

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 June 2024 - Year B

***"Who can this be? Even the wind
and the sea obey him."***

Something to Think About

Can you remember the last time there was a storm?

Imagine if you were on a boat in the middle of a lake in the middle of a storm.

Imagine what it would be like to feel the wind blowing and the waves crashing against the boat.

The Story

Today's gospel is a great rescue story! The disciples were caught in a storm and Jesus saved them.

Jesus told the wind and the waves to be still and they obeyed immediately.

Jesus wondered why the disciples had been so afraid and he told them to have faith.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

4:35-41

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the east side.

"So they left the crowd, and his disciples started across the lake with him in the boat.

Some other boats followed along. Suddenly a windstorm struck the lake.

Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink.

Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep.

His disciples woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're about to drown? "

Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet.

The wind stopped, and everything was calm.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?"

Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other,

"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus Calms the Storm](#)



Group Discussion

Think about how things changed in the story – from the noisy, frightening storm to calmness. What are the things in your life that calm you down and bring you peace?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for our parents and teachers who protect us and keep us safe. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that our hearts will be full of faith. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who are afraid. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will trust in God during hard times. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will find a place of calm in our busy days. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

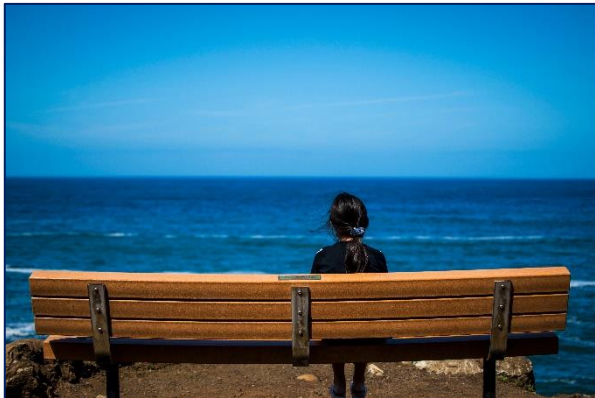
Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Thank you for being with us through
the storms of life. Help us to trust
that you will make things calm
again.
Amen.

Group Activity

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

You will need: boat template for each child, A4 paper, strips of blue construction paper pre-cut for the waves, paddle-pop sticks, crayons or coloured pencils.

Colour the printable of Jesus and the disciples in the boat.

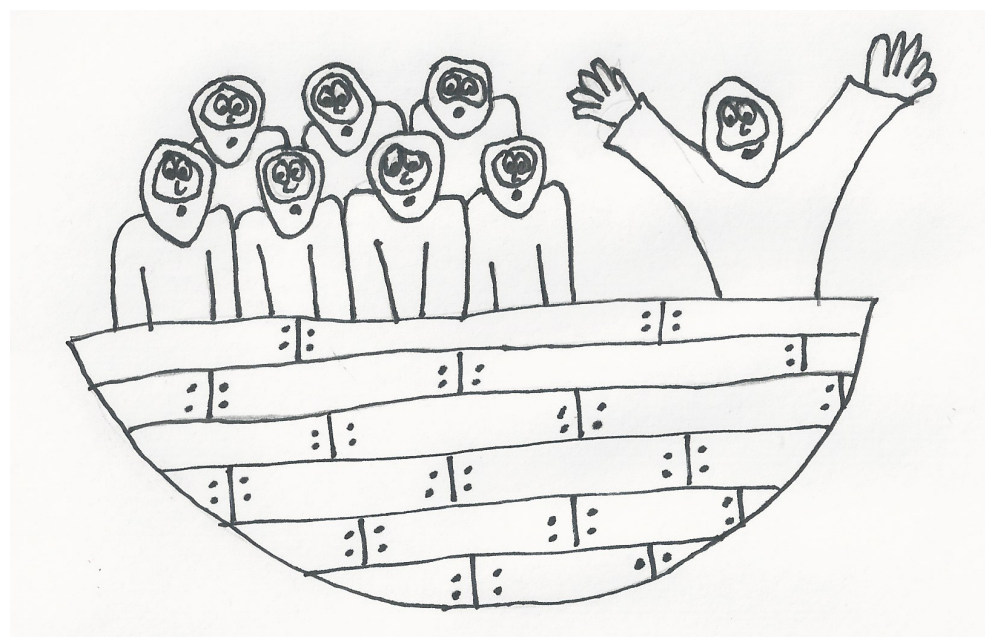
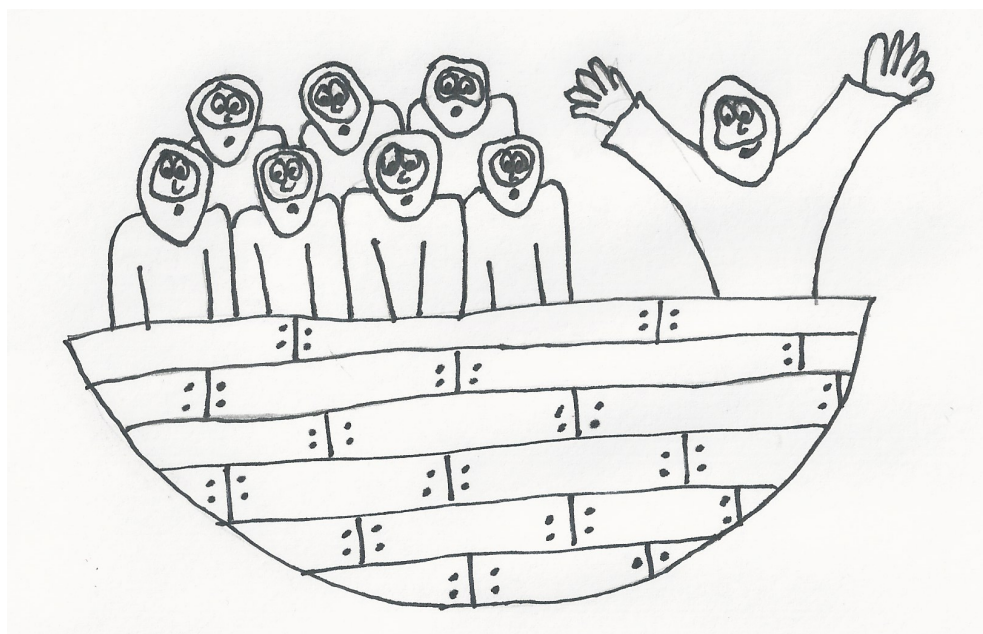
Stick the boat at the end of a paddle-pop stick.

