

CALMING THE STORM.

Liturgy of the Word with children.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

LECTIONARY YEAR B.

COLOUR:

GREEN.

First reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11.

Psalm: 106: 23-26, 28-31.

2nd Reading: Corinthians: 5: 14-17.

Gospel: Mark: 4: 35-41.

PRAYER SPACE: Dear Parent's/ Guardians please prepare the following:

GREEN CLOTH: BIBLE [preferably a catholic children Bible] A candle: A picture of the ocean or a model sailing ship.

THEME: Even the wind and waves obey Him!

In the Gospel story today, we hear how Jesus got into a boat with His disciples.

JESUS: Let us cross over to the other side!

Suddenly a storm came up. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink. Jesus was in the back of the boat with His head on pillow, and He was asleep.

His disciples were afraid, they woke Jesus up and said.

Disciples: Teacher, don't you care, we're about to drown

Jesus got up and He ordered the wind and the waves.

JESUS: Be quit! Be calm!.

The wind stopped, and everything was quit.

In today's story how do you think the disciples felt before they woke Jesus?

Have you ever experienced a storm, were you afraid?

When you are afraid what do you do?

What did the disciples in the story do?

Think of a time when you have helped to calm someone down or comfort them when they have been upset or worried?

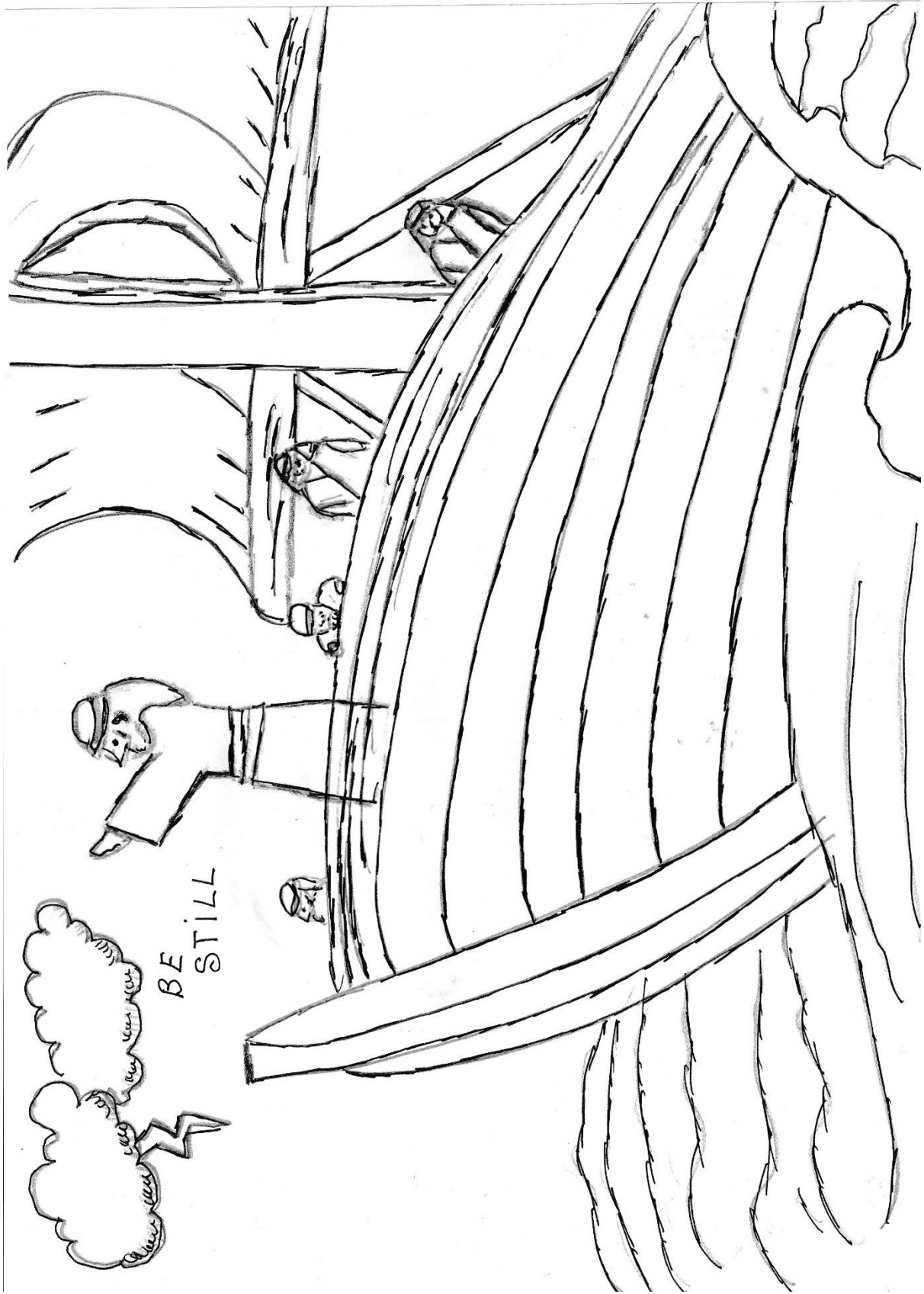
Jesus is like that.

When we are frightened or scared or upset, whether we are children or adults, we can all come to Jesus in prayer, and He will help to calm us down and comfort us.

Often in life we too have moments where our lives get stormy and twisted up which then causes us to worry, but when we have invited Jesus into our boat --- our life, we don't get so worried, or scared because Jesus will help us see and know how to let God's love, light and life into us --- which will do what, do you think?

That's right! Letting God's love, light, and possibilities will help us to smooth out the stormy waves that we often feel on the inside, which then helps us better be able to respond to others during that stormy time. **WITH GOD IN CHARGE, WE DON'T NEED TO BE SO FRIGHTENED AND WORRIED.**

CALMING THE STORM COLOURING PAGE FOR YOUNGER KIDS.



CALMING OF THE STORM ACTIVITY.

IN EACH OF THE SQUARES BELOW, DRAW THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 1.--- LET US CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE.
- 2.--- WAVES STARTED SPLASHING AGAINST THE BOAT.
- 3.--- JESUS ORDERED THE WIND AND THE WAVES TO BE QUIT.
- 4.--- THE WIND STOPPED, AND EVERYTHING WAS CALM.

