

TO HELP US STUDY

1. To teach the crowd, where did Jesus stand? _____
2. How did he teach them? _____
3. What is a parable? _____
4. What time was it when Jesus finished teaching? _____
5. Where did Jesus want to go? _____
6. What happened on the way there? _____
7. What was Jesus doing during the danger? _____
8. What did Jesus' disciples ask him? _____
9. When Jesus awakened, what did he tell the wind and sea? _____
10. He asked his disciples, "Why are you so _____? Do you still have no _____?"
11. They said, "What kind of _____ is this? Even the _____ and the _____ obey him!" (Matthew 8:27).

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 8:27, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him?"

Older ones—Mark 4:39-40

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Jesus often demonstrated his power over physical things. List some of the different ways Jesus showed this kind of power. Does he still have such power? Deal with all this in an essay on the back of this page.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

For most parents the biggest problem we have in teaching our children is communication. Most of us can learn the stories and tell them to our families. But can we tell them so that our kids *understand* them? The younger the child, the most difficult this problem may be. For example, we can easily tell a toddler that there was a storm on the sea and the wind blew and the waves were rough. But has the child ever seen a sea? Or a storm? Or a wave? When our little ones are restless during storytelling time, this may mean we are failing to make them understand.

How do we overcome this problem? Only by prayerful study. We may have to spend long moments deciding how to express the simplest idea. Sometimes the words will still escape us. Bible story books for children can assist us in finding the right words—words our smallest children can comprehend. Reading the story originally from a modern version such as the New International Version or Today's English Version may help us simplify language and make our storytelling much more effective. Whatever help we may turn to, we must communicate on our kids' level or our teaching will never be very successful.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 14:20, 25; 17:27; 21:19; Jn 2:1-11; 9:1-9; 20:26; Mk 2:1-12; Lk 5:1-11.