



Look up the texts and match them to Jesus' promises below.

Matthew 6:31, 32

John 16:33

Matthew 28:20

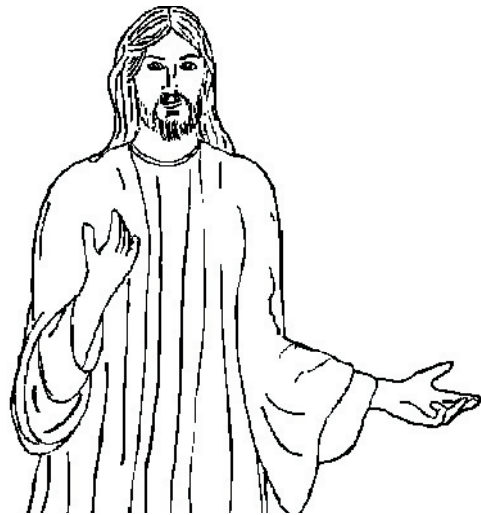
Matthew 28:18

In this world, you will have trouble, but cheer up! I have won the battle over the world.

All power in heaven and earth has been given to me.

You can be sure that I am with you . . . to the very end!

Don't worry about food or clothes. Your heavenly Father knows you need these things.



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GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE MY FRIEND

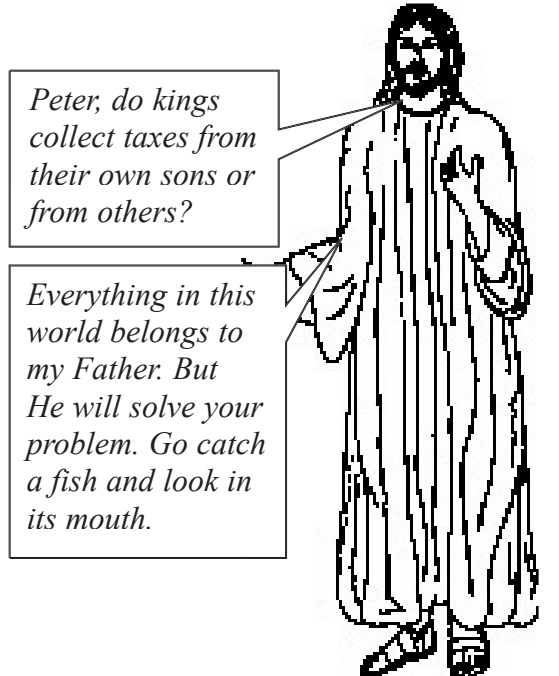
LESSON 8 Jesus Can Fix Any Problem

Everyone has problems. When Jesus was here on earth people had problems too. Jesus was great at fixing the problems they had.



Jesus, the tax collector asked me if you pay the temple tax. I told him yes.

From others, of course.



Peter, do kings collect taxes from their own sons or from others?

Everything in this world belongs to my Father. But He will solve your problem. Go catch a fish and look in its mouth.



Peter and his friends were fishermen before they became Jesus' helpers. Peter knew that fish usually do not have anything in their mouths that help with taxes. But Peter had learned to do what Jesus said, even if it sounded strange. So he went to his boat and started fishing. It was not long before he caught a fish. Carefully he pried the fish's mouth open and . . .



You can read this amazing story in Matthew 17:24-27.



Jesus didn't make Peter rich from the money in the fish's mouth. Jesus only provided what Peter NEEDED. When we have problems Jesus will also help us.

Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food. Then He broke the bread in half, and in half again. He just kept breaking it, and there seemed to be more each time!



The disciples passed the food around until everyone had eaten. There were even leftovers!

Jesus had fed all those people with *one* little boy's lunch.

We don't need to worry about getting enough to eat. Jesus can take care of us even when there is only a little bit of food.



If I share my things Jesus can multiply them to help many, many people instead of just me.



Jesus must think children are important because He can use what we have to offer right now! We do not have to wait until we are grown up to be friends with Jesus and help Him.

One day Jesus was getting ready to tell stories. But there was such a huge crowd of people who wanted to listen that Jesus led them to a hillside where there was room for everyone. The Bible says there were so many people that only the men were counted. 5,000 men were there. [This story is found in John 6:1-13.]

Mommy, I'm hungry!



Please don't cry. I don't have any food out here to give you.

Jesus saw the people were hungry. "Where shall we buy bread?" He asked. "We have no money to buy food for this many people," responded a disciple.

Does anyone have food?



Here is a young boy with a lunch.

