

October 7, 2001  
Early Childhood  
Jesus' Miracles Show God's Power.

Matthew 8-10  
MAT05EC

# Matthew

## Materials I Need:

## Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

## Memory Verse:

**Matthew 11:28-29: Come to Me...and learn from Me...and you will find rest for your souls.**

## Hook:

- Teachers' Tip:** State the rules of your classroom clearly. Be positive. For example: Say, "It's time for you to be quiet. It is my turn to talk," instead of "Don't talk." Try not to end a request with "okay?". The child will think he has a choice when he actually does not. Follow through on seeing that a child does what he has been asked to do.
- Storm Sound Bites:** Bring a CD or tape of nature sounds, especially of water and storm noises. Play it as the children arrive. If anyone asks why the sounds are going, tell them that today's Bible Adventure tells of a large storm at sea. The sounds are to get them thinking of how powerful wind and waves can be.
- Play Dough Center:** Ask the children to create something with their play dough. Have them show it to you when they are done. Ask them what they created. Who created or made the earth? (God, Jesus.) Who can make a boat? Who can make ocean waves? Who can make the wind? Just as they created something with their play dough, Jesus created the heavens and the earth and can do with them whatever He wants. "In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus calms a storm at sea because He is in control of all things that He made (Colossians 1:16)."
- Storm Picture Center:** Borrow books from the library that show lightning bolts, winds, tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes, etc. Let the children study the pictures. "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that Jesus made everything in heaven and earth. He has control over storms, earthquakes, and volcanoes."
- Mat Carrying Center:** Bring a grass, bamboo, or canvas mat that four people can lift. Have a child lie down on the mat. Choose four trustworthy people to lift and carry the mat a short distance. "In today's Bible Adventure, four friends carry a man on a mat to see Jesus. They had a hard job, didn't they?"
- Helping the Sick Center:** Provide dolls, blankets, bottles, cotton balls, doctor's kit, etc. Let the children play with the dolls and materials provided. Make positive comments as children show care and concern for their baby dolls. Talk about how we all need special care when we are sick. What can we do to help others who do not feel well? (Give them drinks, tissues, sing to them, read to them, pray for them, etc.) "We've been learning that Jesus could heal people who were sick. In today's Bible Adventure, some men bring their friend to Jesus to be healed by Jesus. They cared about their friend and did the best thing to help him by going to see Jesus."

- "Sailing a Boat" Center:** Bring in a large, shallow tub with water, waterproof tarp, and numerous toy boats. Draw simple sail boats on ping pong balls and let children try to blow them to the other side. Allow the children to race, push, blow, etc., the boats around in the water. "In today's Bible Adventure, a big storm comes up while Jesus and His disciples are out on the water in a boat. The storm was so strong that the disciples were afraid. The disciples didn't need to be afraid. Jesus has power over big winds and waves."
- Water Sounds:** Provide water in a large pan with funnels, sieves and containers. Have a pitcher of water, paper cups, and straws. Bring spray bottles and any other item that will make noise with water. You could use glasses with different amounts of water and rub your finger around the top to make music. Talk about all the noises that water makes. Tape record them if you have time. If the weather is nice, do this activity outside. Listen to the different sounds that water makes. What do you think the water sound was like that the disciples heard in the storm?
- Blindfold Game:** Blindfold one child at a time and have him feel into a bag or lead him around the room and ask him to feel different things. Talk about being blind. Listen to what happens to a blind man that Jesus visits.
- Jar Full of Waves:** Fill a jar two-thirds full of water. Add a teaspoon of salt and a drop of dishwashing liquid. Close the lid and shake with both hands and move in a circle. Take turns shaking up the "sea" and forming waves like they will hear about in the Bible Adventure.
- ④ **God Sightings!** Ask the children to remember things they have seen or experienced that only God could do or make. They could go outside and look at all of God's creation. In the Bible Adventure, the children will hear about something Jesus did that shows God's power in a different way.



## Book:

### Presentation Ideas -

- Color and show the **MAT05ECGF1, MAT05ECGF2, MAT05ECGF3, MAT05ECGF4, MAT05ECGF5,** and **MAT05ECGF6** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure.
- Matthew Review Board:** Using the board, "Seeking God's Kingdom," review the first four pictures and add the fifth picture (**MAT05ECGF7**). Ask the children to watch and listen carefully to the story for the time when that picture is shown.
- Boat Story:** Arrange the chairs in the shape of a boat. A strip of crepe paper can be wrapped around the outside chairs to better define the boat. The teacher sits at the front facing the passengers to tell the story.
- Finger Play:** This could be said after the story and before prayer.
 

Jesus loves the children,	<i>(Hug self.)</i>
He helped a man to walk,	<i>(Walk fingers up one arm.)</i>
He made the wind and waves be still,	<i>(Fingers to lips to say s-h-h-.)</i>
He's a Friend who wants to talk!	<i>(Point up.)</i>

### Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

*(Show the MAT05ECGF1 picture.)* Jesus had been teaching His disciples to seek God, and He would give them happy attitudes. After Jesus taught on the mountainside, He and His disciples went down to the Sea of Galilee and got into a boat. Jesus was sleepy. *(Yawn.)* He fell asleep as soon as they were out on the water. *(Have the children sway gently from side to side with you.)*

*(Show the MAT05ECGF2 picture.)* Suddenly, the wind began to blow stronger. The waves began to crash into the boat. *(Have the children sway faster from side to side.)* Everyone was afraid...everyone except Jesus. He was asleep in the back of the boat. His disciples woke Him up. "We are all going to drown!" they cried.

*(Show the MAT05ECGF3 picture.)* Jesus asked, "Why are you afraid? I'm here." Then He told the wind to stop blowing. *(Spread your arms out wide as though calming the storm.)* Right away, the wind stopped and the water was still and smooth again. The disciples looked at each other. The wind and the waves obeyed Jesus! Jesus is God. He is the powerful God who made the wind and water in the first place. Jesus has power to do anything He wants to do.

*(Show the MAT05ECGF4 picture.)* When Jesus got off the boat, He saw four men coming toward Him carrying a man on a mat. This man couldn't walk. He hadn't walked for a long time. The four friends who carried him had faith in Jesus and His power to heal. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man on the mat, "Cheer up, son, your sins are forgiven." Only God can forgive sins. Jesus is God. He told the man to get up, take his mat, and go home. The man obeyed, picked up his mat, and went home rejoicing. Jesus healed him! He could walk and his sins were forgiven.

