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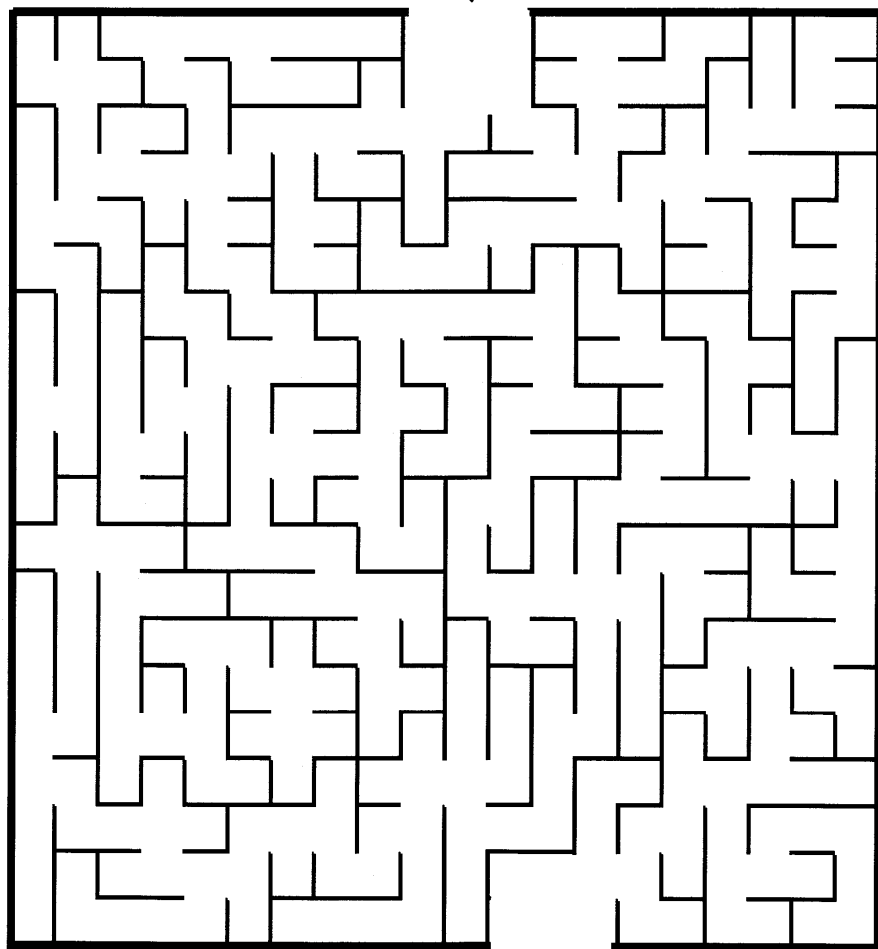
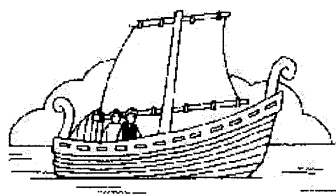
### Matthew 14:28-29

Peter said to Jesus "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. "He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

Dear Jesus, when the storms of life come against us, help us to keep our eyes on you and to put our trust in you.  
**Amen.**

Help the fishermen find their way to Jesus. You can learn about Jesus from Bible Stories, by going to church, and by praying to Him. Jesus loves you and wants you to know him.

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## Word Search: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEV)

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|---------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BOAT    | LAKE       | CROWDS  | MOUNTAIN  |
| EVENING | SHORE      | WIND    | WAVES     |
| MORNING | DISCIPLES  | GHOST   | TERRIFIED |
| JESUS   | AFRAID     | REALLY  | WATER     |
| COME    | PETER      | WALKING | STRONG    |
| SAVE    | RIGHT      | HELPED  | FAITH     |
| DOWN    | WORSHIPPED | GOD     |           |