I have a lunch my mother sent with me. It is five barley rolls and two small fish.

One night, after a long day of teaching and healing people, Jesus was very tired. So He and His friends got into a boat and sailed out across the Sea of Galilee.

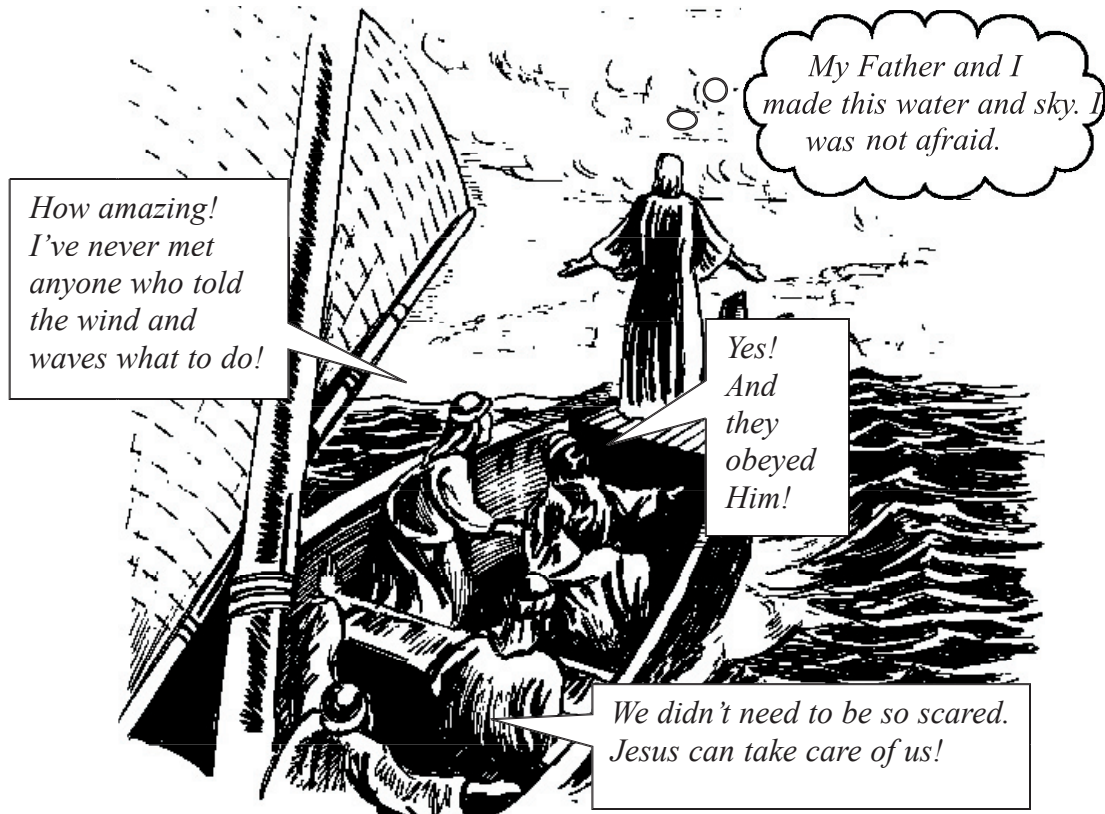
Even today, the Sea of Galilee has problems with sudden, violent storms because it is between two mountains. That night was stormy too. The wind blew down on the lake and whipped the water up into big waves. The rain pelted down, and the thunder roared.

The disciples were terrified! They knew other fishermen had drowned in that lake during sudden storms. Where was Jesus?

Jesus was sound asleep. His disciples awakened Him by shouting to be heard above the noise of the storm, "Don't you care that we are all going to drown?"

Jesus was not scared. He stood up in the boat and spoke to the storm. "Peace! Be still!" Suddenly the storm stopped and it was very quiet.





My Father and I made this water and sky. I was not afraid.

How amazing! I've never met anyone who told the wind and waves what to do!

Yes! And they obeyed Him!

We didn't need to be so scared. Jesus can take care of us!



Sometimes I feel afraid during big storms. It is good to know that Jesus is stronger than any storm and that He can stop it.

He doesn't always calm the storms. Sometimes He just calms ME.



Either way, it's good to know that if Jesus is with us, we never have to be afraid! But how can we know that Jesus is with us? We can't see Him.

Jesus promised he would never leave us. You just have to invite Him into your life and there He is. You can't see Him, but He is always there with you.



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And Jesus will!*