Jesus did many other miracles that proves He has the power of God. Jesus has power from God to forgive sins, to heal people, and to make the wind and waves obey. The people who saw these things and believed praised God for sending Jesus as the wonderful King of heaven.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Jesus has power over the wind and waves. Jesus has power to heal people and to forgive my sins. I want to praise You for sending Jesus as the wonderful King of heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-**

*(Show the review MAT03ECGF2 picture.)* Jesus taught His disciples and the crowds of people how to be happy. Jesus said, "Don't set your heart on treasures that don't last, like money and people who won't go to heaven. Set your heart on God and the kingdom of heaven."

*(Show the review MAT04ECGF6 picture.)* Seek God and His righteousness, and He will give you happy attitudes. Does Jesus really have power to give us right attitudes in our hearts even if we don't feel well or even if people are trying to hurt us? In today's Bible Adventure in Matthew, we will learn that Jesus has power over everything. Jesus can change anything He chooses (*snap your fingers*), just like that!

*(Show the MAT05ECGF1 picture.)* After Jesus came down from the mountainside, it was late in the day. He and His disciples walked to the edge of a quiet lake called the Sea of Galilee. Jesus yawned and stretched; He was sleepy. "Let's get into this boat and go to the other side of the lake," Jesus said to His disciples. They got into the boat and started to row across the sea. The boat rocked gently up and down. *(Have the children sway gently from side to side.)*

*(Show the MAT05ECGF2 picture.)* Suddenly, the wind began to blow stronger. *(Make a wind sound with your mouth.)* The waves began to crash into the boat. *(Clap your hands.)* The boat bobbed high and then dipped low. Water splashed into the boat. Everyone was afraid; everyone except Jesus. Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. His disciples woke Him up. "Jesus! Don't you hear the wind howling? Can't you feel the boat tossing? We are all going to drown!"

*(Show the MAT05ECGF3 picture.)* Jesus looked around and saw the danger of the wind and waves. Jesus asked His disciples, "Why are you afraid? I'm here." Then Jesus told the wind to stop blowing. *(Spread your arms out wide as though calming the storm.)* Immediately the water was still and smooth again. The disciples looked at each other, their hearts still pounding and their knees still shaking. "Who is this Man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

I know who Jesus is because Matthew tells us later in his book (16:16). Jesus is God. The winds obey Him; the waves obey Him. Jesus is the powerful God who made the wind and water in the first place. Jesus has power to do anything He wants to do.

*(Show the MAT05ECGF4 picture.)* Jesus did many other miracles that prove He has the power of God. He healed all kinds of sick people—people who couldn't see and people who couldn't walk. When Jesus got out of the boat after the big storm, He saw four men coming down the street toward Him. As they came closer, Jesus could tell they were carrying a man on a mat. This man couldn't walk. He hadn't walked for a long time. His legs were paralyzed. He couldn't run, skip, or walk across the street. But, he had four friends who had faith in Jesus and His power.

When Jesus saw the four friends, He said to the paralyzed man on the mat, "Cheer up, son, your sins are forgiven." Everyone looked at each other. "How can Jesus forgive this man's sins? Only God can forgive sins. Is this the Christ, the Son of the living God?"

*(Show the MAT05ECGF5 picture.)* Then Jesus said, "To prove to you that I have power to forgive sins, I will say to this man, 'Get up, take your mat, and go home.'" The man moved one leg, very slowly. He moved the other leg. His legs moved. He could walk! The man obeyed, picked up his mat, and went home rejoicing.

When the crowds of people saw this, they were amazed that Jesus had power from God to forgive sins and to heal people. They praised God for sending Jesus as the wonderful King of heaven.

The Pharisees who saw the miracle did not want to praise God. They had not repented of their sins, and they did not seek Jesus as a treasure. They had hard, angry hearts toward Jesus. They did not come to Jesus and learn from Him, so they did not have rest in their souls. They had bad attitudes.

(Show the MAT05ECGF6 picture.) Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his job as a tax collector. Jesus said to him, "Come, follow Me." Matthew wanted rest for his soul, so he repented of his sins, gave back the money he had stolen from people, and followed Jesus. He invited all of his friends to his house to meet Jesus and hear the good news about the kingdom of heaven.

(Show the review MAT03ECGF1 picture of the disciples. Point to Matthew.) Matthew became one of the twelve disciples who were learning from Jesus. The disciples went from town to town telling people about the kingdom of heaven. They also made sick people well because King Jesus had given them power from God. Matthew wrote down all of these things in a book called Matthew in the Bible.

**Prayer:** Dear God, You are the best treasure I could ever seek. Jesus has power over the wind and waves. Jesus has power to forgive my sins and give me happy attitudes. I want to learn from Him so that I can have rest in my soul. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

### Aim Questions

#### Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who did the wind and waves obey?** (*Jesus, God.*)
2. **Who is the only person who has power to forgive our sins?** (*God, Jesus.*)
3. **Who is the King of heaven?** (*Jesus.*)

#### Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **Why did the wind and waves obey Jesus?** (*Jesus is God.*)
2. **Who is the only person who has power to forgive my sins?** (*God, Jesus.*)
3. **What did people do when they saw the powerful miracles Jesus did?** (*Some were amazed, praised God, and followed Jesus. Some, like the Pharisees, had angry hearts and hated Jesus.*)



