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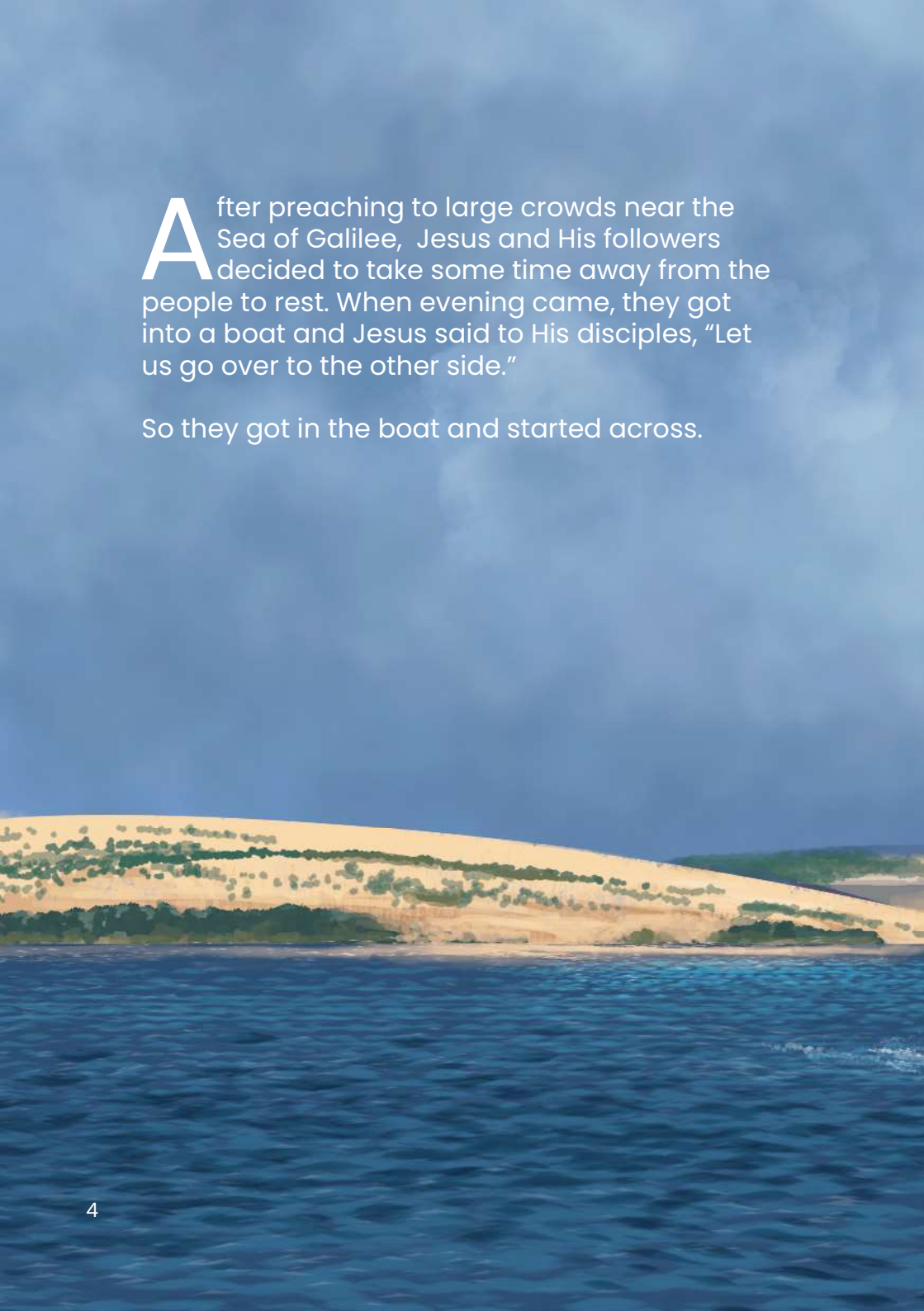
After preaching to large crowds near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus and His followers decided to take some time away from the people to rest. When evening came, they got into a boat and Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

