

The Stilling of the Storm

Key words

Boat: Ahoy there!

Sailors: Eye eye Captain.

Afraid: This is scary.

Panic: Ahhhh.

Quiet: Shush.

Jesus had had a busy day. He had been teaching the people about God. He had been healing the sick. It had been a long hot and busy day and now Jesus wanted some peace and quiet (shush). They were by the shores of the lake and Jesus decided that the best thing they could do was to go for a boat (Ahoy there) trip because out on the calm water in the cool of the evening everything would be quiet (shush) and peaceful.

Several of Jesus friends were experienced sailors (Aye aye captain), so they found a boat (Ahoy there) and set sail across the lake. It was so quiet (shush) and so peaceful that Jesus curled up with his head on a cushion and was soon fast asleep.

Suddenly a little wind started to blow. Then the wind blew stronger and stronger. Soon the waves began to get bigger and bigger and the little boat (ahoy there) started to rock about. The sailors (Aye aye captain) amongst Jesus friends knew just what was about to happen. A storm was going to break. Suddenly the waves started to rise up like mountains and the wind blew so hard that they thought the little boat (Ahoy there) was going to tip over. Jesus friends began to get afraid (this is scary), very afraid (this is scary).

The waves broke over the boat (Ahoy there!) sending great torrents of water all over them. The more afraid (this is scary) Jesus friends got the more they started to panic (Ahhh). They ran round and round the boat (Ahoy there!). The worse the storm got the more they panicked (Ahhh), and the more they panicked (ahhh) the worse the storm seemed to get.

Meanwhile though Jesus was still asleep, he was curled up on his cushion sleeping quietly (Shush) like a baby. Some of Jesus friends rushed over and shook him to wake him up. "Help us, help us," they shouted, as they handed him a bucket. "Don't you care if the boat (Ahoy there) sinks and we all drown!?"

Jesus looked at them all. Even the experienced sailors (Aye aye captain) were in a panic (Ahhhh) as the little boat (Ahoy there) was tossed about on the sea.

Then Jesus did something that no one expected. He held up his hand to the wind and in a loud voice said: "Quiet" (shush) and immediately the wind stopped blowing. Then he held up his hand to the waves and said: "be still!" And immediately the sea was calm. There was no wind and no waves and everything was calm and quiet (Shush), very calm and completely quiet (Shush).

Jesus friends, particularly the experienced sailors (Aye aye captain), were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the wind and the waves do what he says!"

And as they wondered about this, they pulled up the sails and the little boat (Ahoy there) drifted toward the shore. And all was quiet (Shush), completely quiet (shush).

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