### Look:

- Aim Questions:** Cut out three of the pictures of the disciples (from JHN01ECGF6), one of them being Matthew. Call for the name of a disciple when asking for a question. Ask them to look for the first letter in the name as a clue for the question they need.
- Snack Grace:** Review the prayer you taught the children last week.  
Thank you for the world so sweet.  
Thank you for the food we eat.  
Thank you for the birds that sing.  
Thank you, God, for everything!
- Snack:** Use masking tape on the floor and make the outline of a boat. Seat everyone in the boat and give each his own paper sack lunch of fish crackers. Let the children share their experiences on lakes and in boats with their family.
- Memory Verse Review:** Using the egg cartons described in lesson one (see Look activity), place two or three children's names on a paper in each cup. Draw a boat on a marshmallow with a pen and put it in the egg carton. When a child shakes the carton, the children in the cup that the marshmallow lands in gets to say the memory verse together.
- "Power Over Wind" Activity Page: (MAT05ECGF2 and MAT05ECGF9)** Give each child a GF2 page and let the children color as you talk with them about what is happening on the page. Talk about the fear on the disciples' faces. Point to Jesus and ask the children if He looks afraid. Why wasn't Jesus afraid? Jesus made the wind and the water in the first place, and it is easy for Him to calm the storm. Let each child put a GF9 memory verse sticker on his page. Stickers can be made by copying the GF9 page on 3 1/3" x 4" laser labels.
- "Jesus Has Power" Booklet: (MAT05ECGF8)** Copy and fold the GF8 page into fourths so that page one is the front page of the booklet. Let the children color the pictures and glue on anything small and three dimensional that is appropriate (crepe paper pieces for water, fabric pieces for clothes, a penny taped on the Matthew picture). Review and discuss how God is more powerful than wind, waves, and disease, and how Jesus has power to forgive sin because He is God.
- Calm the Storm:** Use a large sheet or parachute with children holding onto it around the edges. Practice making little waves and then big waves! Then place several small balls or stuffed animals on

the sheet. Try to bounce them out with big waves. When you say "Calm the storm," the children have to freeze in place. You could divide the class into two teams, one to make waves and one to pick up balls and throw them back in. Switch teams so all get a turn.

**"Man on a Mat" Craft Activity: (MAT05ECGF11)** This craft allows each child to role play bringing a "friend" who can't walk to Jesus. The simplest way to make this craft is by copying the GF11 page onto cardstock and cutting the lame men figures apart into rectangles (approximately 3" x 5"). The children can color their "friend" and tape the rectangles between two straws to make a mat. For older children, cut 4" x 6" rectangles from construction paper and let each tape a rectangle between two straws. Then they can each color a GF11 "friend," cut him out on the bubble line, and put him on the mat. This second version allows for more role play as the children can take the man on and off the mat.

**Transition Idea:** Go side to side or up and down while walking as if riding in a boat.

**Aerobic Bible Review:** As you talk through the Bible Adventure review and do accompanying motions, the children are to follow. Do this quickly!

Jesus teaches us how to have happy attitudes.	<i>(Form happy lips with finger on face.)</i>
Jesus tells us to have our treasures in heaven.	<i>(Point up.)</i>
Seek God and you will be happy.	<i>(Jump up and smile.)</i>
Jesus climbed down the mountain.	<i>(Run in place.)</i>
Jesus stretched and climbed in the boat.	<i>(Stretch and take a high step.)</i>
The disciples rowed the boat.	<i>(Fast rowing motion.)</i>
The wind began to blow.	<i>(Blow air with mouth.)</i>
The boat began to rock.	<i>(Sway from side to side.)</i>
The waves crashed against the boat.	<i>(Clap hands.)</i>
Water splashed.	<i>(Cover face and lean back.)</i>
The disciples said, "Wake up Jesus."	<i>(Hands cupped to mouth.)</i>
Jesus said, "Why are you afraid?"	<i>(Shrug shoulders and palms out.)</i>
Jesus stopped the waves.	<i>(Arms spread out.)</i>
Jesus is the powerful God. The wind and waves obey Him.	<i>(Point up.)</i>
Jesus healed the sick.	<i>(Walk slumped over.)</i>
Jesus helped the blind to see.	<i>(Hands around eyes.)</i>
Jesus helped a man to walk.	<i>(Walk in place.)</i>
Jesus can forgive your sins.	<i>(Hands to heart.)</i>
What action could we use to show what Jesus can do?	<i>(Arms wide--He can do anything!)</i>
What action could we use to show what Jesus can do for us?	<i>(Arms wide--He can do anything!)</i>

**"My Little Boat" Game:** The children stand in a circle facing in with hands joined. Verse one is chanted, and whoever's name is called lets go of his neighbors' hands and "falls" into the center of the circle. During the second verse, a second child's name is called who "swims" out (using swimming motions with arms) and helps the first child back into the circle.

**Verse One:**

Our little boat turned over (Children can swing hands.)  
When the wind began to blow.  
(Nancy) fell out with a great big splash!  
She got wet from head to toe!

**Verse two:**

(Randy) was a kind little fish,  
Through the water he would float.  
Swimming straight over to (Nancy)  
To help her back in the boat!

**"Stilling the Storm" Finger Play:** Only Jesus could stop the storm from turning the boat over in the water. A miracle is something that only Jesus or God can do.

Suddenly a storm came up!	<i>(Lift arms high.)</i>
How hard the wind was blowing!	<i>(Hands cupped around mouth.)</i>
The waves were tossing 'round the boat.	<i>(Motions of waves tossing.)</i>
The men on board stopped rowing.	<i>(Pretend to row, then stop.)</i>
"Peace, be still," said Jesus.	<i>(Arms outstretched.)</i>
To the waves upon the sea.	<i>(Motions of waves.)</i>
Then the stormy sea was calm,	<i>(Hands motionless.)</i>

So very suddenly!

- Waves Action Song:** (To the tune of “Three Blind Mice”) Play this action song game with children divided into pairs, seated on the floor facing each other, and holding hands. They rock back and forth going way back and then close. Continue rocking as they sing.  
The waves got big. The waves got small.  
The waves got big. The waves got small.  
The men in the boat were afraid of the waves.  
They called out to Jesus; they weren’t very brave.  
They cried, “Wake up, Jesus, You only can save!”  
He calmed the sea. He calmed the sea.

- ④ **“Carrying Our Friend” Game:** Jesus healed the man that the friends carried to Him. Divide the children into groups of four. Give each group a towel and a balloon with a face drawn on it. Introduce the children to their “friend” who can’t walk (balloon face). Instruct each child in the team to hold onto a corner of the towel. The object is to be the first team to carry the “friend” to the other end of the room without it dropping to the floor. Switch teams and do it again.

### Songs:


- Matthew 11:28-29, Memory Verse Song** (tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle”)  
Come to Me and learn from Me  
And you will find rest for your souls.  
Matthew chapter e-le-ven,  
Verses 28 and 9.  
Come to Me and learn from Me  
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- My God Is So Great**  
My God is so great, so strong and so might-y! (Hold arm and flex muscles.)  
There's no-thing my God can-not do! (Clap, clap.) (Shake head “no.”)  
My God is so great, so strong and so might-y! (Hold arm and flex muscles.)  
There's no-thing my God can-not do! (Clap, clap.) (Shake head “no.”)  
The mount-ains are His, the ri-vers are His, (Hands form mountain peaks above head.)  
The stars are His hand-i-work too. (Wiggle fingers.)  
My God is so great, so strong and so might-y!  
There's no-thing my God can-not do! For You! (Point out.)



