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## Let Us Pray

“Pray then like this:  
Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.”

Matthew 6:9–13

The disciples knew that when they prayed they were talking to God, praising Him, and asking for what they needed. But they wanted to know how they should pray so they asked Jesus to teach them. Jesus taught them to say the prayer we call the **Our Father**. By giving the disciples that one prayer Jesus was able to teach them how they should pray.

God wants us to call Him *Father*, because we are the children He loves. *Hallowed be Thy Name* is our wish that everyone use God’s holy name with honor and respect.



We want God's Kingdom to come because then everyone will be His children. *Thy will* means the plan God has for us. If we all did what God wanted, as the angels do in Heaven, then earth would be a very happy place for everyone.

When we ask God for our *daily bread* we are really asking for all the things we need. With these words we are also praying for people who are poor and hungry, for those who are sick or lonely. We ask for what our souls need, too.

We beg God to forgive our sins. The words *as we forgive those* remind us that if we want God to forgive us, we must be ready to forgive those who have done wrong to us.

We end the Our Father by asking God to keep us strong when we are tempted to sin. God will help us fight and win over evil.

Jesus told us other things about prayer. He said we should pray always. We can talk to God any time, at home, in school, or at play.

Jesus told us that God will give us what we ask of Him if it is good for us. Sometimes we have to wait a long time before God answers our prayers, but we shouldn't be afraid to keep asking. Jesus once told a story of a man who went to his friend's house late at

night. The man knocked on the door and called out that he needed some bread. Even though the friend didn't want to get up, he finally did, because the man kept asking.

God loves you more than the man loved his friend, Jesus said, so you know that God will answer your prayers.

**Words to Know:**

Our Father

*“Ask, and it will be given you;  
seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be  
opened to you.”*

*Luke 11:9*

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## We Believe

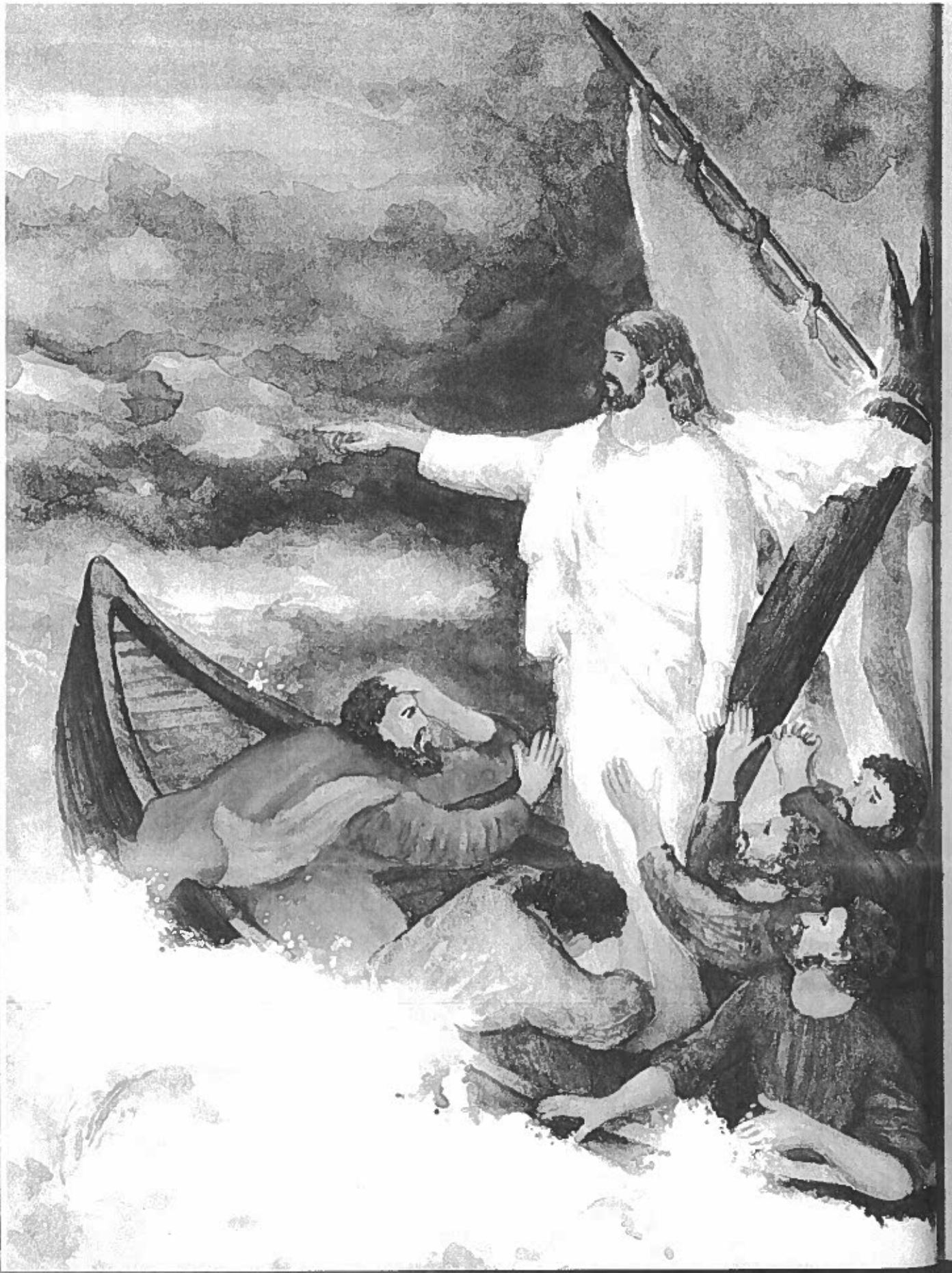
“Jesus said to him, ‘You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’”


