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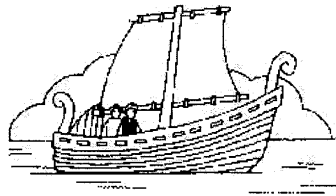
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 13 August, 2023

Matthew 14:28-29

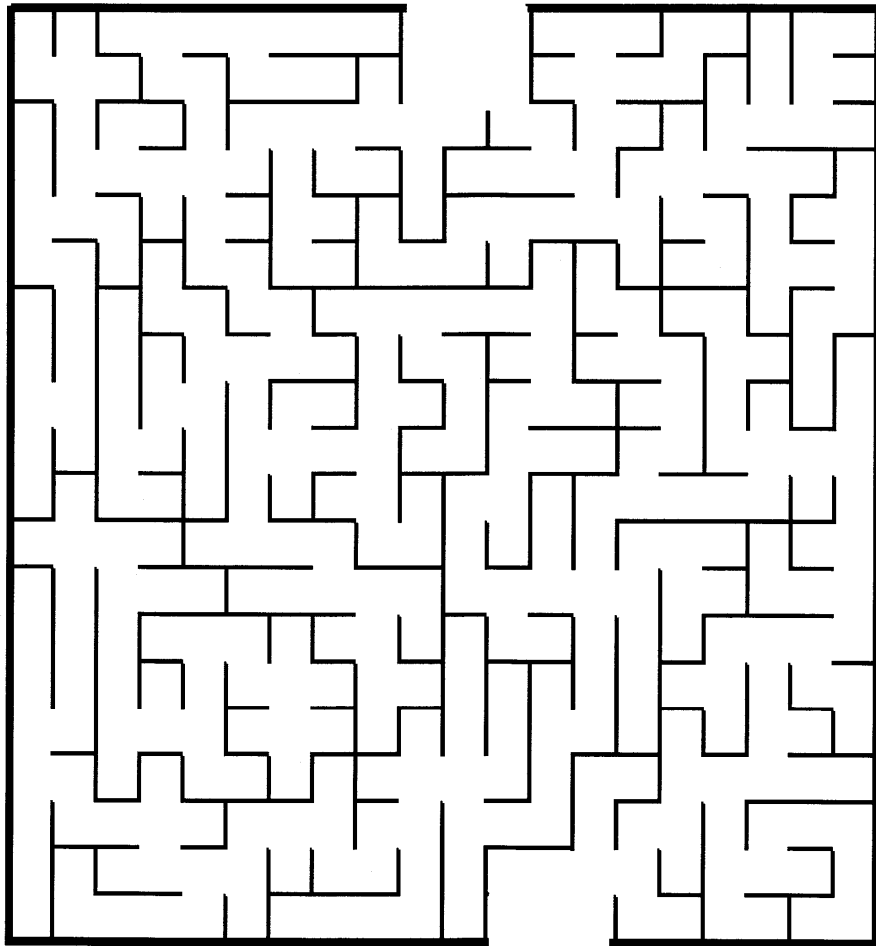
Peter said to Jesus "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. "He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

Dear Jesus, when the storms of life come against us, help us to keep our eyes on you and to put our trust in you.
Amen.

Help the fishermen find their way to Jesus. You can learn about Jesus from Bible Stories, by going to church, and by praying to Him. Jesus loves you and wants you to know him.



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Word Search: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEV)

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| BOAT | LAKE | CROWDS | MOUNTAIN |
| EVENING | SHORE | WIND | WAVES |
| MORNING | DISCIPLES | GHOST | TERRIFIED |
| JESUS | AFRAID | REALLY | WATER |
| COME | PETER | WALKING | STRONG |
| SAVE | RIGHT | HELPED | FAITH |
| DOWN | WORSHIPPED | GOD | |



Crossword: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

26 across) Right away, Jesus made his disciples get into a _____

22 down) and start back across the _____.

19 down) But he stayed until he had sent the _____ away.

13 across) Then he went up on a _____ where he could be alone and pray.

4 down) Later that _____, he was still there.

12 across) By this time the boat was a long way from the _____.

6 across) It was going against the _____

15 down) and was being tossed around by the _____.