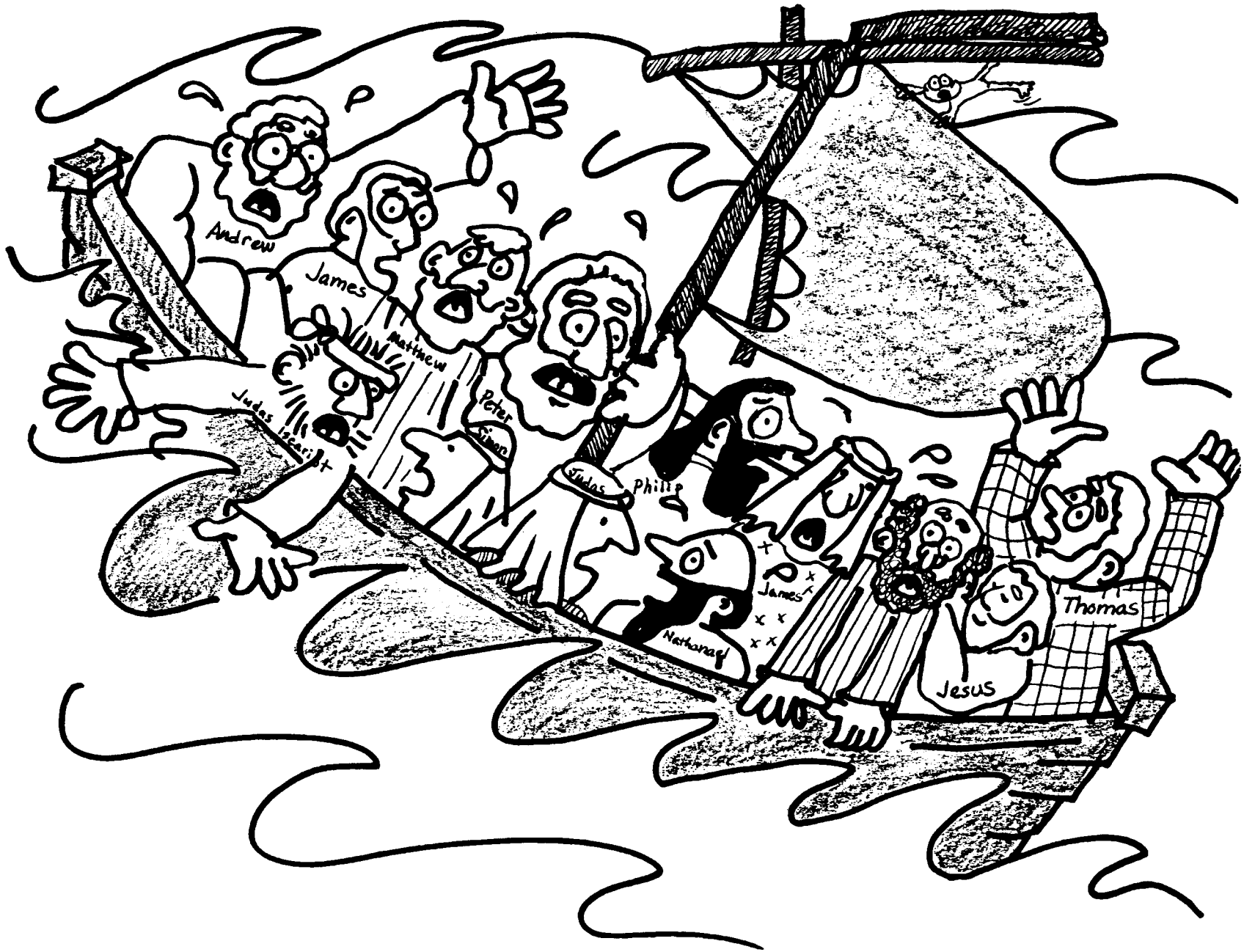
### Took:

- Books about Jesus’ Power:** “Read-Along Bible Stories” Vol. 1 by Ella K. Lindvall, p. 97. Read the Bible story today from this wonderful book that two- and three-year-olds love. Add sound effects on each page (slapping sound for waves, wind sounds with your mouth, snoring sound for a sleeping Jesus, outstretched arms for stilling the water). Use this book for review next week as the children come into class. Emphasize the fact that Jesus has great power because He is God.
- Marble Paint Waves: (MAT05ECGF9)** Place a piece of white paper in a box that is about the same size. Dip a marble in a pan of liquid tempera paint and roll it in the box to make designs that could be waves of the sea. Color and glue the GF9 memory verse on the dried sheet. Stickers can be made by copying the GF9 page on 3 1/3” x 4” laser labels. Talk about the power of God that Jesus had to calm the waves. He has power to forgive our sins.
- Boat On the Sea: (MAT05ECGF9 and MAT05ECGF10)** Color and cut out the boat pattern that has been printed on cardstock. Draw a line across the middle of a piece of blue construction paper and place an “X” in the middle. Assist children in drawing a calm sea on one side and big waves on the other side of middle. Attach the boat in the middle with a brad, matching the X’s. The boat can rock with big waves on the stormy side of the paper and coast along on the calm side. Glue the GF9 verse on the sheet and recite it together while making this page. Stickers can be made by copying the GF9 page on 3 1/3” x 4” laser labels.

