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A Good News Story

Jesus Teaches Disciples with Miracles

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Jesus had spent most of the day telling parables to a crowd of people who had gathered by the sea to listen to Him. Now that daylight was fading into the west, He said to His disciples, "Let us cross to the other side."

Jesus waved to the people and climbed into a boat with His disciples. Ropes were untied, sails were raised and the boat headed into the sea at night. Jesus was very tired, so He found a cushion in the stern of the boat and went to sleep.

As Jesus slept peacefully, the weather began to change. A strong wind filled the sails and threatened to tip the boat over. The waves pounded the boat like a fist of water, flooding the lower deck of the boat. As the disciples shouted orders to



Q&A

What was Jesus doing during the storm?

What did Jesus say to the angry, violent man?

Read more in Mark 4 and 5.

each other to try and control the boat, Jesus continued to sleep.

When the disciples were afraid the boat was either going to sink or capsize, they woke Jesus up. "Teacher," they said, "Do you not care that we are perishing?"

Jesus woke up, wiped His eyes and looked at His disciples. Then He stood up and spoke to the sea:

"Quiet! Be still!"

Immediately, the wind became silent and the waves disappeared into the sea. Then Jesus asked His disciples: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Despite everything the disciples already had seen Jesus do, they were amazed at what they had just seen: "Who then is this whom even

the wind and the sea obey?" The boat sailed through the night on calm, quiet water.

In the morning the disciples secured the boat when they reached the opposite shore, in the territory of the Gerasenes. As soon as Jesus put His feet down on dry land, an angry man approached him. This man had been living among the tombs in the area. He was out of his mind, and his bouts of anger were so violent that not even chains could hold him. At times he would even try to hurt himself with stones.

He shouted at Jesus, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I command you by God, do not torment me!"

Jesus spoke to the man as He had to the storm the night before: "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!"

Living Faith and Charity In Catholic Schools



Fifth-graders Alicia Ardis, Allie Clevenger, and Grace Howell from St. Mary School in Dixon present more than \$1,050 to Penny Mallo of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Students decorated cans during Lent and collected money each week to help the needy through SVdP.



Joan Miller's preschool classes at St. Mary School in Dixon collected Pennies for the Poor. They added coins to a container for each kind deed or action that they showed to their fellow classmates or at home. Their collection helped the school's fund for St. Vincent de Paul Society grow.



Teresa Gingrich's third grade class at St. Mary School in Dixon focused on Faith in Action and ministries that the parish provides for those in need. The students brought in their spending money to donate to SVdP.

Dixon Students Help St. Vincent de Paul Work Durand/Irish Grove Classes Help Newborns



This spring the eighth-graders in religious education at St. Mary/St. Patrick Parish in Durand/Irish Grove held a bake sale and used the money they raised to buy onesies for the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford. The class was able to purchase 80 onesies which were in great need.



The first grade religious education class at St. Mary/St. Patrick Parish in Durand/Irish Grove held a collection of diapers and baby wipes which were given to the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford.

Bible Trivia

Can you arrange the names of the following books of the Bible so that the last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name? Example: John, Nahum.

The first name will be Genesis. Nine names in the list will be used.

- Samuel
- Song of Solomon
- Luke
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Esther
- Ruth
- Revelation
- Haggai
- Habakkuk
- Kings
- Genesis
- Isaiah

See answers on page 14