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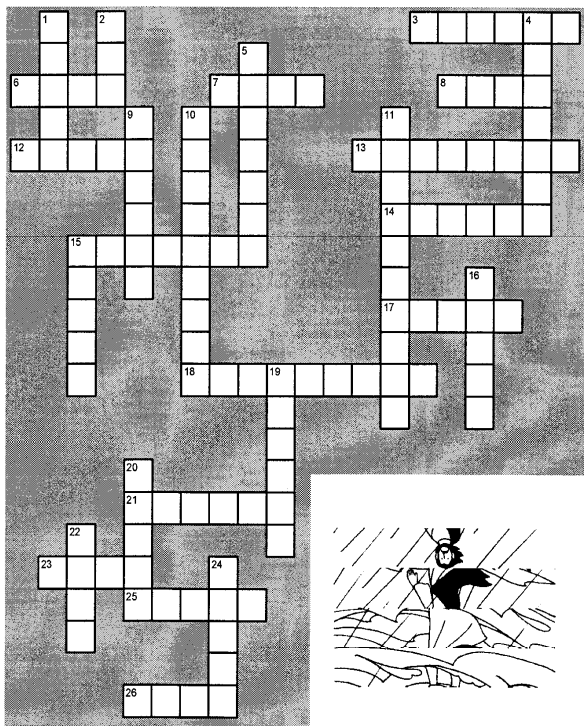


# Crossword: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

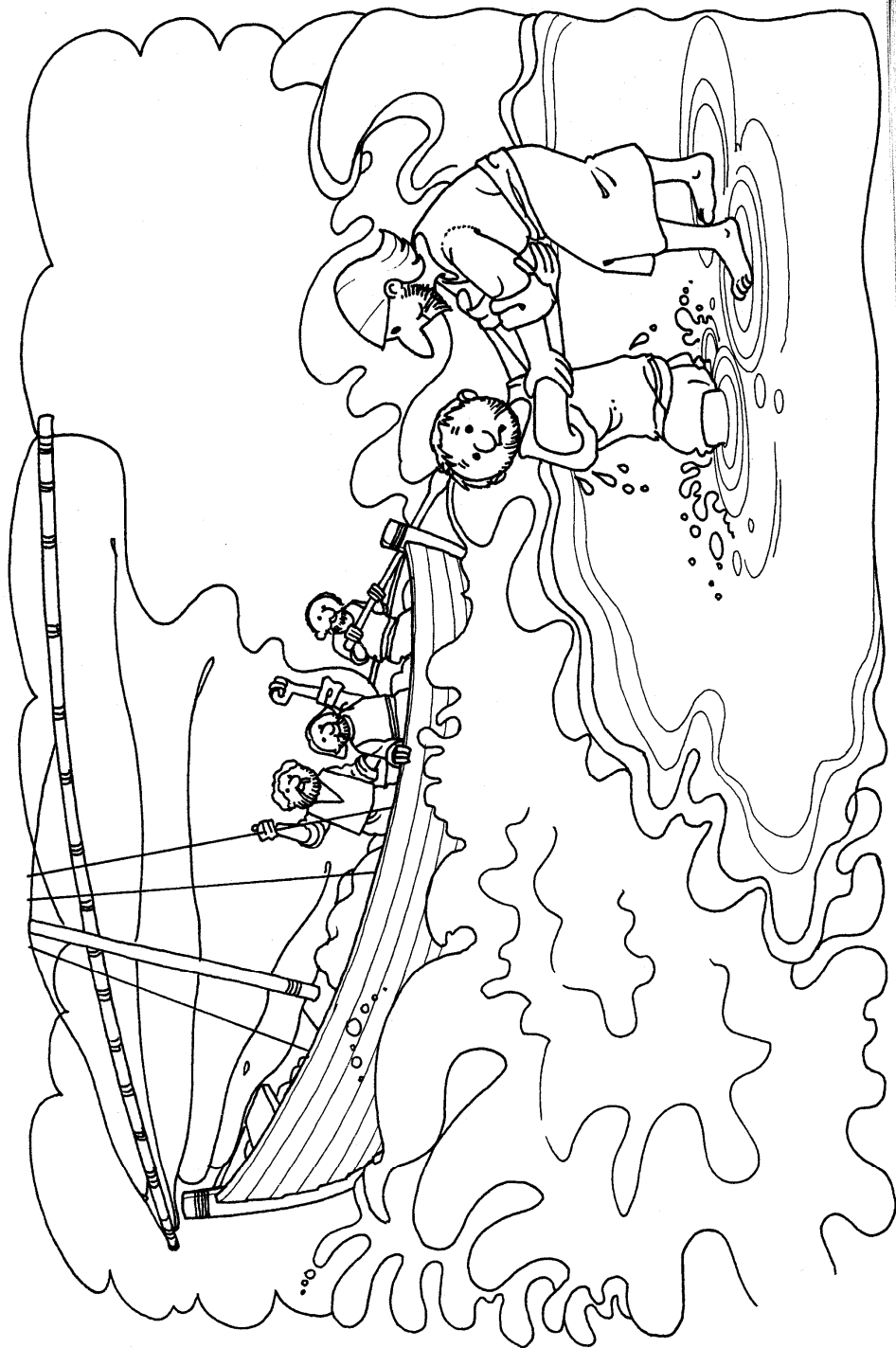
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 26 across) Right away, Jesus made his disciples get into a \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 down) and start back across the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 down) But he stayed until he had sent the \_\_\_\_\_ away.
- 13 across) Then he went up on a \_\_\_\_\_ where he could be alone and pray.
- 4 down) Later that \_\_\_\_\_, he was still there.
- 12 across) By this time the boat was a long way from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 across) It was going against the \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 down) and was being tossed around by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 down) A little while before \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus came
- 18 across) walking on the water toward his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24 down) When they saw him, they thought he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 down) They were \_\_\_\_\_ and started screaming.
- 16 down) At once, \_\_\_\_\_ said to them, "Don't worry!
- 21 across) I am Jesus. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 9 down) Peter replied, "Lord, if it is \_\_\_\_\_ you,
- 20 down) tell me to come to you on the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 8 across) \_\_\_\_\_ on!" Jesus said.
- 17 across) \_\_\_\_\_ then got out of the boat and
- 15 across) started \_\_\_\_\_ on the water toward him.
- 14 across) But when Peter saw how \_\_\_\_\_ the wind was, he was afraid
- 23 across) and started sinking. "\_\_\_\_\_ me, Lord!" he shouted.
- 25 across) \_\_\_\_\_ away, Jesus reached out his hand.
- 3 across) He \_\_\_\_\_ Peter up and said,
- 1 down) You surely don't have much \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you doubt?
- 7 across) When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 down) The men in the boat \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and said,
- 2 down) You really are the Son of \_\_\_\_\_!