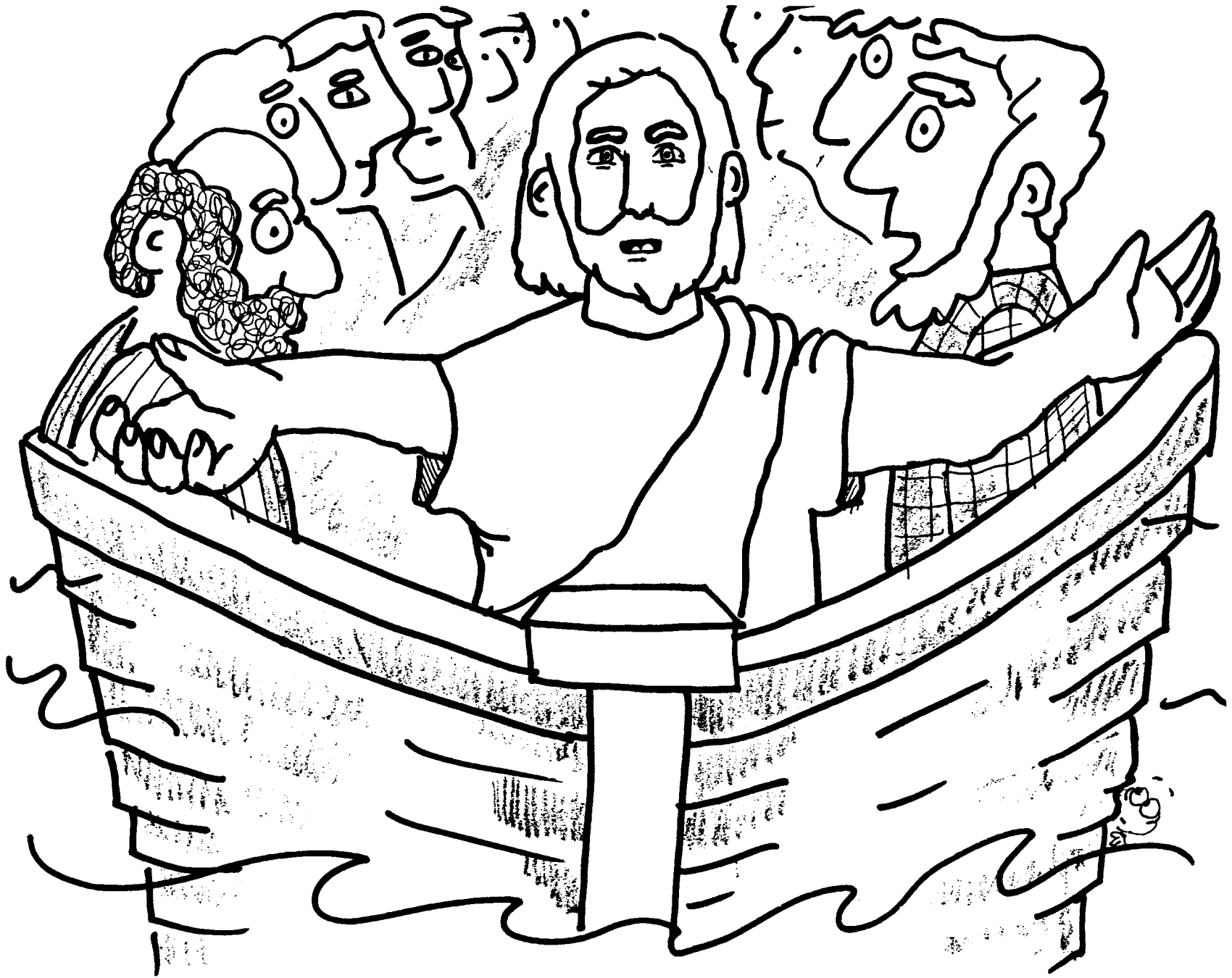
 **Preschool Page for Parents: (MAT05ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



Jesus and His disciples went across the Sea of Galilee in a boat.



The disciples were frightened by the storm and yelled to Jesus, "Wake up!"



Jesus said to the wind and water, "Peace, be still."



Jesus healed the man who could not walk on the Sabbath.



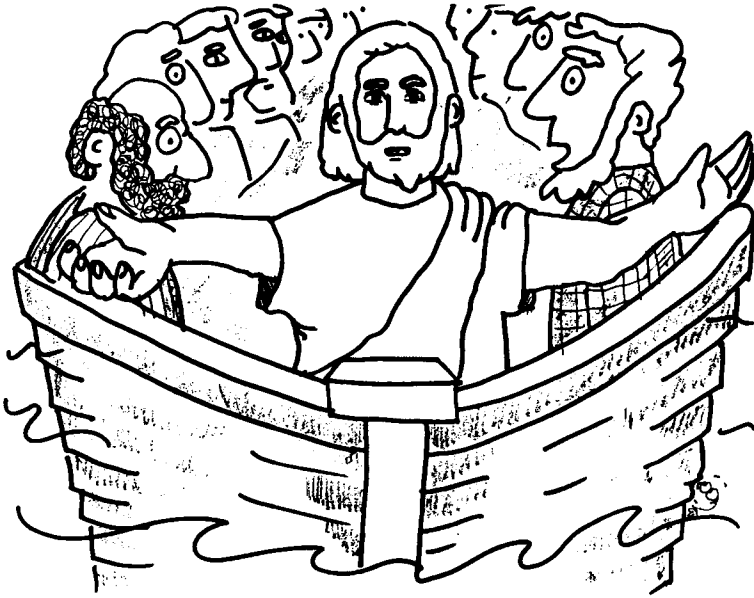
The man rejoiced when Jesus healed him; people praised God for His power.



When Matthew repented and followed Jesus, he gave back the money he had stolen.

## Lesson 5

Jesus has power over everything  
because He is God.



Jesus has power over wind and waves.



Jesus has power over sickness.



Jesus has power to forgive sin.

## Lesson 6



Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and makes the rules.

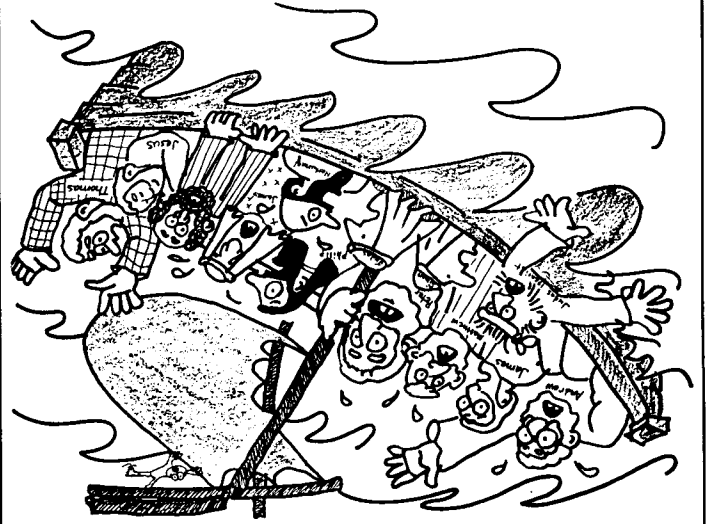
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Jesus has power to make sick people well.

