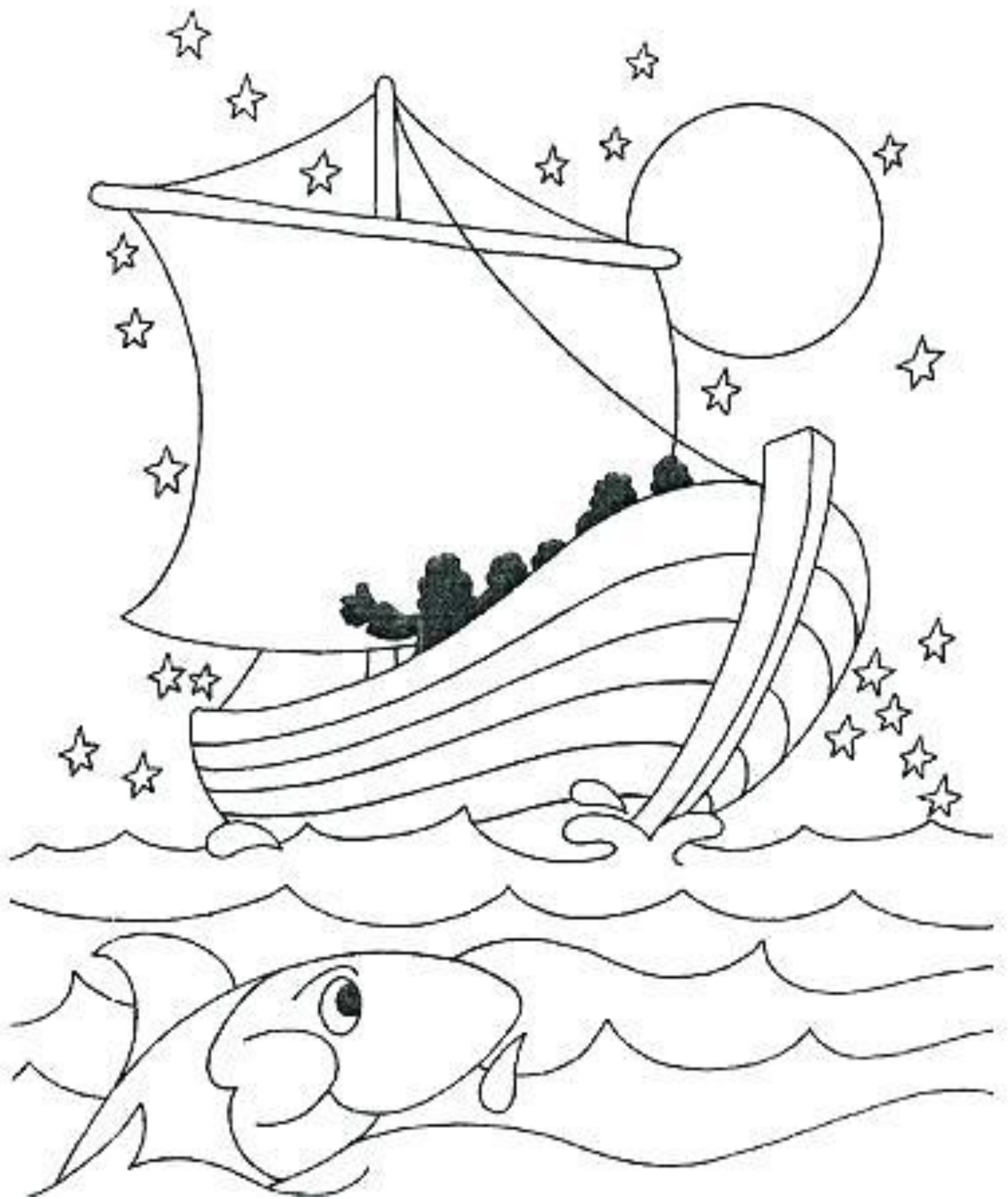


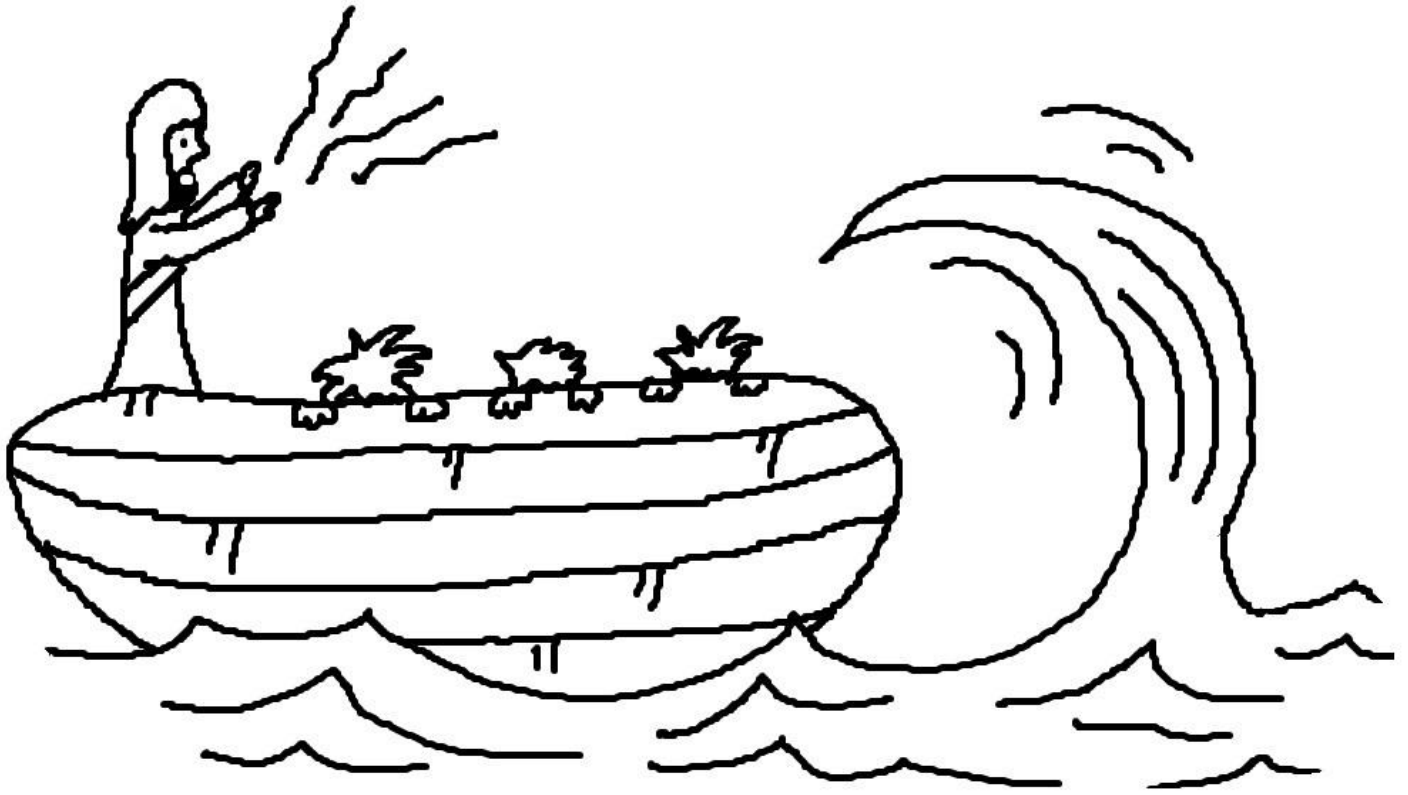
