

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus, Apostles seek quiet at sea

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"Follow me," Jesus said to his Apostles. "I will find a place where we can be alone." The only place that Jesus could find where he and his disciples were not surrounded by people was on a boat. They sailed out to sea a short distance, and let the boat float in position.

"Now," said Jesus, "tell me what you have been doing since I sent you out in my name in pairs. The Apostles told Jesus how they had walked many miles, stopping at towns, villages and farms along the way, preaching about God's love. As a result, many people believed in Jesus. But the men were tired from traveling, and they were hungry.

"I know how you feel," Jesus said after listening to everything his friends had to say. "And I know you would like something to eat. I promise that you will receive your rest, and you will have enough to eat. Just be patient, and continue to believe in me."

Jesus stood and looked out from the deck of the boat. He could see the shoreline in the distance, and he could see something else. People who knew Jesus was in the boat had gathered, hoping he would heal them or minister to them. Many of them had walked long distances with their children and elderly family members. Jesus knew these people had many needs and he felt compassion for them. "Come," Jesus called to his friends. "We must land now."

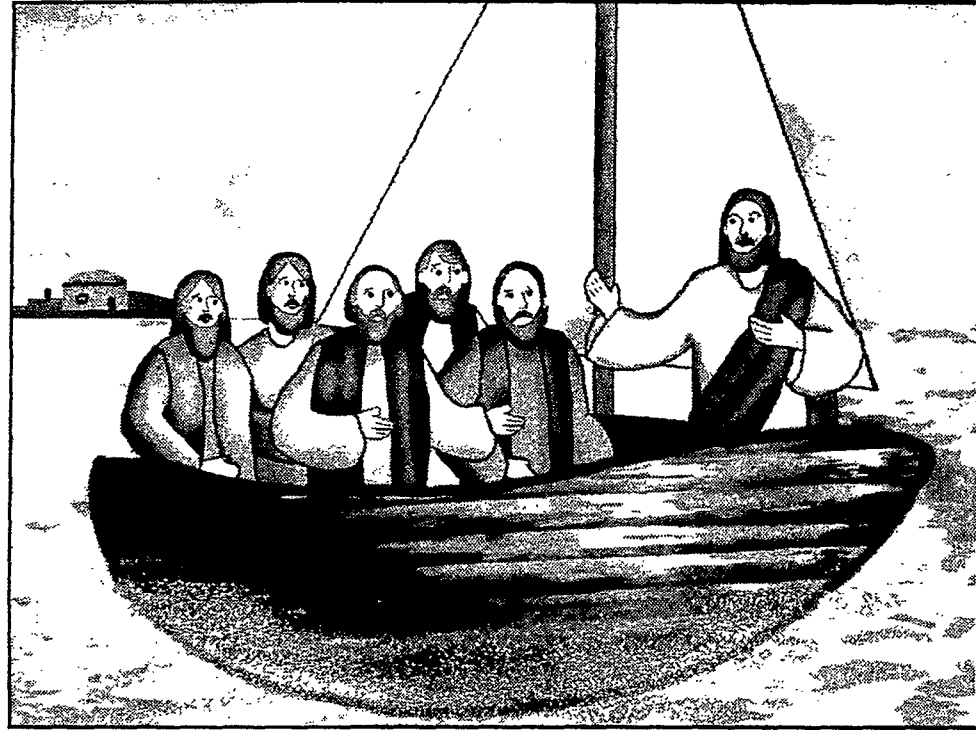


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When the Apostles saw the large crowd, they said, "Lord, it is getting late, and even after we land, we will be far from any farms or villages. You must send the people home, so that they can get something to eat."

"I want to spend some time with them and teach them first," said Jesus. "We will share what food we have with them."

"But," said one of the Apostles, "we have only five small loaves of bread and

two fish. That may not even be enough to feed ourselves. There must be thousands of people out there. How can we feed so many?"

Jesus answered, "I told you to believe in me, and you would have enough to eat." The Apostles obeyed Jesus and, after he had taught the people and prayed, the five loaves and two fish were distributed among the people. Not only did everyone have enough food, but there were enough food scraps left over to fill 12 baskets.

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Q&A

1. Why did Jesus go out in the boat?
2. What did Jesus do for all of the people?

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Puzzle

Do you know whether the following statements based on the Gospel according to Mark are correct? Circle T for True or F for False. Hints have been provided. Answers on Page 9.

1. Paul baptized Jesus. (Ch. 1)	T	F
2. Jesus selected 12 Apostles. (Ch.3)	T	F
3. Jesus fed 50,000 people. (Ch. 6)	T	F
4. Peter said Jesus was the Messiah. (Ch. 8)	T	F
5. Jesus blessed the children. (Ch. 10)	T	F
6. Jesus rode into Jericho. (Ch. 11)	T	F
7. Judas betrayed Jesus. (Ch. 13)	T	F
8. Jesus ascended into heaven. (Ch. 16)	T	F

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