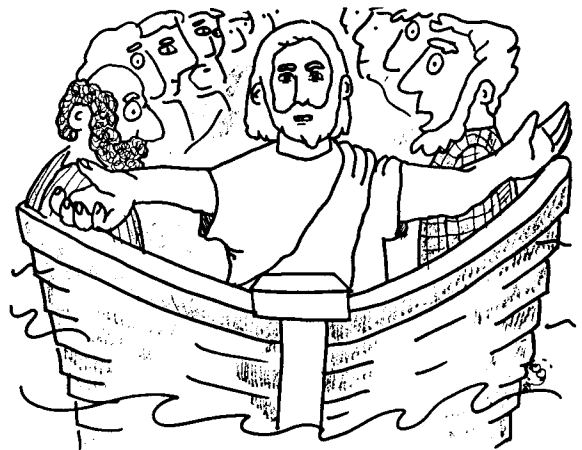


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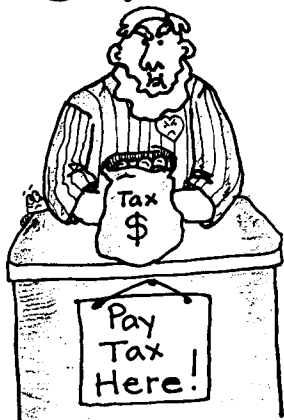
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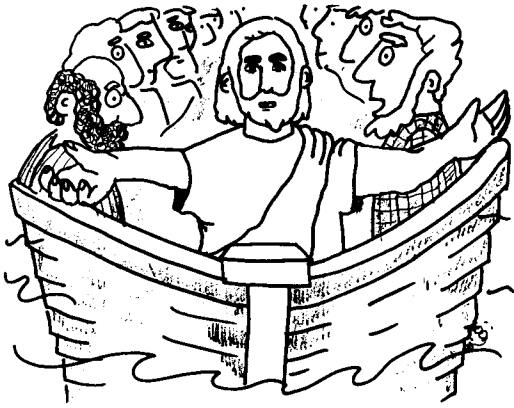
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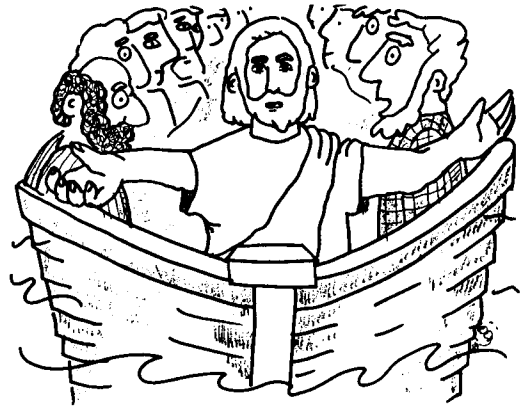


Jesus has power to change sinful people like Matthew.

