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Do you like to eat fish? Some people's job is to catch fish so that we can eat it. They often use a net to catch the fish. One day Jesus met some fishermen named Peter, Andrew, James and John. They were good fishermen, but they hadn't caught any fish even though they had been fishing all night.

Jesus said, "Go back out into the lake and let down your nets again. Then you will catch some fish."

The fishermen knew that it was the wrong time and place to catch fish. They knew Jesus was special but they weren't sure if He knew anything about fishing! Finally, Peter said, "We have fished all night and didn't catch anything, but we will do what you say."

Peter and Andrew sailed back out into the lake and let down their nets. They caught so many fish that the net started to break! "Come and help us!" they called to James and John. They filled both boats so full of fish that they almost sank! They were surprised and a little afraid of what Jesus had done. Only God could do something like that!

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. I want you to come with me and be my special friends. You will help other people to follow me too."

Peter, Andrew, James and John folded up their nets, left their boats and went with Jesus. Over the next couple of years they followed Him. They saw Him do many amazing things.

Jesus is powerful and can do things we cannot do. He could control the fish and the sea because He made them. Over the next couple of weeks we are going to learn more about Jesus and some wonderful things that He did.

Luke 5:17-26

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When Jesus was on the earth, there was a man who was so sick that he couldn't move. He was paralyzed. His friends wanted to help him. They knew Jesus could heal him so they put the man on a stretcher and carried him to Jesus. He was talking to people in a house with a big crowd around Him. There were so many people that they couldn't get their friend into the house.

Then they had an idea! They climbed up onto the roof on the house which was flat and took out some of the roof tiles to make a hole in the roof. When the hole was big enough, they lowered their friend on his stretcher down through the hole until he was lying right in front of Jesus!

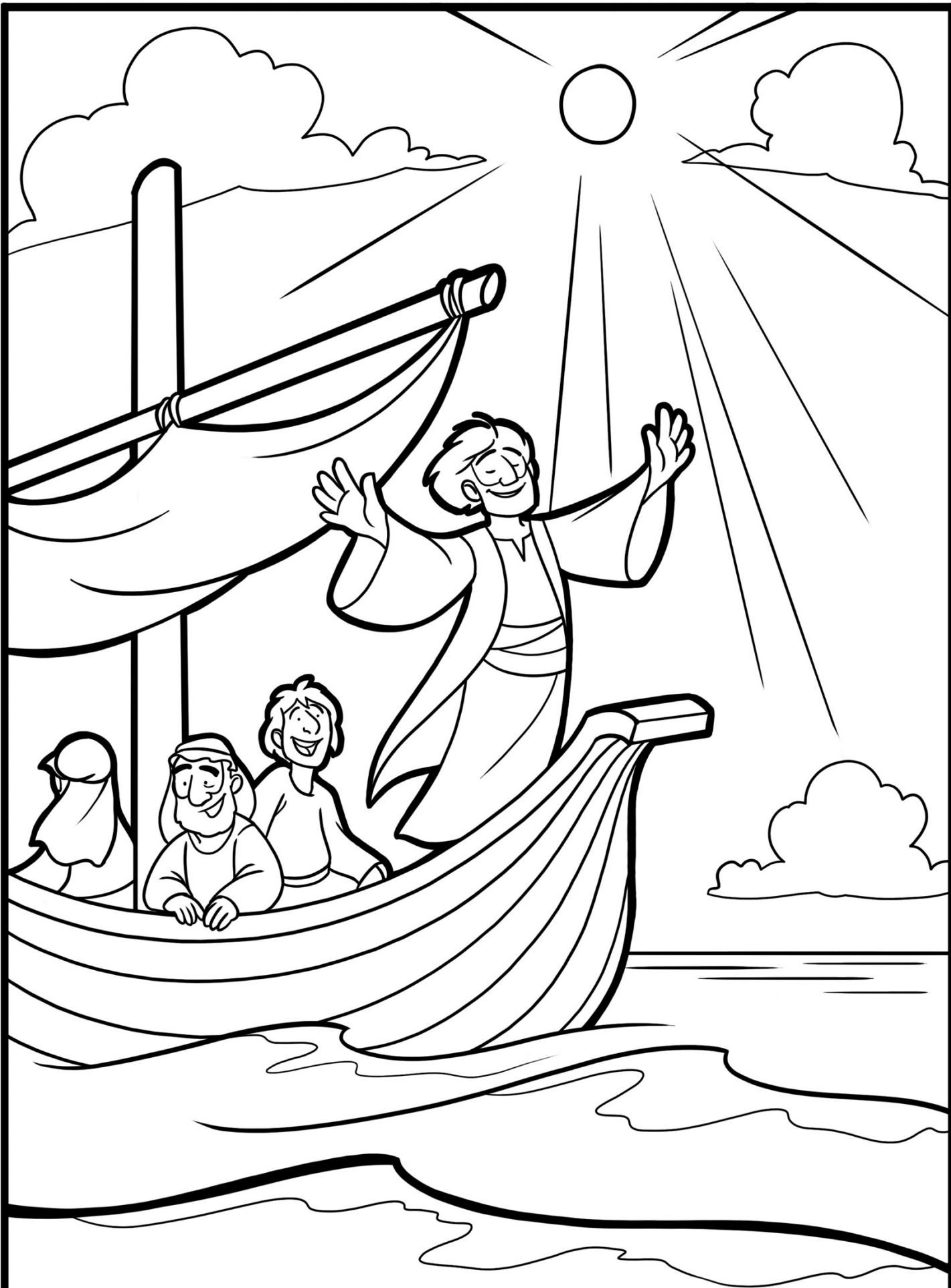
When Jesus saw how they had faith in Him, he said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."