5 down) A little while before _____, Jesus came

18 across) walking on the water toward his _____.

24 down) When they saw him, they thought he was a _____.

10 down) They were _____ and started screaming.

16 down) At once, _____ said to them, "Don't worry!"

21 across) I am Jesus. Don't be _____."

9 down) Peter replied, "Lord, if it is _____ you,

20 down) tell me to come to you on the _____."

8 across) _____ on!" Jesus said.

17 across) _____ then got out of the boat and

15 across) started _____ on the water toward him.

14 across) But when Peter saw how _____ the wind was, he was afraid

23 across) and started sinking. "_____ me, Lord!" he shouted.

25 across) _____ away, Jesus reached out his hand.

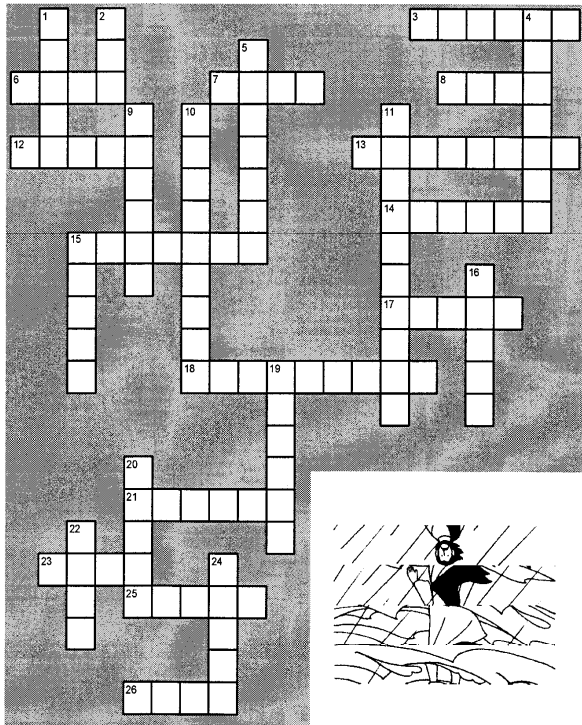
3 across) He _____ Peter up and said,

1 down) You surely don't have much _____. Why do you doubt?

7 across) When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died _____.

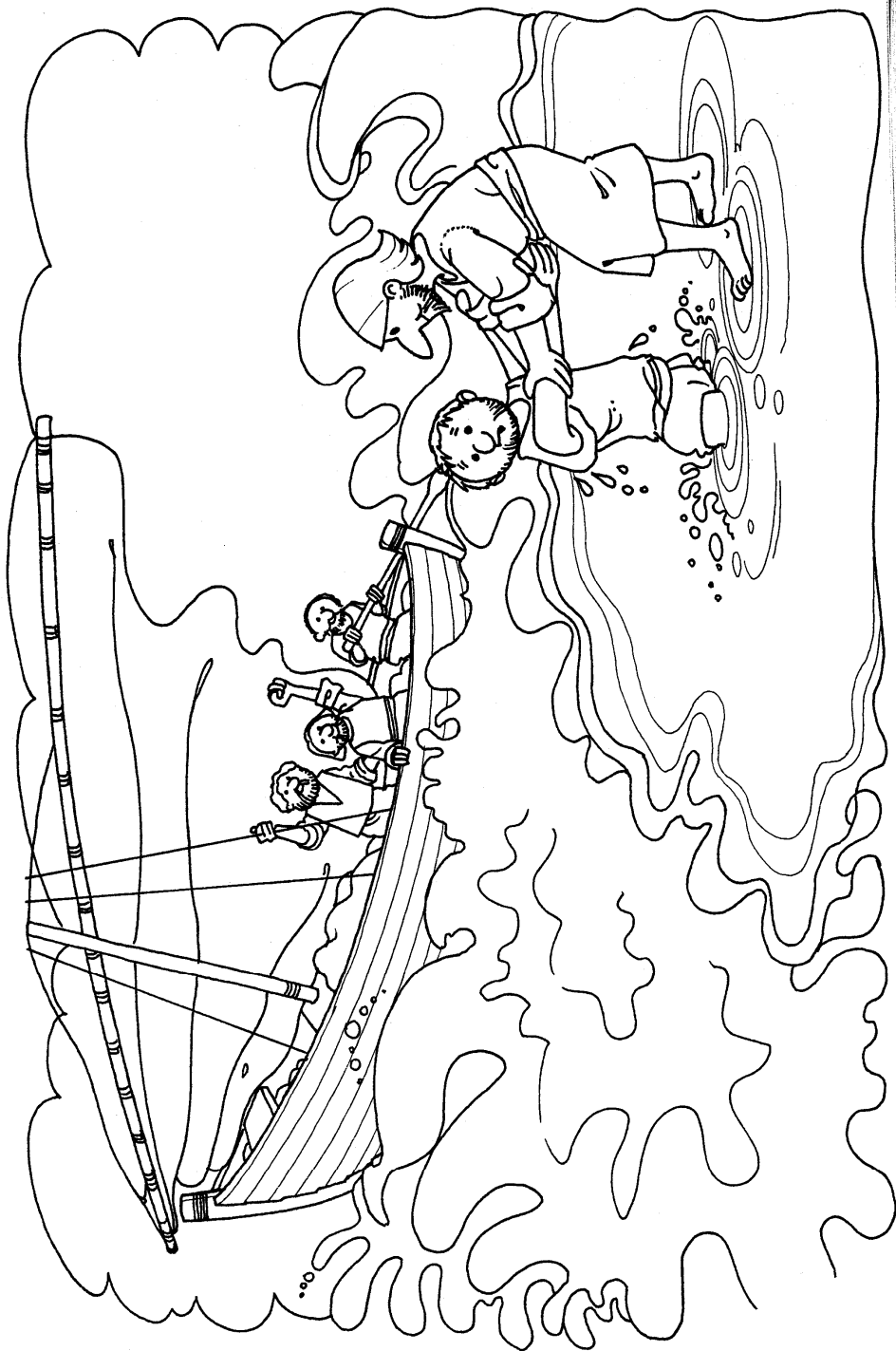
11 down) The men in the boat _____ Jesus and said,