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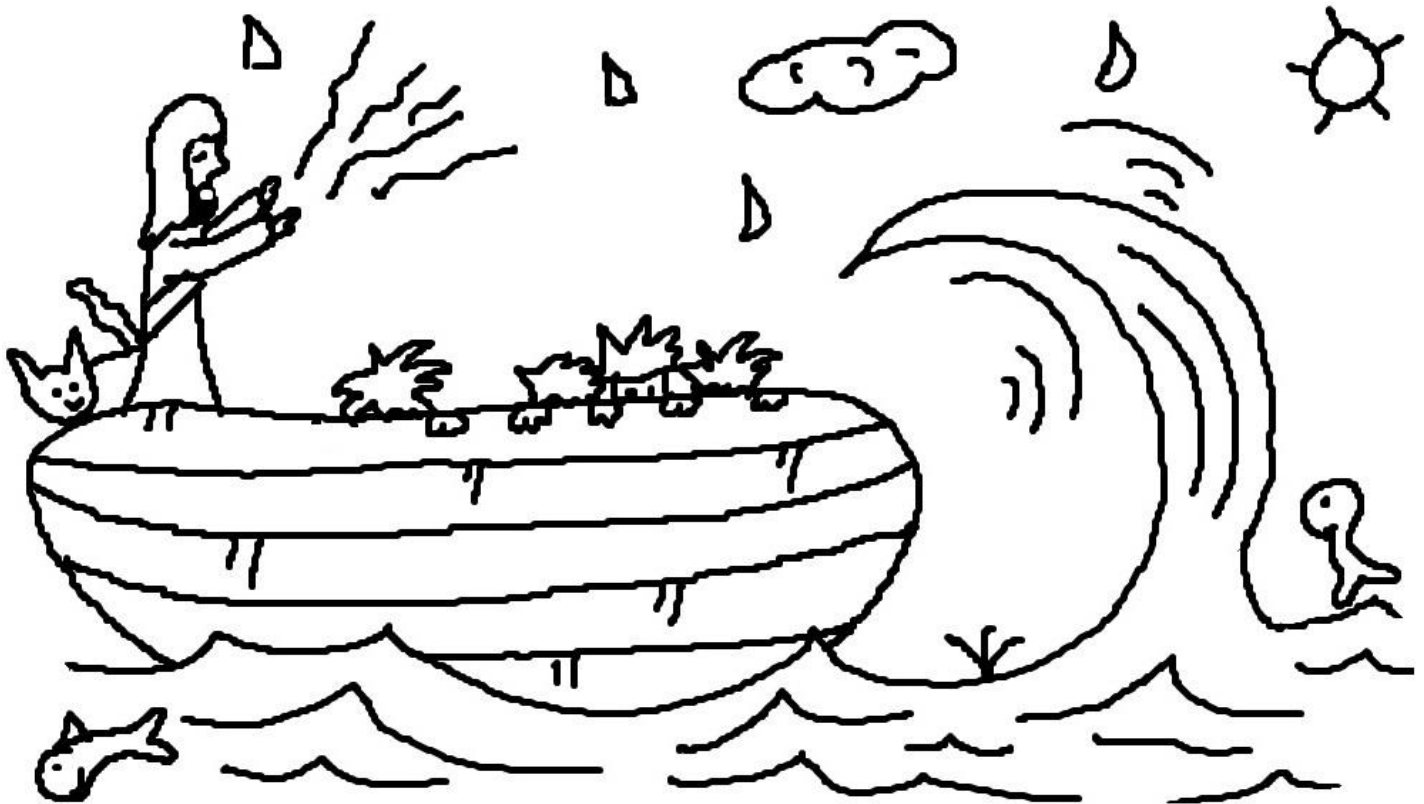




