

THE STORM THAT

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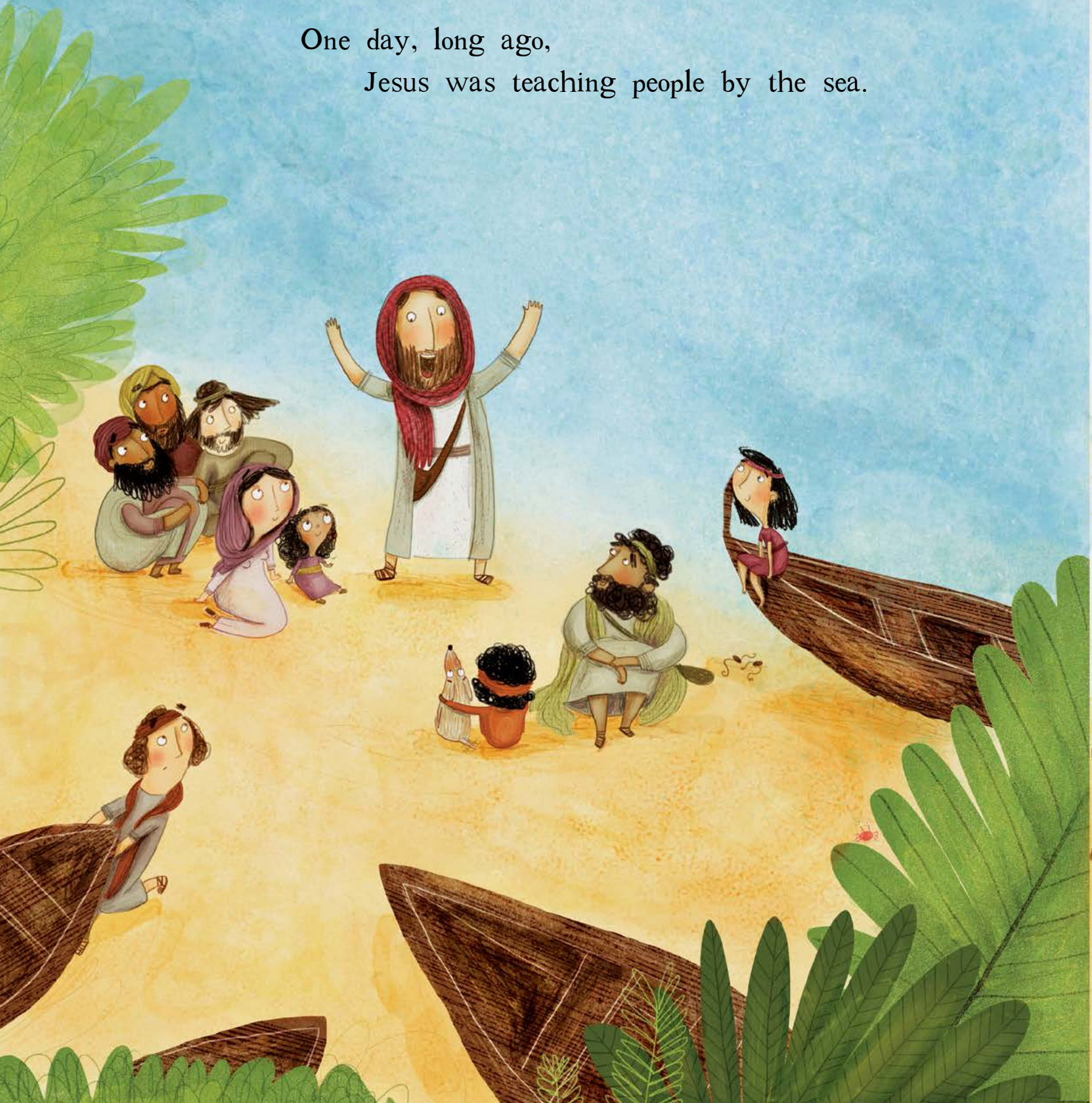
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A TRUE STORY ABOUT WHO JESUS really IS



One day, long ago,
Jesus was teaching people by the sea.





Soon, some more people arrived.

Then others. Then more, AND MORE –

until there were people

EVERYWHERE



WE CAN'T HEAR
BACK HERE!

GIVE ME SOME
ROOM!

The crowds were just too big!



No one could see Jesus and no one could hear Jesus.

So Jesus asked his friends, the disciples,
to push their boat out onto the water.



He sat in the boat and the huge crowd
spread out along the beach.

Now, they could all see and hear Jesus
as he told them all about God.

When he finished teaching the people,
Jesus said to his friends:

LET'S GO
OVER TO THE
OTHER SIDE OF
THE SEA.





