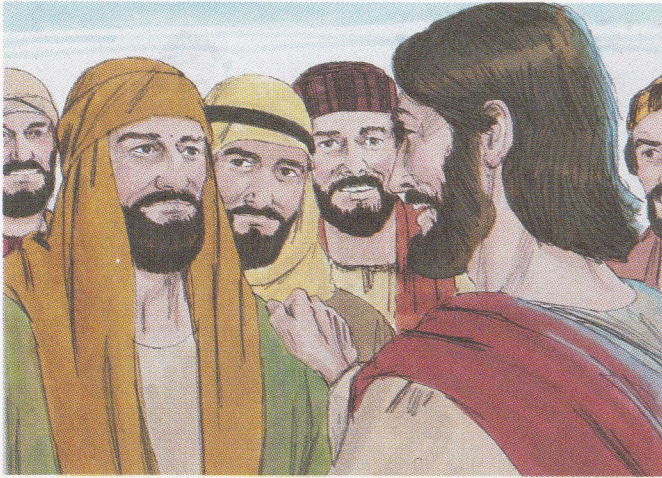
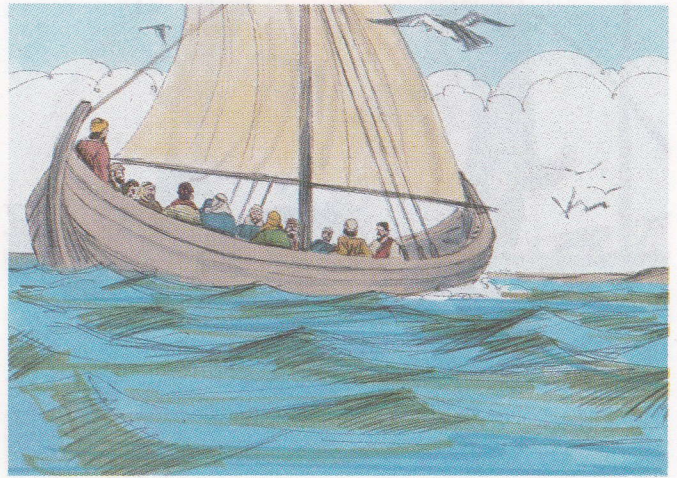


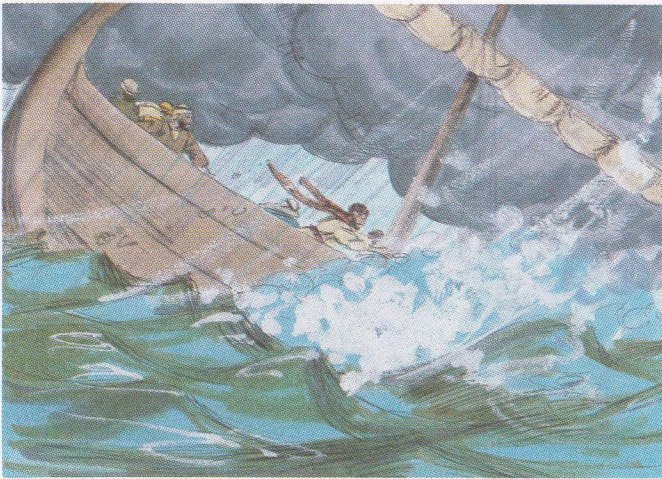
# The Power of Jesus



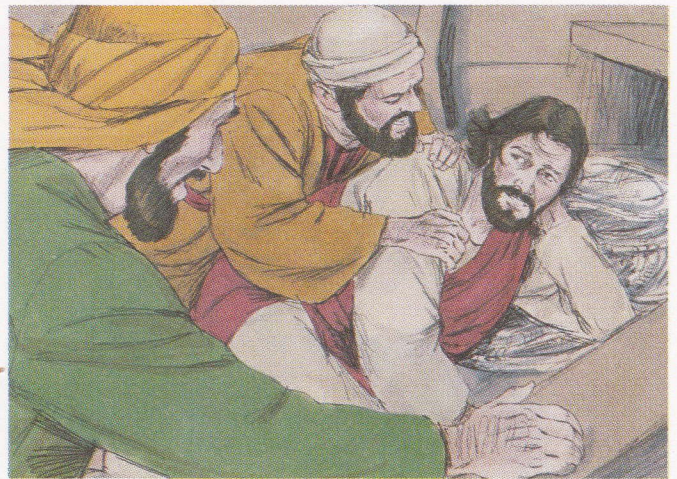
**1** One day when evening came, Jesus got into a boat with his disciples.



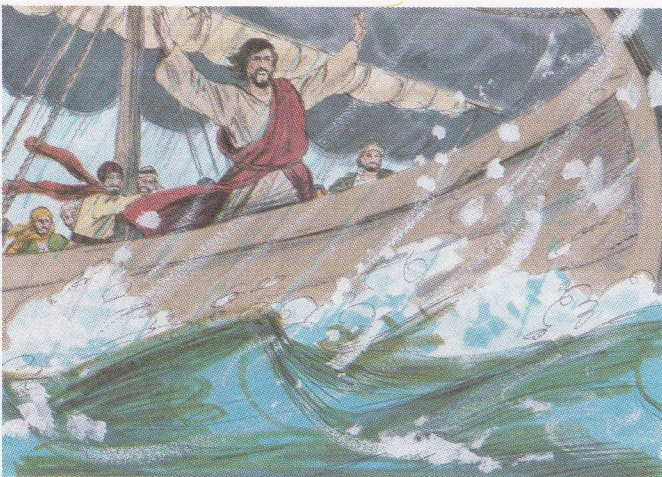
**2** He said to them, "Let's go across to the other side of the sea." So they left the crowds and began sailing for the opposite shore. Other boats were also with them.