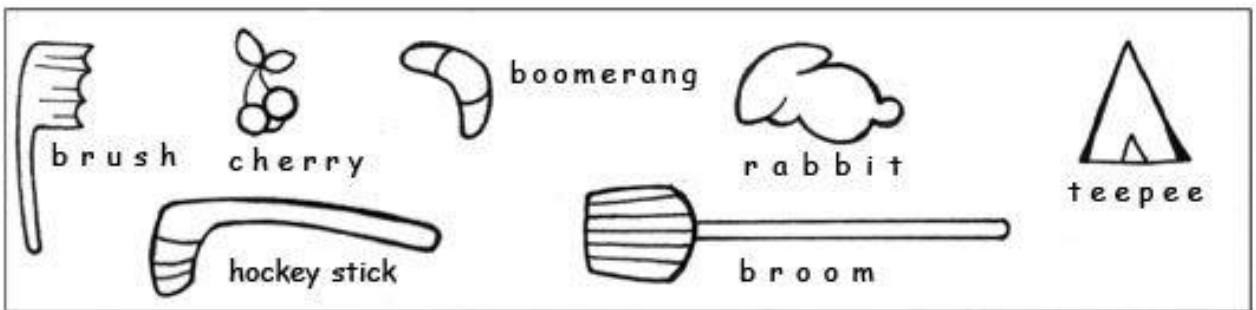


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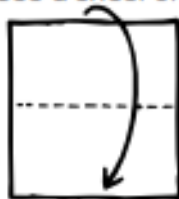


Jesus helped His friends in a storm.  
Find your way through the storm to Jesus.