John 20:29

Jesus wanted people to believe that He was the promised Savior and the Son of God. To help them believe, Jesus worked many **miracles**. By working these miracles He showed that He could do all things. Jesus is God, just as His Father is God.

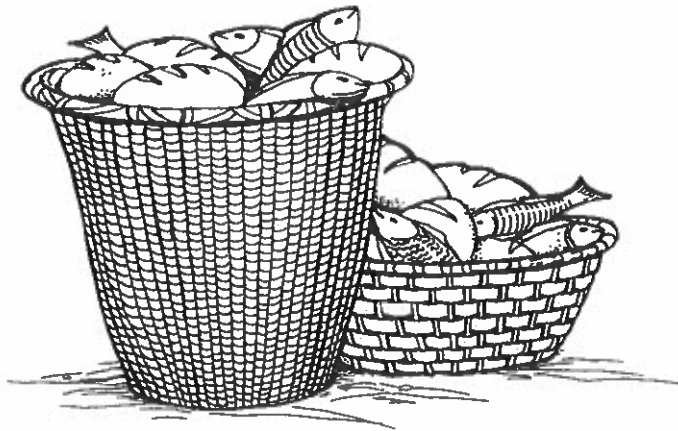
The first miracle Jesus worked was at a wedding party. They had run out of wine to drink. Mary, Jesus’ Mother, asked Him to help. Jesus took some water and changed it into wine.

Another time, Jesus and the disciples were in a boat on a lake. The wind started blowing hard. Soon big waves were crashing into the boat. The disciples were afraid. They woke up Jesus, Who was sleeping down inside the boat. “Lord, save us! The boat will sink!” Jesus got up and said “Be still” to the wind and water. At once the storm ended. The disciples were surprised to see the wind obey Jesus.





One day Jesus was teaching a great big crowd all day. He felt sorry for them because they didn't have anything to eat, so he told the disciples to feed the people. The disciples told Jesus, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish. That will not feed five thousand people! And there are no stores nearby, either." Jesus took the bread and fish and, by blessing them, made them into enough food to feed all five thousand. There was so much food that twelve baskets of scraps were left over!



Most of the miracles of Jesus were to help people who were sick or hurt and to show that He loves them. He made blind people see again. If someone couldn't walk, Jesus said, "Get up," and he could walk again.

One day a man named Jairus came up to Jesus. "Please come to my house," he said. "My little girl is very sick. I'm afraid she will die. But if you come and lay your hands on her, I know she will get better."

Jesus went with Jairus. When they got to the house, everyone was crying. "It's too late," they said. "She is dead."

But the power of Jesus was stronger than death. He went inside and took the girl's hand. "Get up, little girl," He said, and with that she opened her eyes and got up, alive and well!

**Word to Know:**

miracles

**Q. 37** *Why did Jesus work miracles?*

Jesus worked miracles so that people would have faith and recognize Him as the Son of God (CCC 515).