Jesus had finished teaching the crowd, and now he had something to teach his friends

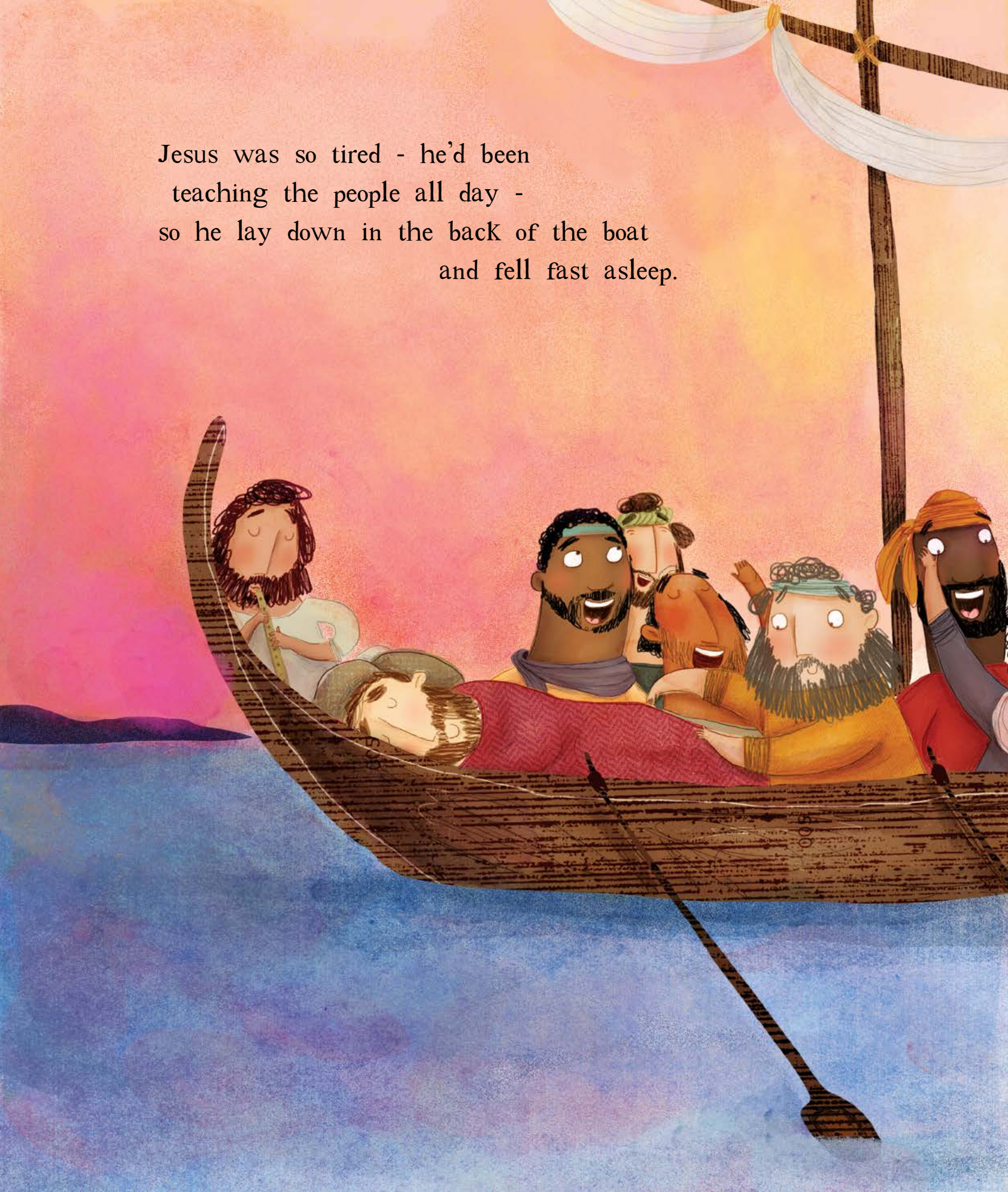
- but they didn't know it yet...




So they all jumped in the boat with him and set sail across the sea...



Jesus was so tired - he'd been
teaching the people all day -
so he lay down in the back of the boat
and fell fast asleep.





It was a quiet evening.

The water gently lapped against the boat,
and the sun slowly set in the sky.


Jesus was sleeping.

The disciples were quietly talking.

Then all of a sudden...




ZZZZZZ

A dramatic, dark blue and black storm scene. A bright lightning bolt strikes down from the top right, illuminating a large, bright white cloud in the center. The background is filled with dark, swirling clouds and a heavy rain or mist. The overall atmosphere is intense and powerful.

They were in the middle of the biggest, loudest,
scariest, most **GINORMOUS** storm you could imagine!





The wind blew hard.

The waves grew huge.

The water poured into the boat...

But Jesus was asleep.

The wind blew harder.
The waves grew huger.
The water filled the boat.
But Jesus was still asleep.



JESUS!

WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

WE'RE DROWNING!