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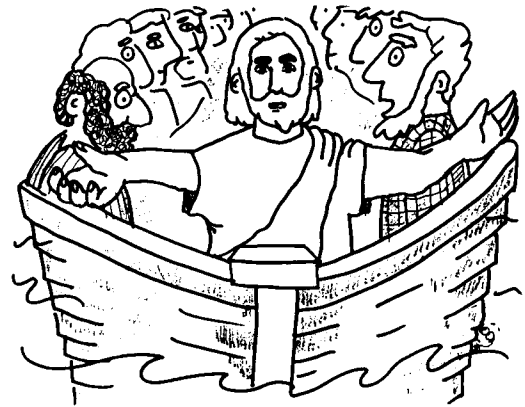
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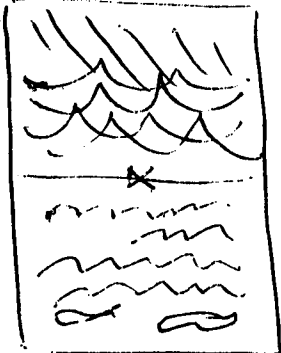
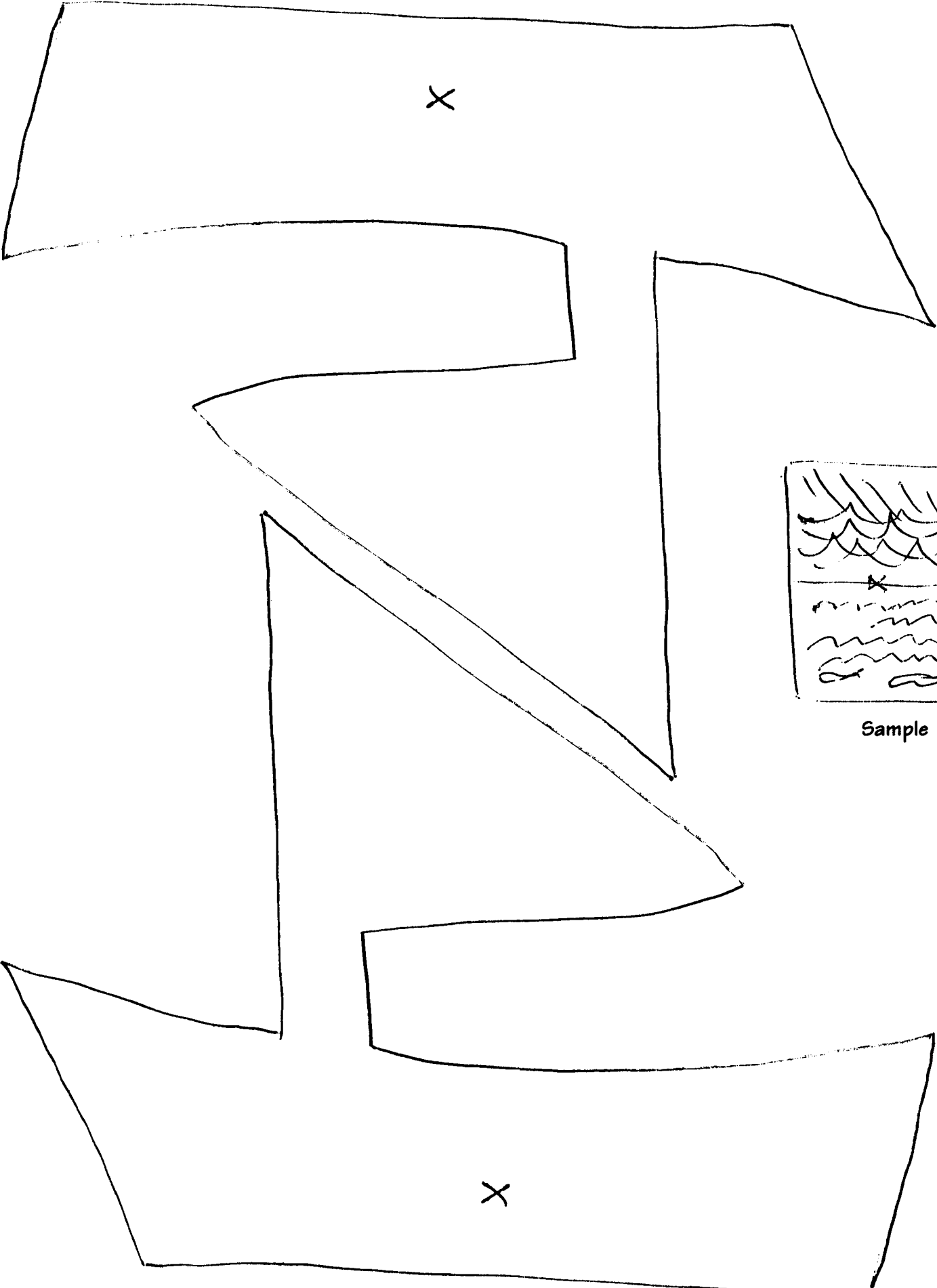
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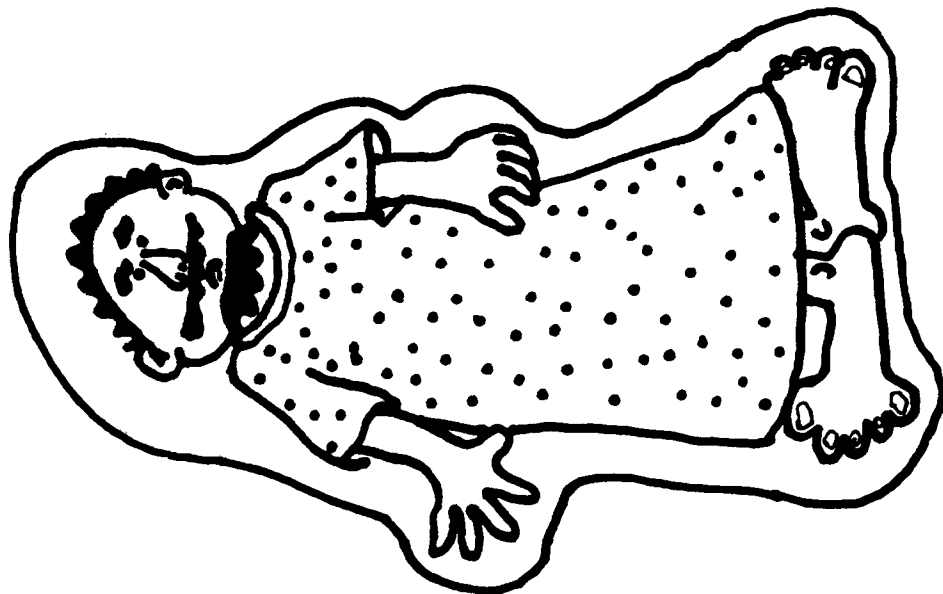
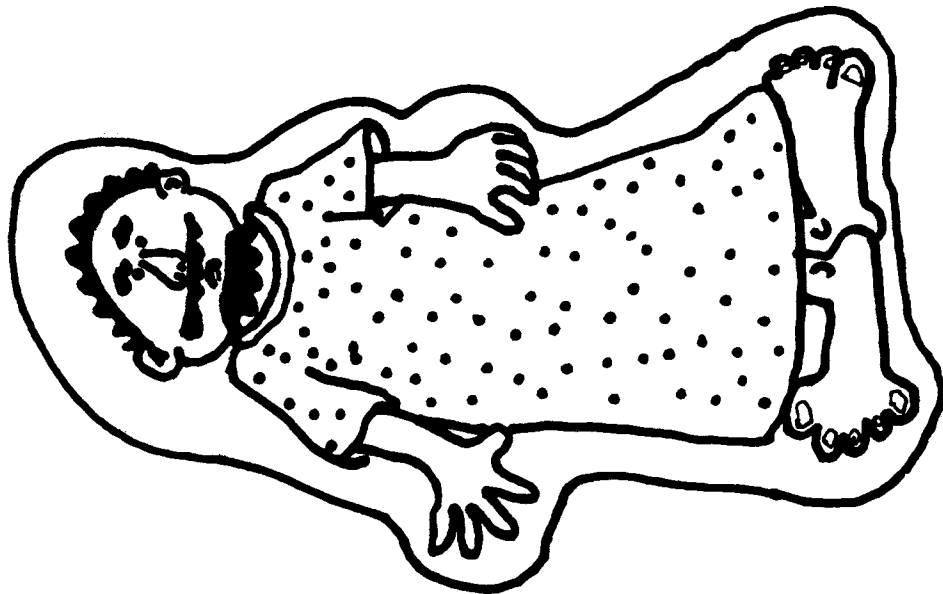
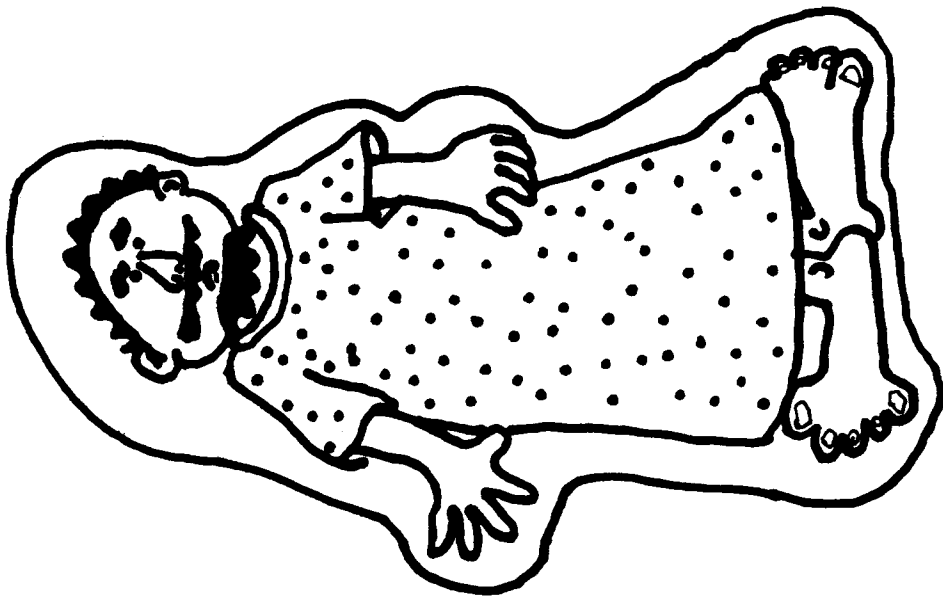
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Sample



