



## *Nurturing Faith . . . Every Day in Every Way*

June 20, 2021

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 56:1-13

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Mark 4:35-41

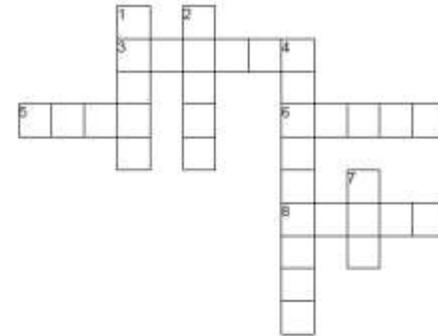
Hellooo friends! Of what are you afraid? Big thunderstorms? Ghosts? Spiders? I'm terribly afraid of snakes...even if I just see one on tv, I draw my legs up onto the couch and close my eyes until it's gone. Did you know that the number one fear in America is public speaking? You know, that thing that your pastor does every Sunday when they get up to preach in front of people...people are more afraid of speaking in front of others even more than they are afraid of snakes!

In our Gospel lesson from Mark, Jesus' friends, the disciples are on a boat. "A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and the disciples woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39He woke up and stopped the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Storms and seas and snakes can be really scary things, but Jesus wants us to trust him and have faith that all will be okay. When we are afraid, we can always pray and remember that Jesus is always right there with us.

**Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus who is always present with us. Help us to remember this the next time we are afraid. Amen.

## *Crossword Puzzle*



### HORIZONTAL

- 3. To have a feeling of fear
- 5. A relatively small craft which travels on water
- 6. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
- 8. To be calm, without much activity

### VERTICAL

- 1. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
- 2. To die by being under water and unable to breathe
- 4. The original followers of Jesus
- 7. A period of twenty-four hours

FAITH	PEACE	DISCIPLES	DAY
STORM	AFRAID	DROWN	BOAT

**Activity:** Activity: With the help of your grown-up, google how to make a paper boat. Have each person in your family make their own boat using different paper materials, then, have a boat race either in a pool or the bathtub

**Discussion Question:** What is your biggest fear?

**June Table Prayer:** In your love, we dance and sing. We twirl and spin in the colors you bring. Thank you, God, for Summer and fun, and for the love of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

**June Memory Verse:** Psalm 86:7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

# JESUS CALMS THE STORM



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