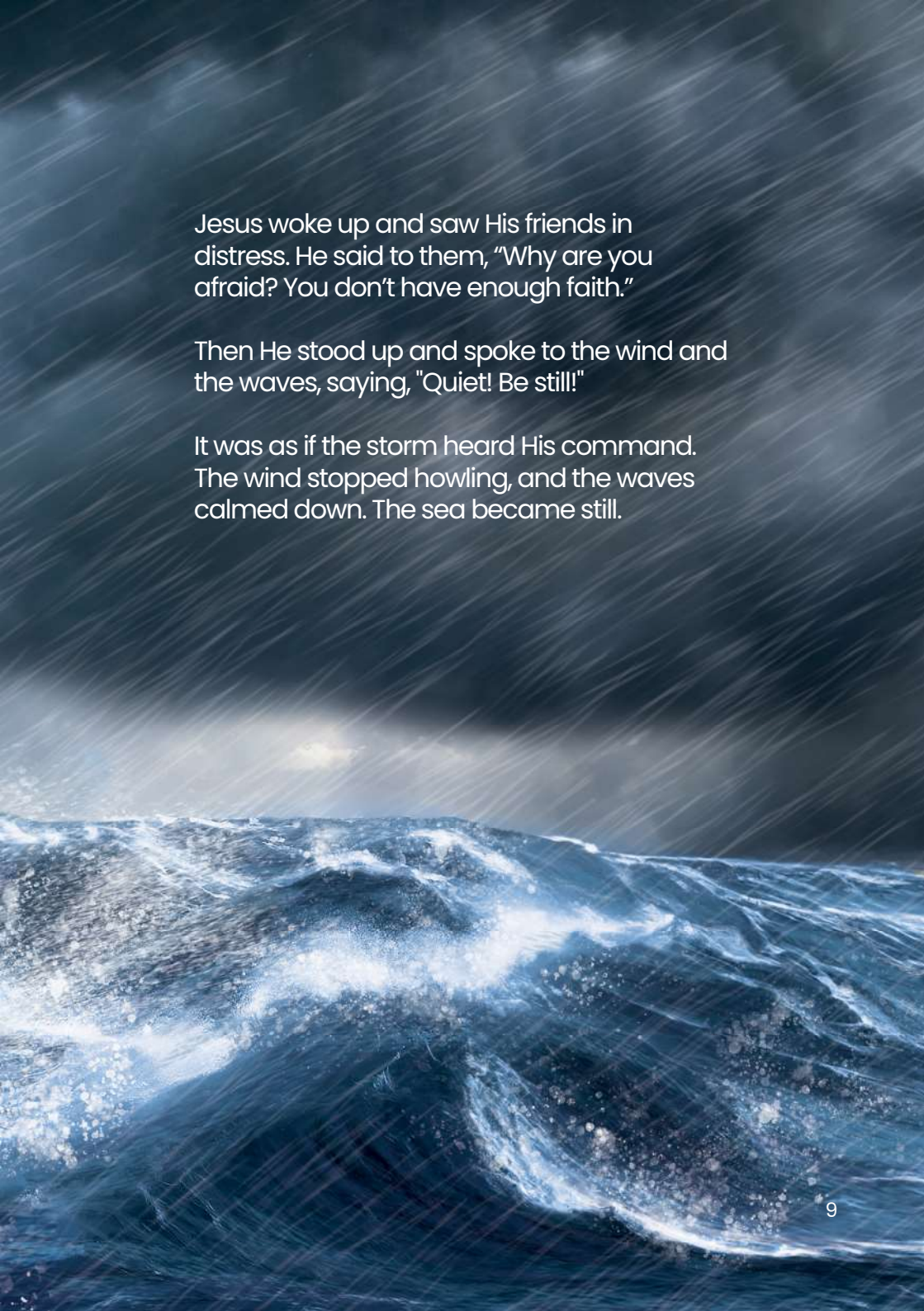
So they got in the boat and started across.



While they were sailing, Jesus fell asleep. A huge storm blew up on the sea.

The boat began to fill with water and they were in danger. Big waves broke over the boat, and the disciples were afraid they might sink and drown.

Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Master! Master! We will drown! Don’t You care if we drown?”



Jesus woke up and saw His friends in distress. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? You don’t have enough faith.”

Then He stood up and spoke to the wind and the waves, saying, "Quiet! Be still!"

It was as if the storm heard His command. The wind stopped howling, and the waves calmed down. The sea became still.

The disciples stared in amazement. They saw that He had the power to control even the wildest storms. They said, “What kind of man is this? That even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

The disciples felt both relieved and amazed. They had seen a miracle that day when Jesus calmed the storm, which taught them an important lesson about faith and trust.

Prayer

Dear Lord, even in the scariest times, please help us to believe there will be peace and safety with You by our side.

Questions

1. What was Jesus doing before He got into the boat?
2. Why did Jesus and His followers get into the boat?
3. What happened while Jesus was sleeping?
4. How did the disciples feel about Jesus sleeping? What did they say?
5. How would you feel if you were in a storm with Jesus?

