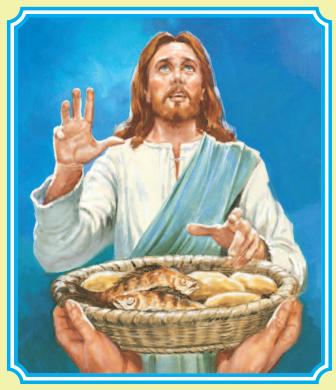
Miracles of the Bible



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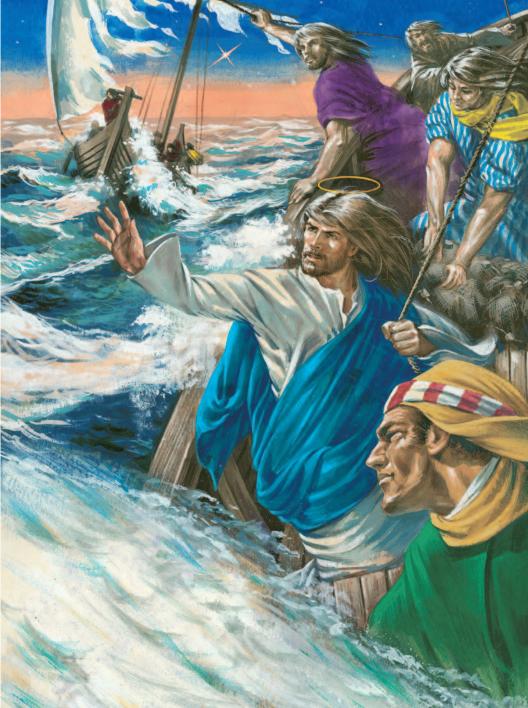
The Calming of the Storm

ONCE Jesus was in a boat with the Apostles, crossing the Sea of Galilee. That sea is famous for how fast storms can blow up. While they were still in the middle of the sea, a great storm started. It tossed the boat all over the place, and the Apostles were afraid that it would sink and they would all drown.

This whole time Jesus was asleep in the boat. The disciples woke Him up and begged Him to save them.

Jesus got up and He ordered the storm to be still. At that very moment the wind stopped and the waves were calmed. The Apostles were shocked that even the winds and the sea obeyed Him. Jesus scolded the Apostles for their lack of faith.

Later the Apostles would realize that this miracle was even greater than they had realized. In those days, people thought of the sea as the place where the devil lived. If Jesus could calm the sea, it meant that He was more powerful than the devil. His love would conquer sin and hate and every other tool of the devil.



The Ten Lepers

A S Jesus entered a village on His way to Jerusalem, ten lepers met Him. Lepers had to live apart from the general population because healthy people feared their disease (called leprosy) that causes sores to spread on one's skin. Standing at a distance from Jesus, they cried out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us."

Feeling sorry for them, He had them approach Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests that they may declare that you are clean again and cured of your disease."

On their way they were cured. They were so happy to be clean that they did not even think of returning to Jesus to thank Him. Only one of them, seeing that he was made clean, went back and bowed low before Jesus, thanking Him with all his heart. This man who returned was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Did no one come back and thank God except this foreigner?"

Jesus then said to the one who returned, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."