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What Kind of Man Is This?

A great multitude came to the Sea of Galilee to hear Jesus teach. He sat in a boat near the shore and the people stood on the land. That way He could see them and they could see Him.

Again Jesus told stories to explain the kingdom of Heaven. He wanted everyone to understand that the kingdom of Heaven was not like an earthly kingdom.

Some people thought Jesus would make a good king over the land of Israel. But they were beginning to realize He did not plan to chase out the Romans. He did not plan to sit on a throne and wear a crown or lead their army to fight against the Romans.

Instead, Jesus wanted them to repent of their sins and become children of God. Then they would be part of the kingdom of Heaven. But most people did not want that kind of kingdom.

Evening was coming on and the people still stood there listening to Jesus. Probably they would have

stayed there till dark if He had kept on talking.

But the Master was tired. He needed rest. He had sat in that boat for a long time. And He had talked for hours. He said to the disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the sea."

So they sent the people away and the disciples got into the ship with Jesus. As soon as they set sail, He went to the back of the boat, lay down on a pillow, and dropped off into a deep sleep.

After a while the wind began to blow. Waves began to roll. Harder and harder blew the wind. Higher and higher rolled the waves, until they began washing over the side. And Jesus still slept on a pillow at the back of the boat.

The disciples fought the wind and waves, hoping to bring the boat to shore. They bailed out the water as fast as possible, but they could not keep ahead of it. Little by little the ship filled with water. Lower and lower

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it sank in the sea. And Jesus still slept on a pillow at the back of the boat.

At last the disciples gave up. They stopped fighting the wind and waves. They rushed to where He slept. "Master, Master, save us! We are dying! Don't You care?"

Jesus opened His eyes. He stood up and spoke to the wild, shrieking wind and raging waves. "Peace. Be still."



Instantly the wind stopped blowing. The waves stopped rolling. A dead calm settled over the sea.

Then He said to the disciples, "Why were you so scared? How is it that you have so little faith in Me?"

The disciples could hardly believe what had happened. Yes, in the past they had seen the Master heal lame men. They saw Him make blind people see and deaf people hear. But

somehow this miracle seemed different than those others.

They knew that no power in all the world could stop a storm at sea. Whoever heard of wind and waves obeying a man? The power of Jesus had frightened the disciples. "What kind of Man is this," they asked each other, "that even the wind and sea obey Him?"

From the Story

Write *E* for *earthly kingdom* or *H* for *kingdom of Heaven*.

1. ___ The king wants the people to repent and be His children.
2. ___ The king sits on a throne and gets rid of the Romans.

Number these in order 1-4.

- 3. ___ The wind began to blow.
- ___ The disciples cried to Jesus for help.
- ___ The disciples fought the storm.
- ___ Jesus went to sleep.

That's Our God

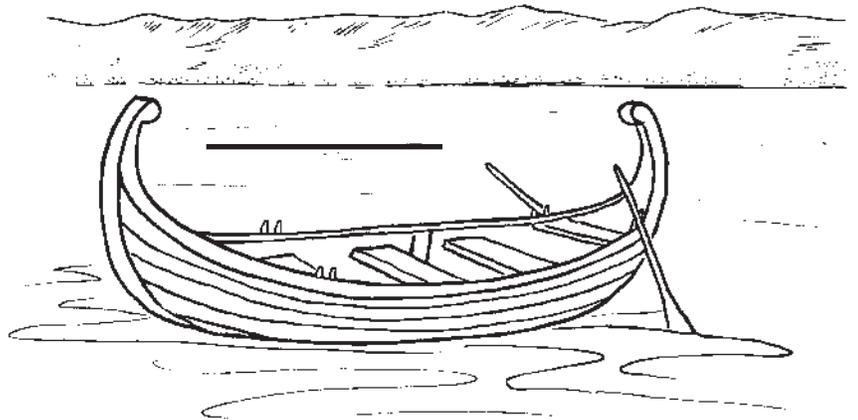
Write the three words Jesus said to calm the stormy sea.

- 4. "_____. _____ _____."
 - 5. How soon did the winds and waves obey Jesus?
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Where They Lived

Follow the directions. You may draw stick people.

- 6. On the line, write the name of the sea where this story took place.
- △ 7. Draw Jesus where He sat to teach the people.
- △ 8. Draw the people where they stood to listen to Jesus.



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For Me Today

What lessons can you learn from this story to use in times of trouble and storm?
Underline all that are true.

9. You don't need to be afraid if you have faith in Jesus.

Jesus cares about your problems even if you can't see Him.

You should try to solve your problems without bothering Jesus.

Jesus has more power than any storm or trouble.

We Remember

Hosts in those days greeted guests with a kiss, anointed them with oil, and gave them water to wash their feet.

Write Simon or good host.

10. _____ A Pharisee.

11. _____ Greeted guests with a kiss.

12. _____ Was not polite.

13. _____ Ignored his guest.

14. _____ Anointed guests with oil.

15. _____ Didn't wash Jesus' feet.

16. _____ Invited Jesus for the wrong reason.

17. _____ Gave water to wash their feet.