The religious leaders who didn't like Jesus thought, "Who does Jesus think He is? Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus knew what they were thinking. He asked, "Is it easier to forgive sins or heal someone? I will prove to you that God has given me the authority to forgive sins. I'll do both."

Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat and go home!"

The man jumped to his feet. He was completely healed! He picked up his stretcher and walked out through the people, praising God. Everyone was amazed and said, "We have seen amazing things today!"

The man was very sick and needed someone to make him better again. Like all of us, the man had done things that were wrong and he needed someone to forgive him. Jesus helped him because He loved the man. Jesus loves us as well and we can ask Him for help too. We do that by praying to Him. We know that He will always hear us.



Luke 8:22-25

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Jesus' friends were learning a lot about Him. They had seen Him heal people. They had also heard him talk about God and how God wanted them to live. But they still weren't quite sure what they thought about Him. They didn't totally understand who He was.

One day Jesus and His friends got into a boat to go to the other side of the lake. Jesus had been very busy healing people and teaching and He was very tired so He laid down in the boat and went to sleep.

As they sailed along the wind started to get stronger. It was blowing hard and making waves! The boat started to rock and the water was coming into the boat! They were afraid.

But Jesus was still asleep! They went to Jesus and woke Him up. "Jesus, Jesus, don't you care? We are going to die!" They were VERY afraid!

Jesus got up. He wasn't afraid. He said to His friends, "Why are you afraid? Don't you trust me?" Then He spoke to the wind and said, "Be quiet! Be still!"

Do you know what happened? The wind ceased and the waves calmed down. Jesus stoped the storm.

Jesus' friends didn't know what to think. They asked each other "Who is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!" They were learning that Jesus was more powerful than anything they could imagine.

The disciples were afraid but Jesus wasn't. He made the world and He rules and controls it. The disciples didn't need to be afraid because Jesus cared about them and He could take care of them. Jesus loves us too and He can take care of us when we are afraid.



Luke 9:10-17

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One day a big crowd of people was listening to Jesus – there were people everywhere! Jesus was telling them about God and healing people who were sick. It was getting late and Jesus' friends came to talk to Him. The people were getting very hungry and they wanted Jesus to send them away so they could get some food to eat.

