

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 20th June 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41



On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?"

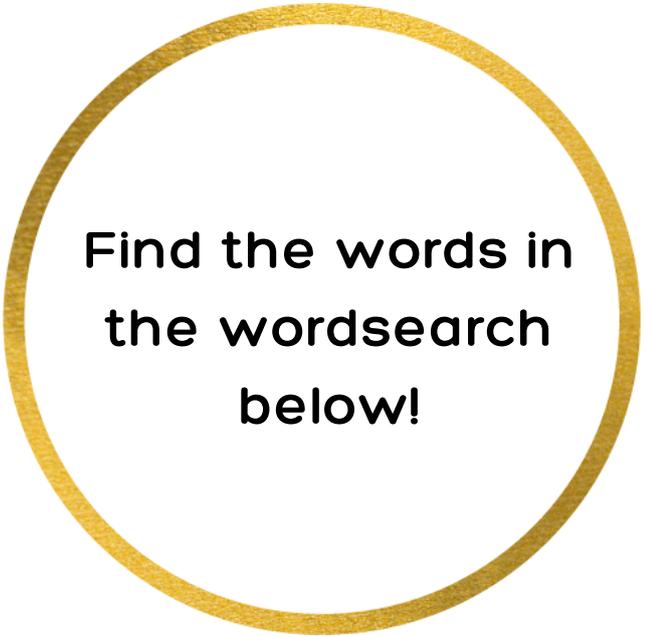
But they were terribly afraid and said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Today we hear about how in the middle of a great storm Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. He tells the disciples to have courage and to have faith. Jesus told the wind and the sea to be quiet and still. The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing against the boat. Sometimes when everything around us is scary and going wrong, it can be hard to keep our faith in God. We can feel like God is no longer with us and it is hard to see how things will get better. But in this reading, Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. They should know that God is always with them, especially in difficult times.



## Questions

1. Have you ever been on a boat when the weather was bad? What was it like?
2. What was Jesus doing while all this was happening? Was he afraid?
3. If you had been one of the disciples on that boat, with the wind blowing and the waves crashing, do you think you would have trusted Jesus that everything would be ok?

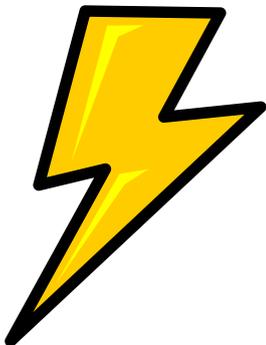


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### Prayer

Dear God,

Be with us when we are afraid.  
Give us courage to do  
what is right and strengthen our  
faith, so we may give  
comfort to  
others who  
are  
frightened.  
Amen.



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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

The puzzle is based on Mark 4:35-41 (NIV).



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