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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

That time has come. This is the day for you to be saved.
– 2 Corinthians 6:2 (CEV)

Prayer for this Week:

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

For Throughout the Day:

Lord Jesus, I need your help. Please come to save me. Amen. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

A Blessing to Share:

May God calm you when you are afraid, and give you faith to trust in his love. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Let us give thanks to God for his faithful love:
For the wonderful things he does for us all. (Psalm 107:31)

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.*

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Faith Talk:

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?
- How does faith in Jesus help us when we are afraid?
- In 2 Corinthians 6:4-10, the apostle Paul writes about his hard times as a follower of Jesus. How might God use our experiences in hard times to bring about good?

Devotional Practices:

In your household devotion time this week, have a dramatic reading or act out the story of Jesus' calming the sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Dramatic Reading:

Assign a person to be the narrator and others the parts of Jesus and the disciples. Talk about the emotions that lay behind their words.

Dramatization:

Set up an area to serve as the "boat". Talk about how you might best portray the events of the story. You could add to the scene by having household members make wave streamers from popsickle sticks and blue crepe paper streamers. Have household members wave these to represent the waves during the storm.

To conclude, talk together about how the disciples must have felt when Jesus fell asleep and the storm came and the seas became rough. Discuss Jesus' response.

Service:

Think of someone you know who is going through a tough time. Plan a special gift for them e.g. a bunch of flowers, a plate of cookies or a prepared meal. Arrange to visit them during this next week.

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 (i.e. baptism).

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