2 down) You really are the Son of _____!



**Jesus said to them,
"Don't worry!
I am Jesus.
Don't be afraid."
from Matthew 14:27 (CEV)**

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PETER, WHY DID YOU CLIMB OUT OF A BOAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A LAKE?

I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY BUT... (THE STORM, SEEING JESUS, THINKING IT'S A GHOST, TO PROVE IT WASN'T)

COULD YOU WALK ON THE WATER?

YES! AS LONG AS I WAS...

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

I LOST IT! (-AFRAID OF THE STORMY WAVES, KNOWING I COULDN'T USUALLY DO IT, FEELING IN SECURE...)

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T DROWN THEN?

IT WAS JESUS WHO SAVED ME. HE ...



LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH
 SO THAT IF YOU TELL ME
 TO STEP OUT MORE TOWARDS YOU,
 I'LL STEP OUT TRUSTING YOU.
 AND IF YOU TELL ME TO STOP,
 I'LL STOP,
 AND IF YOU TELL ME TO WAIT,
 I'LL WAIT.
 LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH;
 LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH.

THAT SINKING FEELING

I GET THAT WHEN I SUDDENLY REALISE I CAN'T DO SOMETHING.

So do I. Peter did, too.

HOW COME PETER COULD WALK ON THE WATER?

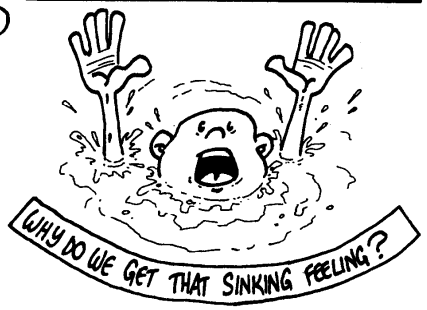
He could cope while he kept his eyes and heart on Jesus. It was when he stopped trusting for a moment that he lost it.

IS THAT TRUE IN OUR LIVES AS WELL?

Yes. Jesus will get you through anything, if you keep your eyes on him.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I've done it. It works.



HINT: THINK OF ELIJAH

ANOTHER HINT: THINK OF PETER

HOW DOES GOD HELP?
 AND HOW DOES HE USE US TO HELP?