

JUNE 21, 2015  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Jesus has power to help us in times of trouble.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Exodus 14:5-21	The parting of the Red Sea
Tuesday	Joshua 3:7-17	The Jordan River stops flowing
Wednesday	Joshua 10:1-14	God makes the sun stand still
Thursday	Mark 6:45-52	Jesus walks on the water
Friday	Acts 27:13-38	Paul and the storm at sea
Saturday	Psalms 65:5-13	God silences the seas
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!” Mark 4:41 (NLT)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, please replace our fears with faith, and make us strong in times of trouble. Amen. (Mark 4:40)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

For all we eat, and all we wear; for daily bread and nightly care; for your good gifts to use and share; we thank you, Lord. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God calm you when you are afraid. May you have faith to trust in God’s love. Amen.

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about or draw a picture to represent a time when you felt scared. What did you do?
- Out on the Lake of Galilee in a storm, Jesus’ disciples were scared that they would drown and went to wake him. Why do you think they woke him?
- Jesus stilled the storm with just a few words. How do you think this event changed the disciples’ trust in Jesus? In what ways does faith in Jesus help you when you are scared or worried?

## DEVOTIONS

Find a woven basket or another object to represent a boat. In your household devotion times this week, share any fears or worries you may have. Write these down on slips of paper and place them in your boat. When you have finished, cover them with another slip of paper carrying the name of Jesus, or with a figure of Jesus. Read Psalm 107:28-31. Pray that Jesus will calm your fears and help you to see and trust that he is with you in every storm.

## SERVICE

Think of someone you know who is going through a stormy time in their life. Plan a special gift for this person (e.g. a bunch of flowers, a plate of cookies or a prepared meal) and plan to deliver it during a visit.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan a household visit to a local lake or creek. Make play boats out of used food or drink containers and enjoy sailing these together. Talk about the significance of water as a gift from God both in our physical lives and our spiritual lives, such as baptism.



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