

Kids' Chronicle

A Storm Obeys Jesus

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After a long day of preaching and ministering to the sick and poor people who lived in the region of Galilee, Jesus was tired. He called his disciples together and said, "We must cross the sea now. Tomorrow we will work on the opposite shore."

The disciples prepared the ship for sail and set out into the Sea of Galilee. A breeze skimmed the surface of the lake and filled the sails of the ship. The sun was setting behind scattered clouds, casting a red, shimmering reflection on the water. And then it was night. Jesus had gone below to sleep while the disciples manned the ship.

But the warmth of the day quickly disappeared, and the stars were being blocked out of view by thickening, fast-moving clouds. The breeze had become a wind, gaining strength with the passing of time. It blew louder and stronger. The ship no longer sailed, but lurched into powerful slamming waves.

Loose items slid across the deck as the ship was tossed up and down violently. Some things were lost into the sea. The disciples tried to tie down whatever they could. Peter and James lowered the sail in an attempt to lessen the wind's assault against the ship. The men could hardly hear each other shout over the deafening roar of the storm. Rain was making the weather even more fierce, and waves were washing over the deck, filling

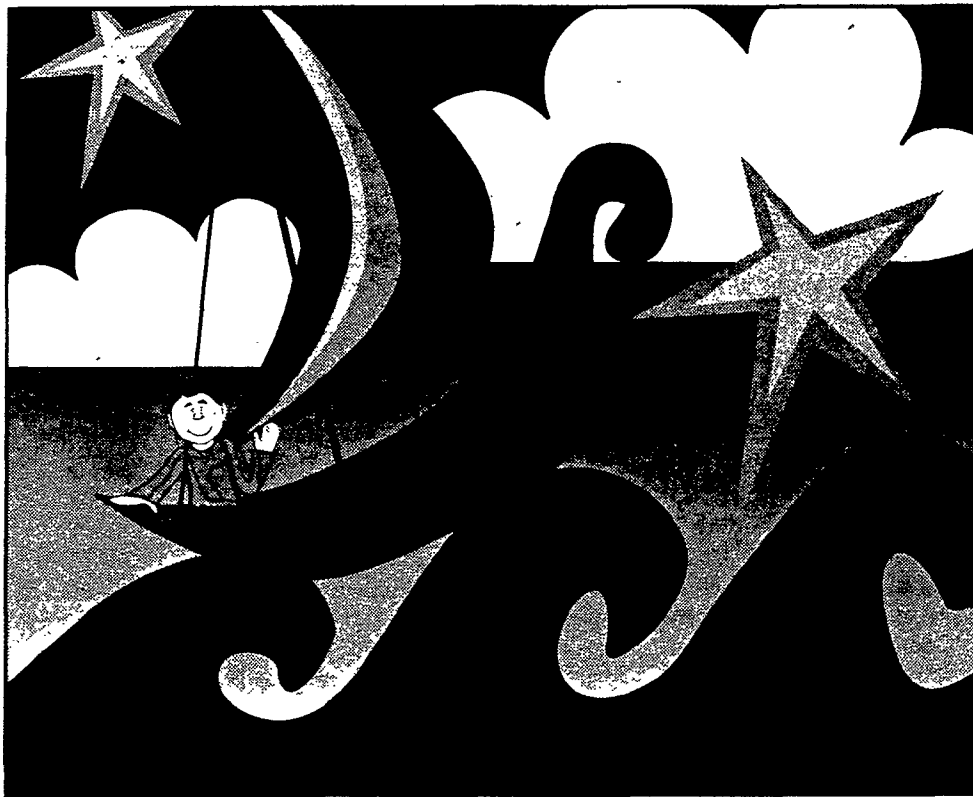


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any opening. The disciples feared for their lives. Yet Jesus slept on.

Andrew tried to wake Jesus by shaking his shoulders, but Jesus did not even stir. Andrew ran back up on deck and told the others, "I cannot wake the master. I fear we will all drown in this storm."

"We must wake him or we will all die together," Philip said. "The ship is taking on too much water."

The disciples went as a group to see if Jesus would wake to help them.

"My Lord, wake up," Andrew pleaded. "We are in danger."

Jesus opened his eyes and looked at

his frightened friends.

"What are you afraid of?" he asked. "Come up with me."

Jesus climbed the steps, followed by his disciples. He looked out into the night and said, "Storm, be silent."

The wind was once more a gentle breeze. The rain stopped and the stars shone in the clear night sky.

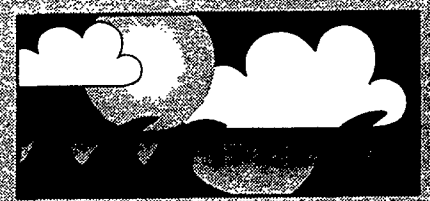
Once again the disciples were afraid. What kind of man could command the weather to stop? They looked at each other in amazement.

Q&A

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1. What did the disciples fear?
2. How did Jesus deal with the storm?



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Miracles are actions or events that can only be performed by God, although he often uses his people to work them.

There are many miracles recorded in the Bible. In the Old Testament, Moses parted the Red Sea and Elijah called down fire from heaven. According to the four Gospels, Jesus healed sick people, cast out demons and even raised Lazarus from the dead. The Book of Acts recounts how the disciples were able to perform wonders because of the Holy Spirit.

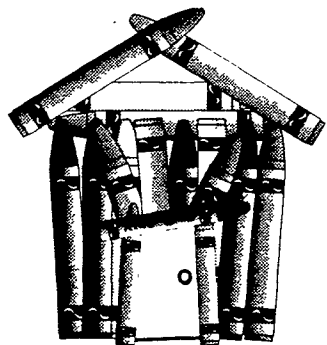
Each miracle is meant to be a demonstration of God's love and power.

St. Anthony

St. Anthony of Padua was born in Portugal just before the turn of the 13th century. He joined a Franciscan order and became a missionary to Morocco before he was 25 years old.

Poor health made traveling difficult, so St. Anthony had to board a ship back to Portugal. One of the stops along the way was Sicily. St. Anthony stayed with the Franciscans there. He was asked to give a sermon for some visiting Dominican monks. Although he had no time to rehearse, St. Anthony's words were so moving that he was asked again and again to speak and preach. People traveled for miles to hear him.

He eventually returned home to minister to the poor. We honor him on June 13.



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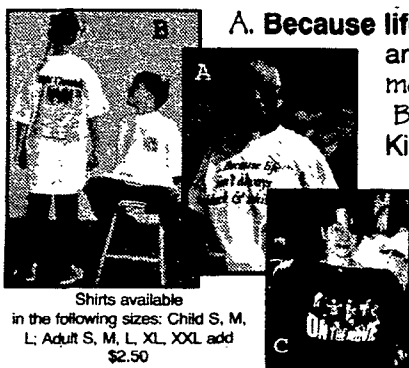
Match the biblical fathers and sons. Answers on page 4.

Fathers

1. Adam (Genesis 4)
2. Isaac (Genesis 25)
3. David (2 Samuel 12)
4. Jesse (1 Samuel 16)
5. Zechariah (Luke 1)
6. Zebedee (Mark 1)
7. Jacob (Genesis 35)

Sons

- a. Solomon
- b. John the Baptist
- c. Abel
- d. James
- e. Jacob
- f. Joseph
- g. David



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