

LESSON 23

A STORM AT SEA

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus had spent another busy day teaching the people about God. Now it was night time and Jesus and his disciples were in a small boat on the lake.

Jesus was tired and soon fell asleep while the disciples rowed the boat over the lake. As Jesus slept, a storm came up, and great big waves beat against the boat, until the disciples were frightened and thought that the boat would sink.

They woke Jesus up and said "Don't you care if we die?" Jesus stood up in the little boat, held out his hands over the sea and said, "Peace, be still".

Straightaway the storm stopped, the wind and the waves calmed down, and the little boat rocked gently. Jesus asked the disciples why they had been afraid. They should have known that God would look after them, as He looks after us.

ACTIVITY

Use black coloured cotton wool for the clouds. Draw Jesus asleep in the boat. Use toothpicks for the mast. Use blue paper and cellophane for the waves.

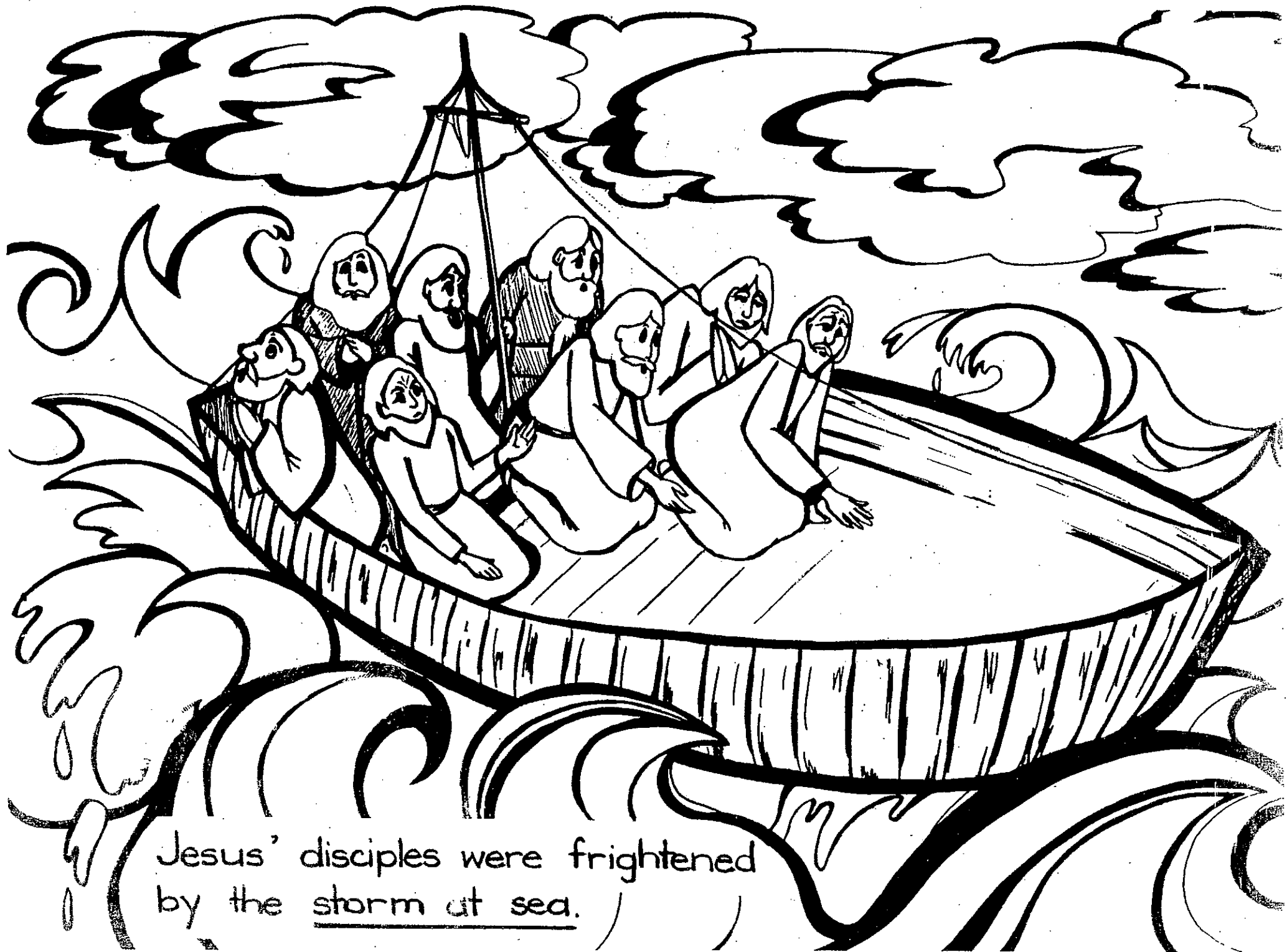
FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Draw an outline of a boat on cardboard. Outline with matches or toothpicks.

Make a folded paper boat.

Make a group picture of a boat on calm sea. Paste pieces of coloured and textured paper (torn or cut) for a mosaic effect.

Act out the story using a few large cardboard boxes (or washing baskets) joined together to be the boat.



Jesus' disciples were frightened
by the storm at sea.