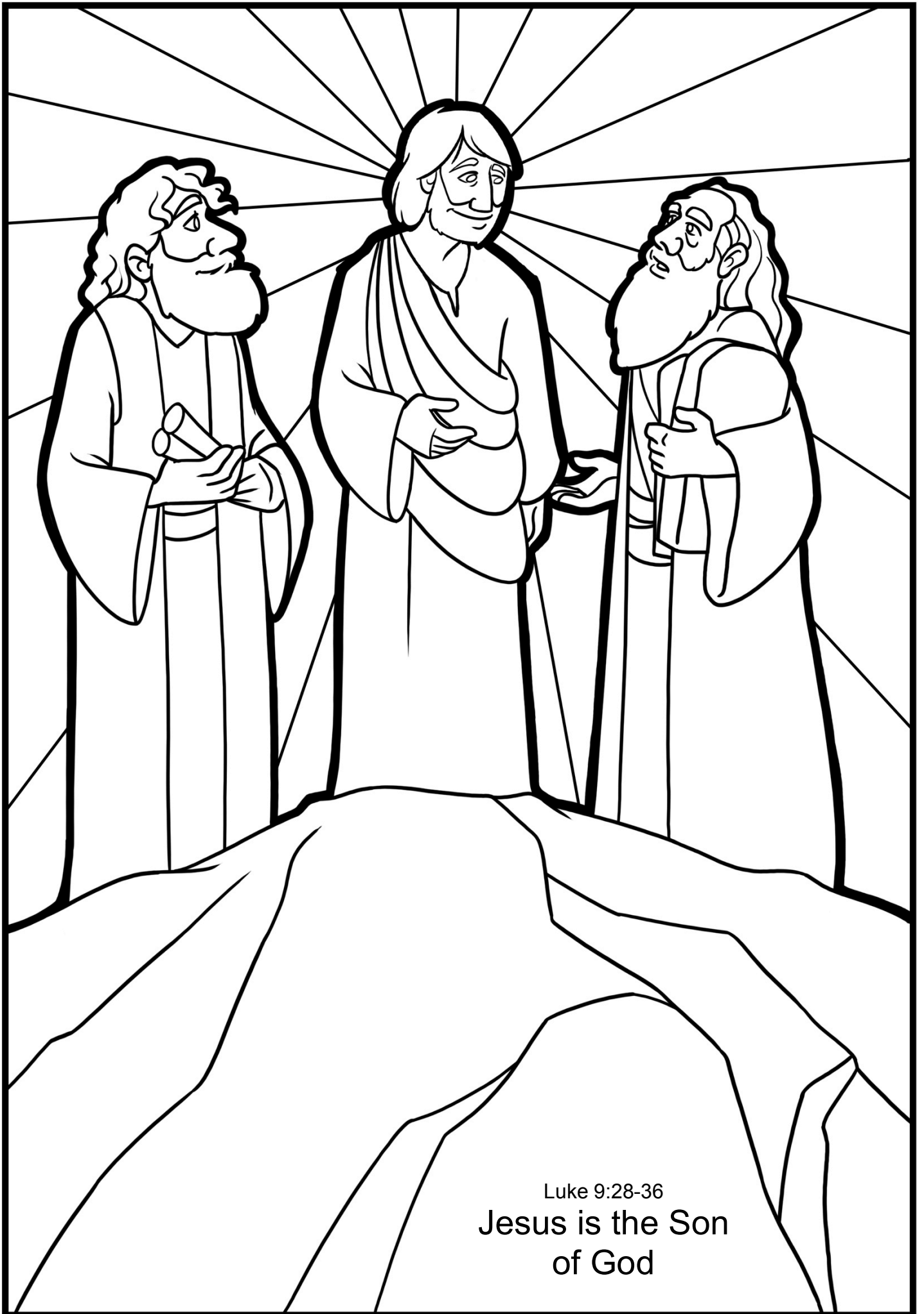
Jesus said to them, "No, you should feed them". Jesus' friends didn't have any food and they didn't have any money to go buy it. They didn't know what to do.

One of Jesus' friends, Andrew, found a little boy in the crowd who had some food. He had a basket with five bread rolls and two small fish. Andrew took the boy to Jesus. "This is all the food we have," he said. He didn't think there was any way the people could be fed from such a small amount of food.

Jesus told His friends to have all the people sit down. Then He took the five bread rolls and two fish and gave thanks to God. Jesus broke the rolls and fish into pieces and told His friends to give the pieces to the people.

He kept breaking off pieces and His friends kept handing them out. The bread and the fish didn't run out! Everyone had enough to eat! In fact when they collected all the scraps there were enough to fill 12 baskets. It was a miracle – something only God could do. One little boy's lunch became enough food for everyone to eat!

Jesus cared that the people were hungry and He showed God's power as He provided them with what they needed. Only God could do these things. He is the only one. Today He is still the only one. He still uses His power to help us because He loves us.



Luke 9:28-36  
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## Jesus is the Son of God

One day, Jesus went for a walk up a mountain and Peter, James and John went with Him. When they got to the top, Jesus started to pray. Peter, James and John sat down to wait for Jesus and soon they fell asleep.

While they were sleeping, something very special happened.

Jesus' face started to shine like the sun and His clothes became white and glowed! Then two of God's friends who had died – Moses and Elijah – came down from heaven to talk to Jesus about what was going to happen when He died on the cross.

Suddenly Peter, James and John woke up. When they saw Jesus, Moses and Elijah they were scared! They didn't know what to think – but they knew something very special had happened.

Peter said, "Lord, I'm glad we are here. We can make three special tents – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah".

But then a thick cloud came down and covered everything so that Jesus' friends couldn't see Jesus any more. A voice came from the cloud and said, "This is my Son whom I love very much. Listen to Him". This made Jesus' friends even more afraid - it was God talking from heaven!

Then the cloud lifted and the disciples looked up and saw Jesus standing all alone – looking normal again. Wow! Jesus' friends had seen how Jesus looks when he is in heaven and they had heard God tell them that Jesus was His Son. I don't think they ever forgot that!

God still wants us to listen to Jesus. We can find out more about Him in the Bible. In the Bible we learn that Jesus isn't just a great man, He is God.