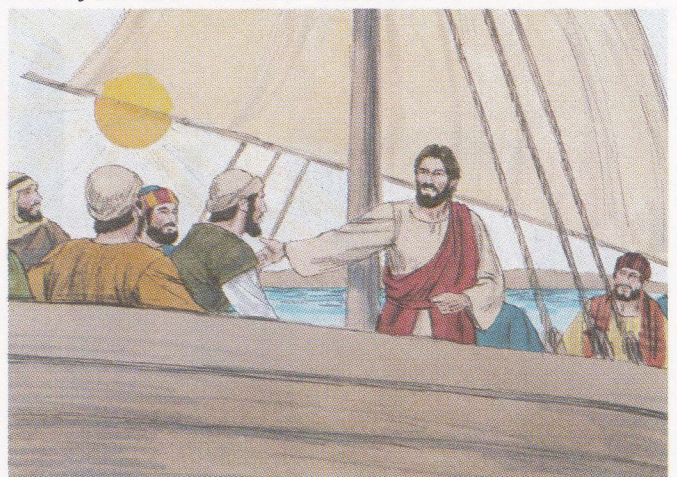
**3** Now while they were crossing the Sea of Galilee, a great storm suddenly arose. The waves beat against the boat and water poured into it.



**4** The disciples were frightened, but Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, we're about to sink! Don't you care if we die? Save us!"



**5** Jesus got up and scolded the wind and sea. "Be quiet! Be still!" he commanded.

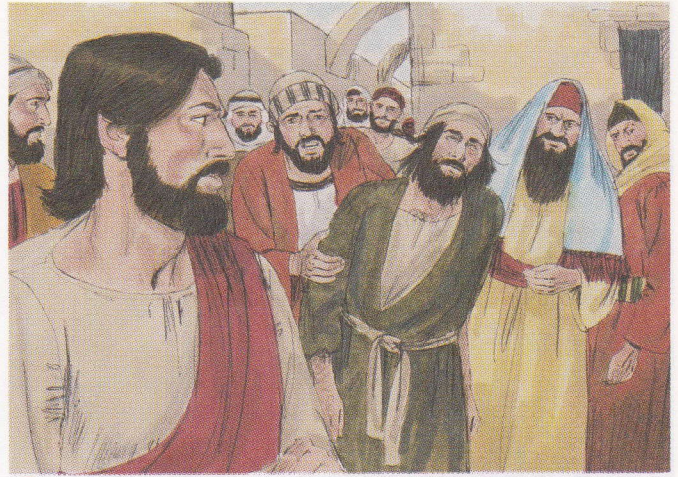


**6** When Jesus gave this command, the storm stopped and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you afraid? Don't you have any faith?"





**7** The disciples were filled with awe. They said to one another, "Who is this man that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



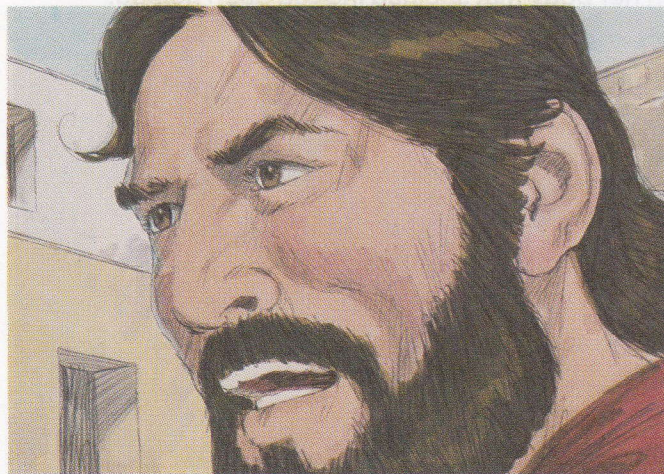
**8** On another occasion, a man possessed by a demon was brought to Jesus. The man was not able to see or to talk. But Jesus healed this man.



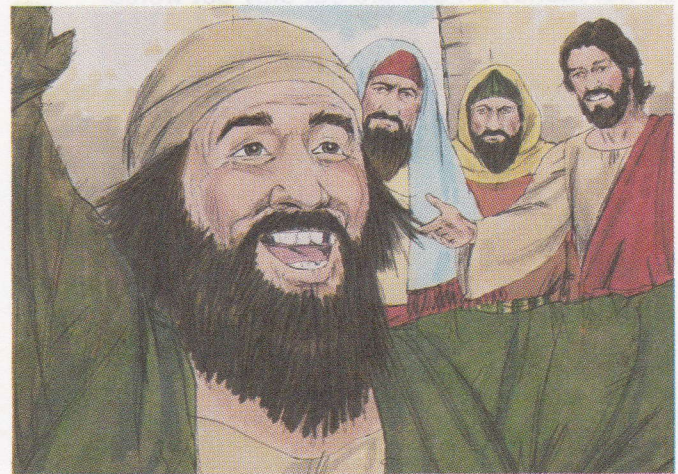
**9** The people were amazed and said, "Can Jesus be the Son of David?" But the Pharisees said, "This man is casting out demons because he has the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons."



**10** Jesus knew what the Pharisees were thinking about him. So he said, "If Satan's kingdom is divided against itself, how will his kingdom stand?"



**11** "And if I cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub, by whose power do your sons cast them out?"



**12** "But if it is by the power of God, then that shows that the kingdom of God has come upon you. It is a sign that someone stronger than Satan has come and is taking away what belonged to Satan."