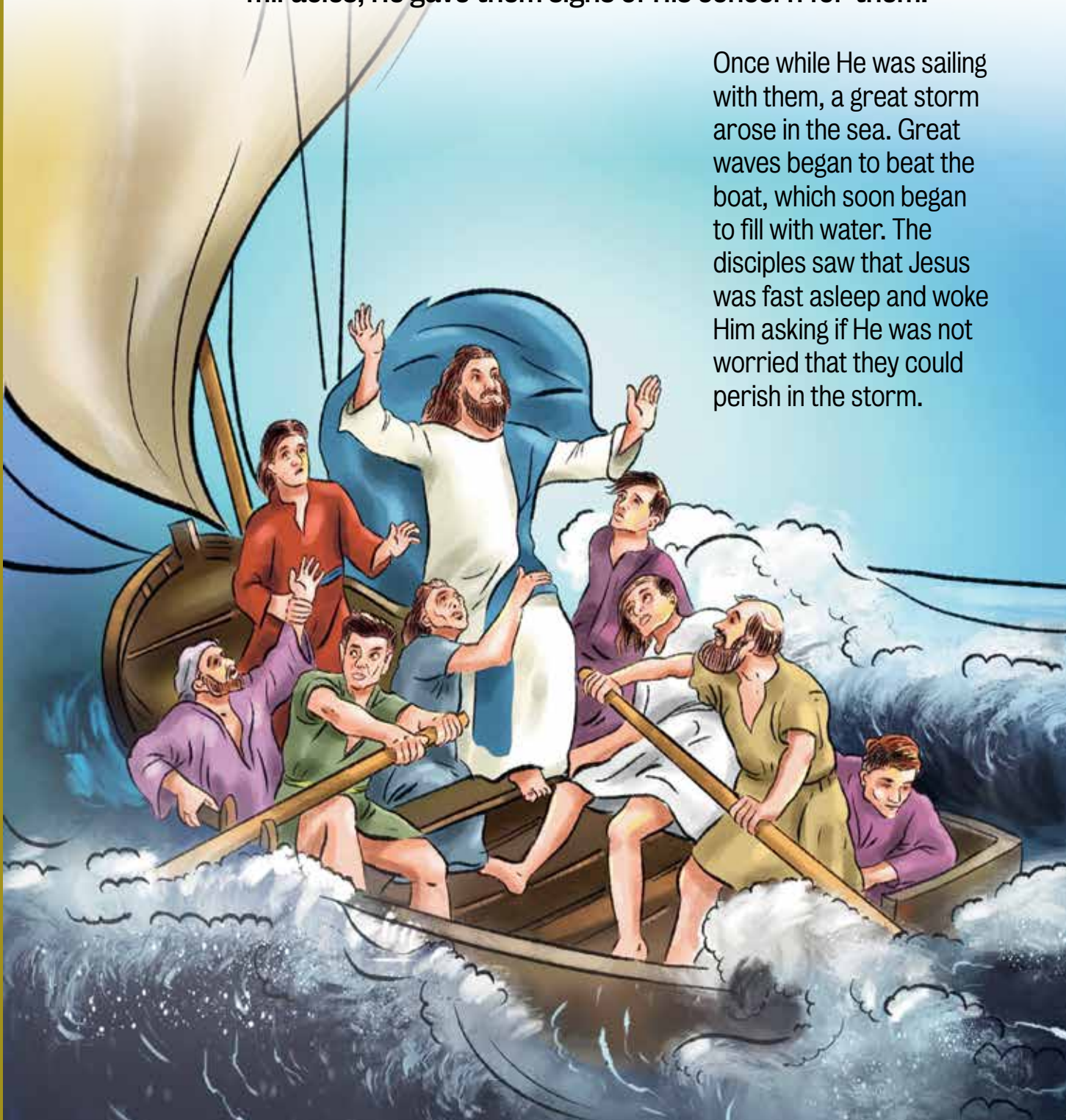


The Nature Miracles of Jesus



Jesus used His nature miracles to reach out to the Apostles to strengthen their relationship with Him. Through these miracles, He gave them signs of His concern for them.

Once while He was sailing with them, a great storm arose in the sea. Great waves began to beat the boat, which soon began to fill with water. The disciples saw that Jesus was fast asleep and woke Him asking if He was not worried that they could perish in the storm.



Jesus got up and rebuked the storm and told the sea to be still. The storm ceased, and a great calm descended on the sea. Then He asked the disciples why they were so afraid. Didn't they have any faith in the Lord?

The disciples were filled with awe and asked each other who this man was, as even the wind and the sea obeyed Him.

On another occasion, Jesus helped Simon with a good catch of fish, which had eluded them all night. When Simon saw the huge catch of fish sinking their boats, he fell on his knees and begged Jesus to leave, for he was a sinful man. But Jesus told him not to be afraid because from that moment on Simon would be a fisher of men.

Jesus demonstrated that as the Son of God He too had power over nature and came to the rescue of the Apostles who were toiling unsuccessfully or feeling threatened by the natural forces.

The nature miracles demonstrate that Jesus is a real, living companion for life and helps those in need or distress.



Word of God

Mark 6: 38 – 42

So Jesus asked them, "How much bread do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they told him, "Five loaves, and also two fish." Jesus then told His disciples to make all the people divide into groups and sit down on the green grass. So the people sat down in rows, in groups of a hundred and groups of fifty. Then Jesus took the five loaves, and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Everyone ate and had enough.

Insight

Vasai diocese is geographically the smallest diocese in Maharashtra, its jurisdiction is less than the area of a district. In contrast to other dioceses in Maharashtra, this diocese has most dense Catholic population, nearly 1.30 lakh.

Incidentally, a large number of persons from the diocese have responded to the call of religious vocation and they have served as priests and nuns in various dioceses all over the country, and abroad.

Nearly 10 Vasai-born priests have served as bishops in different parts of the country.