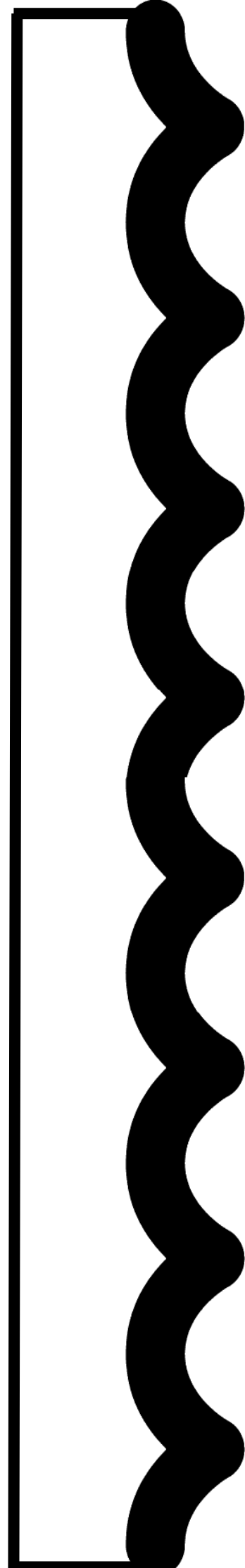
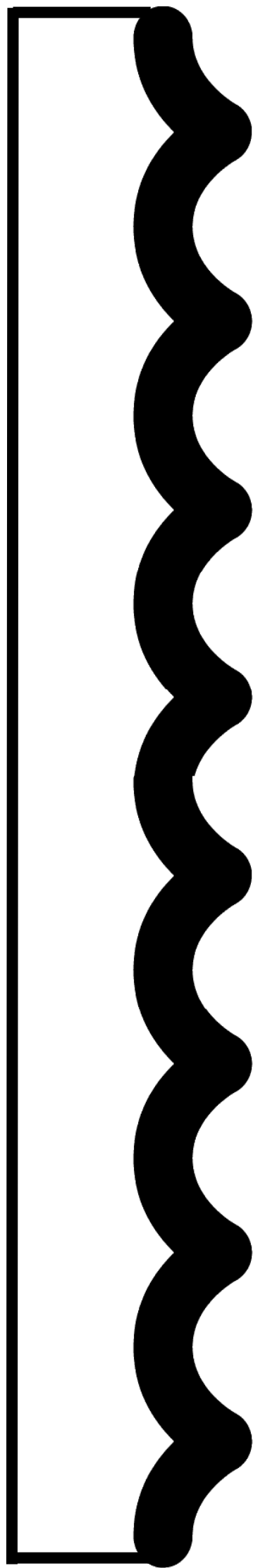
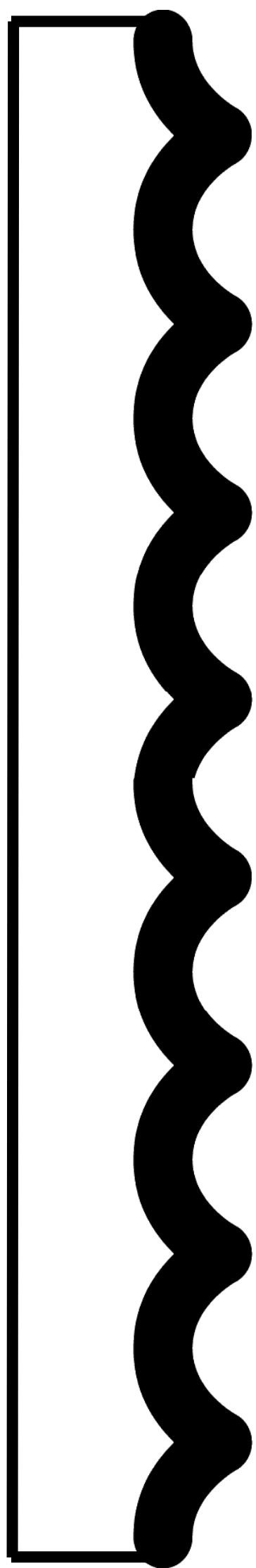
Glue the waves onto the sheet of paper, applying the glue only at the outer two edges.

Slide the paddle-pop stick boat underneath the waves so the boat can move across the water.

Children may like to add storm clouds and lightning in the sky!







DRAW THE STORM AT SEA WITH
BIG WAVES SWAMPING
THE BOAT

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JESUS CALMS THE STORM JESUS BRINGS PEACE + QUIET

We can meet Jesus when we are quiet.

Find a quiet place and relax.

Imagine Jesus is sitting next to you.

What would you tell Jesus?

What does Jesus tell you?