DON'T YOU CARE?

What a silly thing to say to Jesus!

Of course he cared.

He loved his friends so much that one

day he was going to die for them.

Jesus stood up in the boat.
The wind was still blowing.

The waves were
bigger than ever.



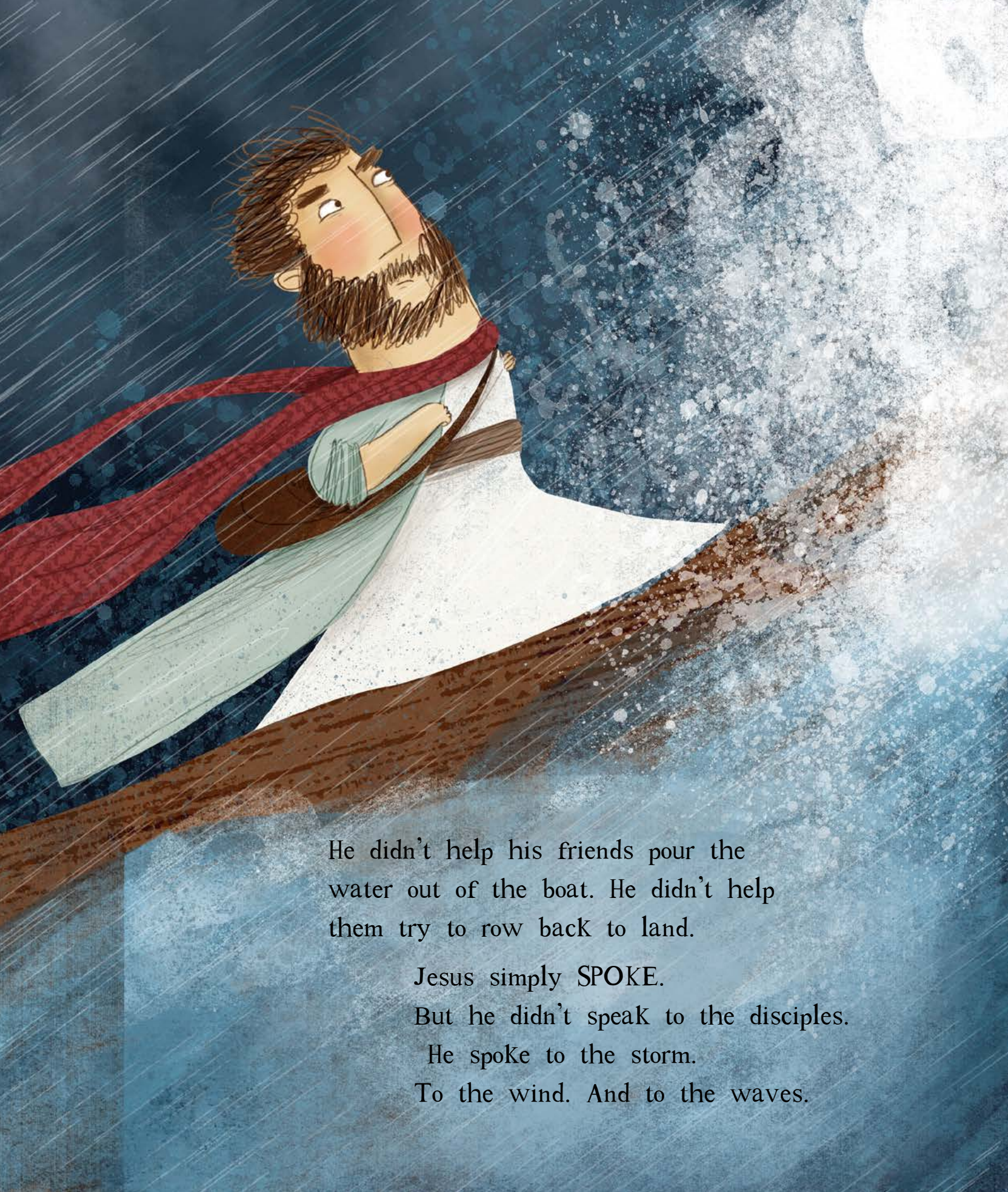
The water was pouring into the boat quicker than the disciples could tip it out again...

The boat was sinking!



But then Jesus did something amazing.





He didn't help his friends pour the water out of the boat. He didn't help them try to row back to land.

Jesus simply SPOKE.

