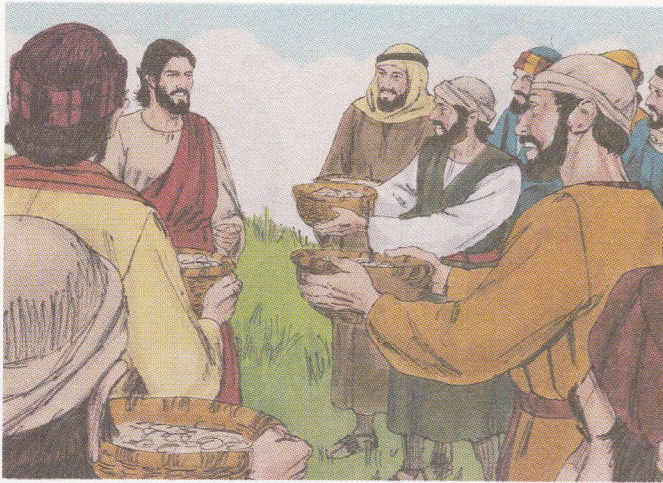
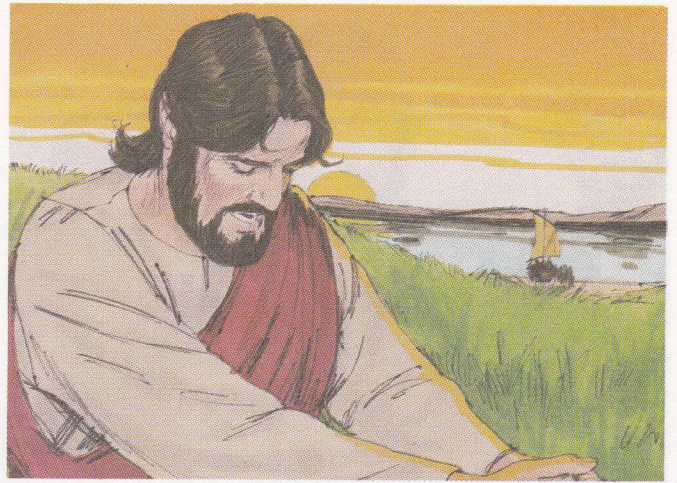


Jesus Walks on the Sea



1 After Jesus fed the great crowd with the five loaves and two fish, he had his disciples get into the boat and go on back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.



2 Jesus himself stayed behind to dismiss the crowds. After sending them away, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.



3 When evening came, he was alone on the hill. The boat in which the disciples were sailing was now far out on the Sea of Galilee.



4 A strong wind had arisen and the waves were beating against the boat. Jesus could see that they were having trouble rowing because the wind was blowing in the wrong direction.



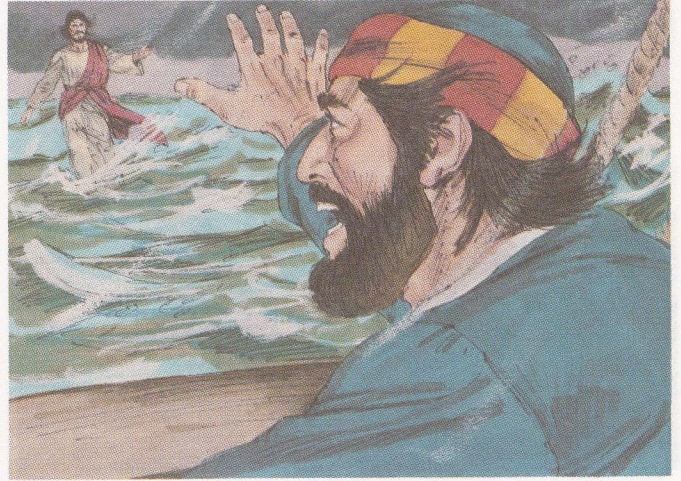
5 About the fourth watch of the night (from 3:00 to 6:00 in the morning, while it was still dark), Jesus came to the disciples, walking upon the sea!



6 When the disciples saw him coming across the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they cried.



7 Immediately Jesus spoke to them. He said, "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."



8 Then Peter said, "Lord, if it really is you, order me to come to you on the water." Jesus answered, "Come."



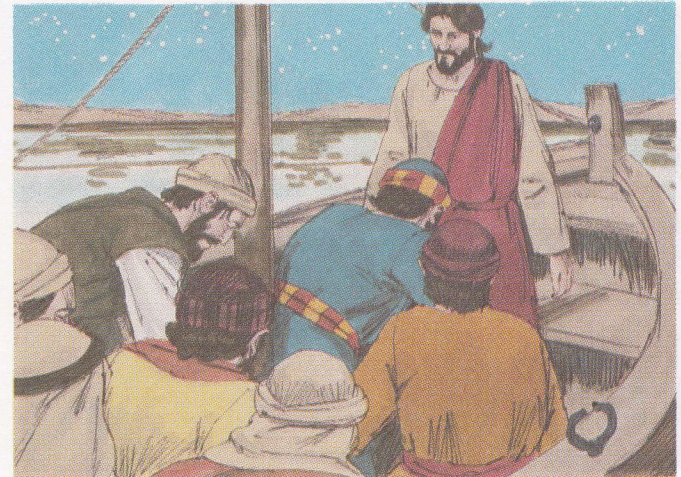
9 So Peter got out of the boat and started walking across the water to Jesus!



10 But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid and he began to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me!"



11 Jesus quickly reached out his hand and caught Peter. "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" he said.



12 When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind stopped blowing. The astonished disciples said, "You truly are the Son of God!" And they worshiped Jesus.