

**SEASON AFTER
PENTECOST, PROPER 7
MARK 4:35-41**

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, which runs through Christ the King Sunday. As we take this journey, nourished by the scriptures appointed for the season and empowered by our baptisms, we are invited to be on the lookout for all the blessings found in the ordinary – to see God at work here and now. And we are compelled to share our blessings with others.

A Notation for This Week's Gospel

Amid the storms that toss our boats is the assurance that Jesus sleeps on a pillow in our boat! Are we comfortable enough to look at the question Jesus poses? "Why are you afraid?"

JESUS IN THE STORM

The Story

This story happens in the evening and Jesus is tired. He has been talking to people all day, so his friends tell him to get into their boat and they will row him to the other side of the lake.

We need a boat! Let's all get in this boat – I need lots of people to help me row.

Each of you, grab an oar and row with me as I tell you this story.

At first the friends of Jesus were gently rowing the boat, and it was going slowly across the lake.

Suddenly a big storm began. The wind blew so hard that water was splashing into the boat. (Pretend to wipe the water from your face).

The people were getting very scared.

And Jesus? He was sound asleep, his face on a pillow, in the back of the boat. "Hey, Jesus," his friends cried out: "Don't you even care that we are about to drown?"

Jesus woke up, rubbed his eyes, looked around and then said to the wind: "Peace! Be still." And all of a sudden the wind stopped. The waves stopped. It was all calm.

Jesus looked at his friends. "Why were you so scared? Didn't you know I am right here with you?"

Jesus friends were amazed and whispered to each other as they continued to row across the lake.

"Wow!" Even the WIND obeys Jesus."

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus was sleeping?

2. What scared the disciples?

3. Why do you think the disciples said what they did in verse 38?

4. What did Jesus say to the wind?

5. What did Jesus say to the disciples?

6. What did the disciples mumble to each other in response to what Jesus said?

ACTIVITIES

1. Compose a journal entry describing a time that you were afraid and how you called upon Jesus for help.

2. Try out one or several fun activities on the attached document.