Man on the Mat  
Craft Activity





## This is what I learned today!

Jesus showed God's power through His miracles. Jesus and the disciples were in a boat when the wind became very strong and the waves began to crash into the boat. The disciples were afraid and woke Jesus up from a sleep. Jesus looked at the wind and the waves and told them to stop. The water became still and smooth again. Jesus created everything, and the wind and the waves obey Him. After Jesus and the disciples reached shore, four men came to Jesus carrying a man on a mat. The man couldn't walk. Jesus saw the faith of the man's friends and told the man his sins were forgiven. The man then stood up, picked up his mat, and went home rejoicing. Jesus had power from God to forgive sins and to heal people. Jesus chose Matthew along with His other disciples to heal sick people and tell about the kingdom of heaven.

## Today's Memory Verse

**Come to Me...and learn from Me...  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
Matthew 11:28-29**

## Jesus is God



Have fun role playing the Bible lesson today on Jesus' power over everything--wind, waves, sickness, and even sin. Put masking tape or string on the floor in the shape of a boat. Have the whole family get "into" the boat. One child pretends to be Jesus sleeping. (He can snore.) Rock gently back and forth as you make little splashes along the sides of the boat with your hands. As the wind blows stronger, increase the wind sounds coming from your mouths. Rock violently back and forth. Crash the water into the sides of the boat. Finally, everyone yells to Jesus, "Wake up! Wake up!" Jesus stands, holds out his arms, and says, "Peace! Be still!" Everyone's eyes get wide with wonder. One person says, "Who is Jesus that the wind and water obey Him?" Everyone says, "Jesus is God." Do this activity over with a different child playing the part of Jesus.

**Matthew 11:28-29, Memory Verse Song**  
(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle")

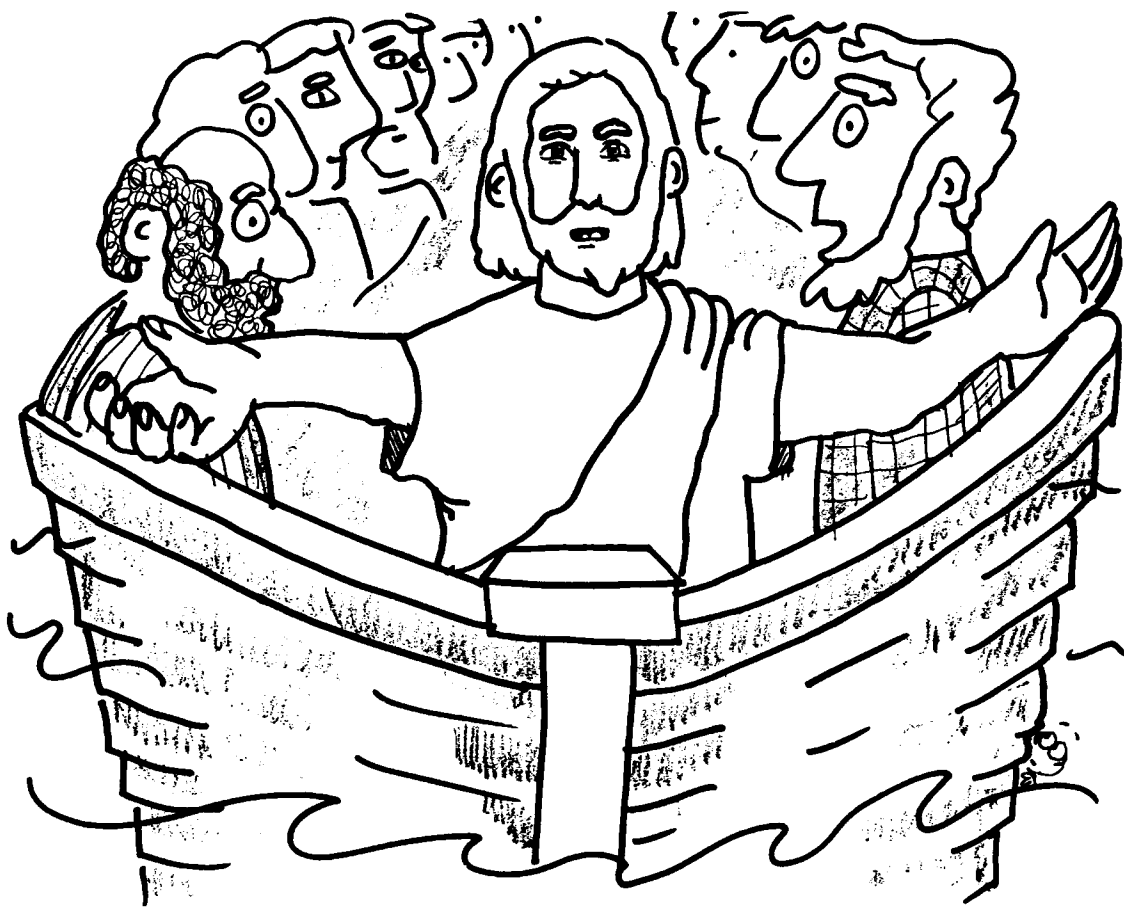
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**Matthew chapter e-le-ven,  
Verses 28 and 9.**

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\* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.

Jesus has power over everything  
because He is God.



Jesus has power over wind and waves.



Jesus has power over sickness.



Jesus has power to forgive sin.