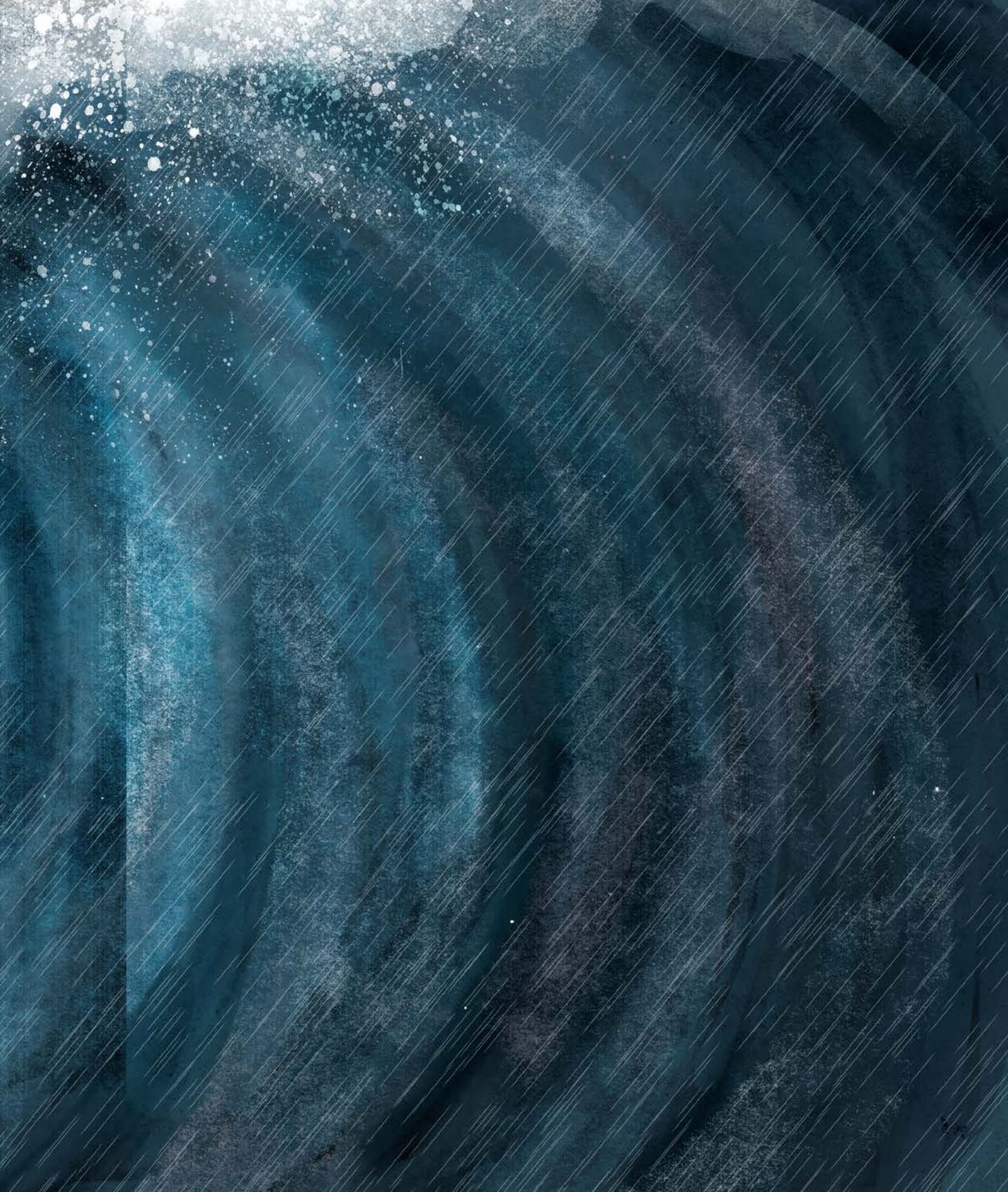
But he didn't speak to the disciples.

He spoke to the storm.

To the wind. And to the waves.

A whimsical illustration of a boat on a dark, rainy sea. The sky is dark with a large, bright, glowing white shape resembling a splash or a large cloud. The sea is dark blue with white rain streaks falling diagonally. A small boat with two figures is in the lower left. A large white speech bubble points from the boat towards the top right, containing the Latin phrase 'QUI ET BE STILLI!' in a stylized, handwritten font.

QUI ET BE STILLI!





Just three little words
...and the storm stopped.

Right away, at that very moment,
the sea was quiet, still and calm.



Then Jesus looked
at his friends.

WHY ARE YOU
SO AFRAID?
DO YOU STILL NOT
TRUST ME?



But they were terrified.
And they asked each other:

WHO IS THIS?
EVEN THE WAVES AND
WIND DO WHAT HE SAYS.



This is what Jesus
wanted to teach them.
He wanted them to
know who he really is.

The disciples already knew a lot
about God from his special book.
They knew that God made
EVERYTHING.

He made the world.
He made the sun and the
moon and the stars.

GO



GOD

And he made the sea
and the wind as well.

They Knew that only God can tell
the sea what to do. That only God
can tell the wind when to blow or
the waves when to crash.

Only God can do these things.

But the disciples had just
seen Jesus do the same
things God can do!





So what is the answer
to their question?

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is...
GOD!