The Palm Tree

The people of Mopalema (which means palm tree) village laughed when Pastor Mashego planted palm trees in his yard.

He wanted his yard to match the name of the village. His house was a hut near the Lepelle River. While his wife and children were asleep, he heard a loud thunderbolt, and rain was pouring down heavily. He looked out of the window and heard people shouting.

He woke up his wife and children. His wife managed to get onto the rooftop. He picked up the three children one by one and helped them onto the roof as well. As the storm got stronger, he climbed a palm tree so he could see what was happening. Palm trees are strong, and not easily broken by the winds. They blow here and there without falling down.

Pastor Mashego cried out in prayer.

Mashego's family climbed from the roof into the palm tree. They watched as the storm tore down other trees, and houses slid into the water. Even the school was badly damaged.

Pastor Mashego's wife and son, Seilakgaka, saw a small plane searching for people who might need help. They waved to the plane from the palm tree, shouting for the pilots to come to help them. The plane slowly came down and rescued them. Inside the plane, they were given blankets, food and water. Then the pilots dropped them off at the Gateway Airport in Polokwane.

They were then taken to a shelter with other people, and they were given everything they needed. After some time, they were able to return to Mopalema, to find their palm tree was still standing. They thanked God for saving them, and for Mashego's wisdom in planting the palm trees.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank You for protecting us. Please help others who are also in need. Thank You for those You send to come to our rescue.

Questions

1. Who took refuge in the palm tree?

2. What kind of storm destroyed the village?

3. Who saved Pastor Mashego's family?

4. Which city was hit by the storm?

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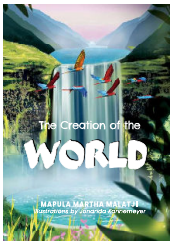

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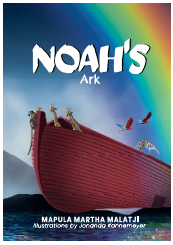

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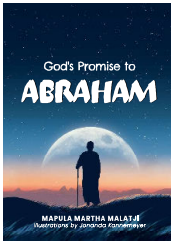

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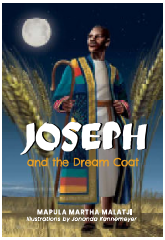

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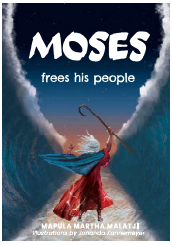

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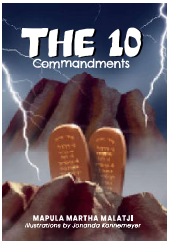

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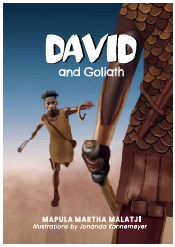

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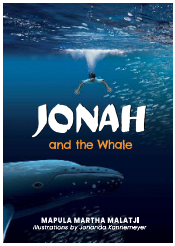

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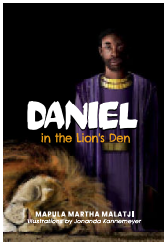

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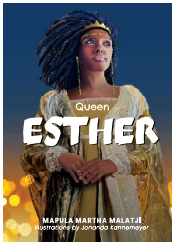

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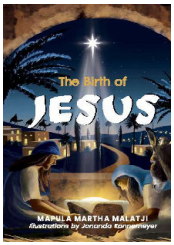

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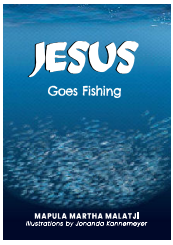

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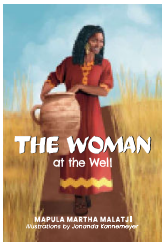

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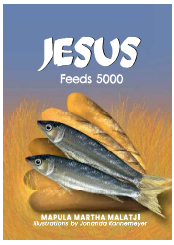

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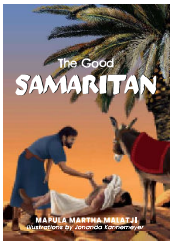

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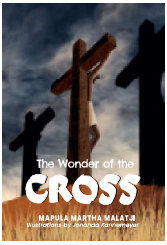

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Jesus Calms the Storm

In this story we will learn what happened when a huge storm blew on the sea of Galilee while Jesus and His disciples were on the sea.

The Palm Tree

In this story we will learn how Pastor Mashego and his family escaped a huge storm by climbing into a palm tree, and we will also learn that sometimes God sends others to rescue us from danger.

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