**Jesus said to them,  
"Don't worry!  
I am Jesus.  
Don't be afraid."  
from Matthew 14:27 (CEV)**

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PETER, WHY DID YOU CLIMB OUT OF A BOAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A LAKE?

COULD YOU WALK ON THE WATER?

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T DROWN THEN?

I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY BUT... (THE STORM, SEEING JESUS, THINKING IT'S A GHOST, TO PROVE IT WASN'T)

YES! AS LONG AS I WAS...

I LOST IT! (-AFRAID OF THE STORMY WAVES, KNOWING I COULDN'T USUALLY DO IT, FEELING IN SECURE...)

IT WAS JESUS WHO SAVED ME. HE ...



LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH  
SO THAT IF YOU TELL ME  
TO STEP OUT MORE TOWARDS YOU,  
I'LL STEP OUT TRUSTING YOU.  
AND IF YOU TELL ME TO STOP,  
I'LL STOP,  
AND IF YOU TELL ME TO WAIT,  
I'LL WAIT.  
LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH;  
LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH.

# THAT SINKING FEELING

I GET THAT WHEN I SUDDENLY  
REALISE I CAN'T DO SOMETHING.

So do I. Peter did, too.

HOW COME PETER COULD WALK  
ON THE WATER?

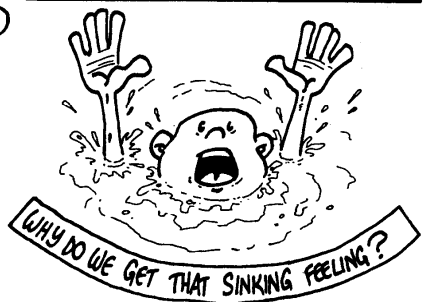
He could cope while he kept his eyes  
and heart on Jesus. It was when he  
stopped trusting for a moment that he  
lost it.

IS THAT TRUE IN OUR LIVES AS WELL?

Yes. Jesus will get you through anything,  
if you keep your eyes on him.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I've done it. It works.



HINT:

THINK OF ELIJAH

ANOTHER HINT:

THINK OF PETER

HOW DOES GOD HELP?

AND HOW DOES HE USE US TO HELP?