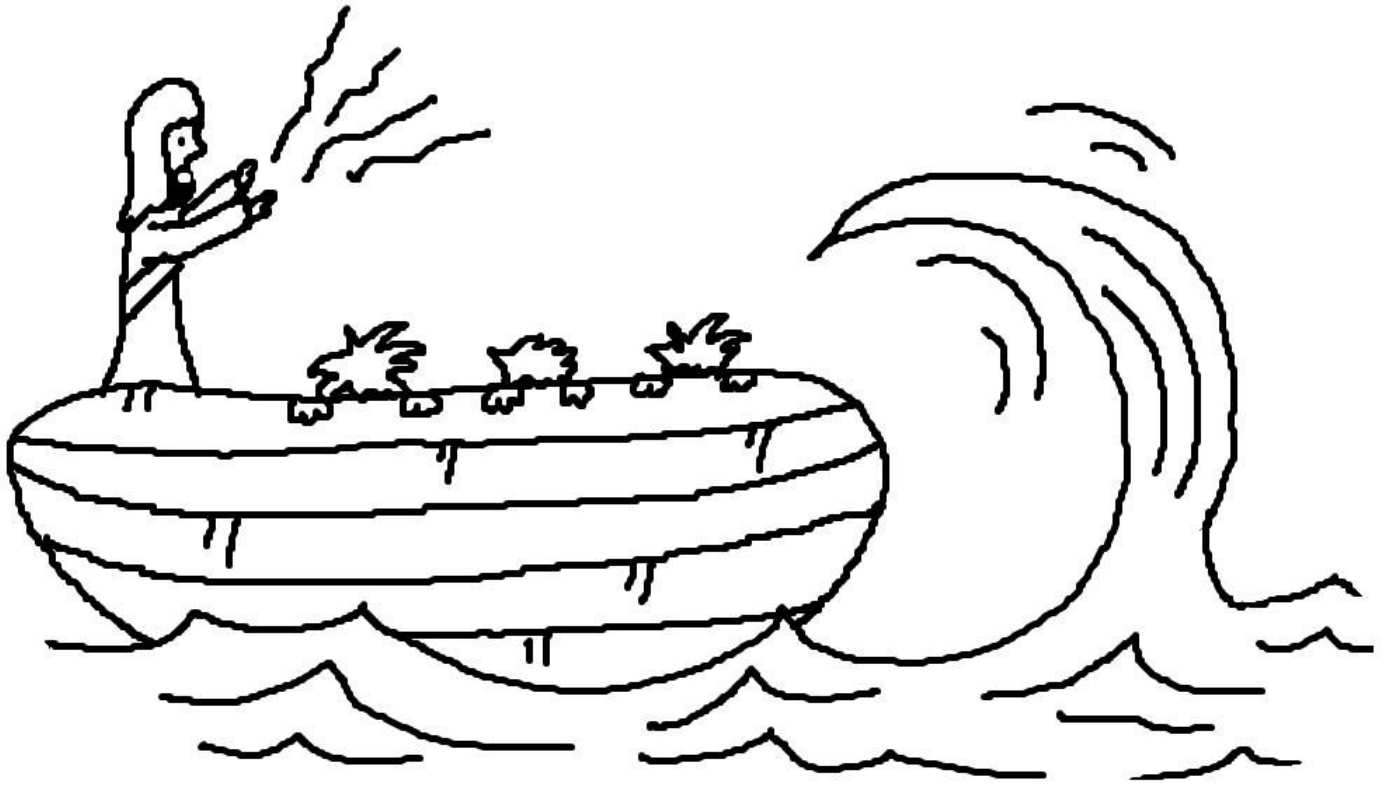


Because of Jesus' great power, we can ask Him for help.  
Our Bible says, "Great is our Lord and mighty in power" (Psalm 147:5).

Use a sheet of paper to make a boat. Fold on the dotted lines.



Now sail your boat on calm water!



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