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Nurturing Ambition

Tuesday 18th November

Knowing Jesus is with us in
stormy times - Mark 4.35-41





Worship



Time



Quiet



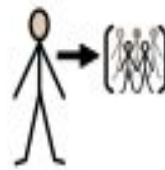
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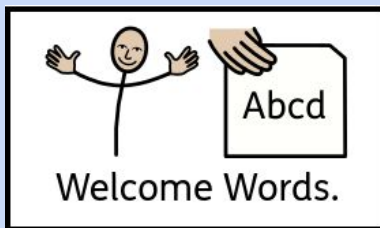
Respectful



Joining in

Let's light the candle to begin our Worship today.





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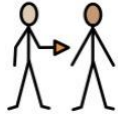
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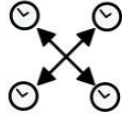
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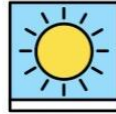


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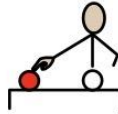


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Hope ☀️ The disciples are terrified, believing they will drown, but Jesus is asleep in the boat. When they wake him, he rebukes the wind and the sea, bringing immediate calm.

- **Link:** The moment the disciples realise Jesus has the power to control the elements, their **fear turns to hope**. The storm represents the **challenges and anxieties** in our own lives, and Jesus's presence, even when unseen (as he slept), is the source of **unshakeable hope** that light will follow darkness.

Love ❤️ Jesus's actions are driven by his care and compassion for his friends (the disciples) who are struggling.

- **Link:** Jesus demonstrates profound **love** by responding immediately to their distress and saving them. This teaches children that **love** means being present for others in their moments of need and offering **calm and security** when they are afraid. It is an act of selfless care.

Courage

The disciples had the **courage** to set out across the sea, but more importantly, they showed **courage** in their desperation when they woke Jesus, despite their wavering faith. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate **courage** by remaining completely peaceful in the face of mortal danger.

- **Link:** The story shows that **courage** isn't the *absence* of fear (the disciples were terrified), but the **willingness to act** and seek help *despite* the fear. It encourages children to be brave when facing their own "storms" (e.g., trying a new task, dealing with a loss) by remembering to turn to a trusted source for strength.

Perseverance

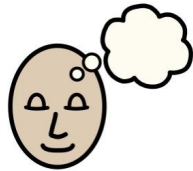
The act of rowing and trying to navigate the storm before they woke Jesus demonstrates their attempt to **persevere** through the difficulty using their own efforts.

- **Link: Perseverance** is shown in the disciples' initial struggle. It teaches children that when a challenge arises, they must continue to try and not give up immediately. However, the greater lesson is the **perseverance of faith**—holding on to the belief that help is available, even when circumstances seem impossible.

Friendship

The entire event takes place within the context of a close relationship—Jesus and his friends, the disciples, sharing a journey.

- **Link:** The disciples rely on their **friendship** with Jesus to save them; they know they can turn to him. This emphasises that **friendship** means **sharing the journey** (both the calm and the stormy times) and that true friends are those you can trust and rely on when you are at your weakest and most afraid.



Reflection time

The disciples thought Jesus didn't care, but he was with them

the whole time.

Our storms aren't usually weather. They might be worries,

change, feeling alone or big emotions.

Jesus being with us doesn't mean life is always easy,

but it means we're never on our own.



Let



us



sing

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let us pray.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you are always in our boat, even

when the waters get rough.

Sometimes we feel scared, worried, or loud—like a big

storm inside us.

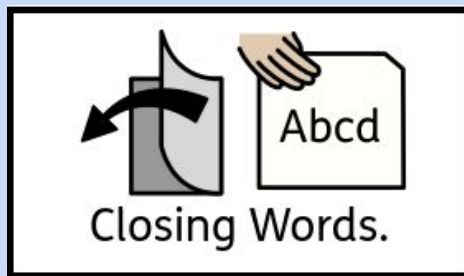
When our hearts feel wobbly, please tell the waves to be

still.

Help us to remember that you are powerful, you are

near, and you bring peace.

Amen.



The Light



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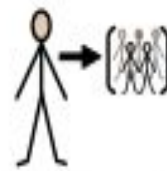
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