

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #14 – “Jesus Calms Our Storms”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: God will help you in times of trouble.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to last week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Jesus Calms the Sea”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #14 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

Psalm 46:1 – **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”**

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

“Sing It/Change the Volume” – Sing the verse. See attached music. Perhaps you can vary it each time by changing the volume of the song, sometimes turning up the volume to sing it louder and sometimes turning down the volume to sing it softer.. (See attached music.)

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #13 – #18: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

LIFE OF CHRIST #14 – “Jesus Calms Our Storms”

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #11. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children’s responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #14. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing “God’s Way” while a child comes to look in the “Go and Tell” Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #14 using the “Go and Tell” Box. (See attached pages.)
3. Pray for the missionary.
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: *Whiter Than Snow*. Review briefly. Then teach the part of the story for Week #4.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

“**Hot Chocolate**” – You will need to back and cut out sixteen cups of hot chocolate. (See attached pattern.) On the back sides, print each flavor of chocolate on two cups. Suggested flavors are: Dutch Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Chocolate Raspberry, German Chocolate, Chocolate Almond, Swiss Chocolate, Chocolate Mint, Chocolate Marshmallow. Place the cups on the flannelboard in four rows of four cups. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may choose any two of the cups on the board. If they match, leave them off the board. However, if they do not match, you must put them back on the board so someone else can have a chance to match them. – By Rita L. Lobdell, *GIVE & TAKE*, January/February 1996.

Review Questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #14

1. **Why did the crowd want to make Jesus their King?** (He did the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000)
2. **What did Jesus tell the disciples to do that day that they didn’t really want to do?** (Get into a boat and cross to the other side of the lake)
3. **What did Jesus do instead of going with the disciples?** (He was going to the mountain to pray)
4. **When the storm blew up, why didn’t the disciples turn their boat around and go back?** (Jesus told them to cross to the other side)
5. **At another time when there was a storm, Jesus was with the disciples. What was He doing?** (Sleeping at the back of the boat)
6. **Why did the disciples wake Jesus?** (They asked Him to save them)
7. **What did Jesus do?** (He spoke to the wind and waves and said, “Be still!”)
8. **What did Jesus ask the disciples that day?** (“Why are you so afraid? Why do you have only a little faith?”)
9. **When the disciples looked across the dark, stormy sea, Who was coming toward them, walking on the water?** (Jesus)
10. **What did Peter say to Jesus?** (Tell me to come to you on the water)
11. **Why did Peter suddenly begin to sink?** (He became afraid)
12. **Who saved Peter from drowning?** (Jesus)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Memory verse token.
2. Pre-session papers for older and younger child.
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #14

Name _____

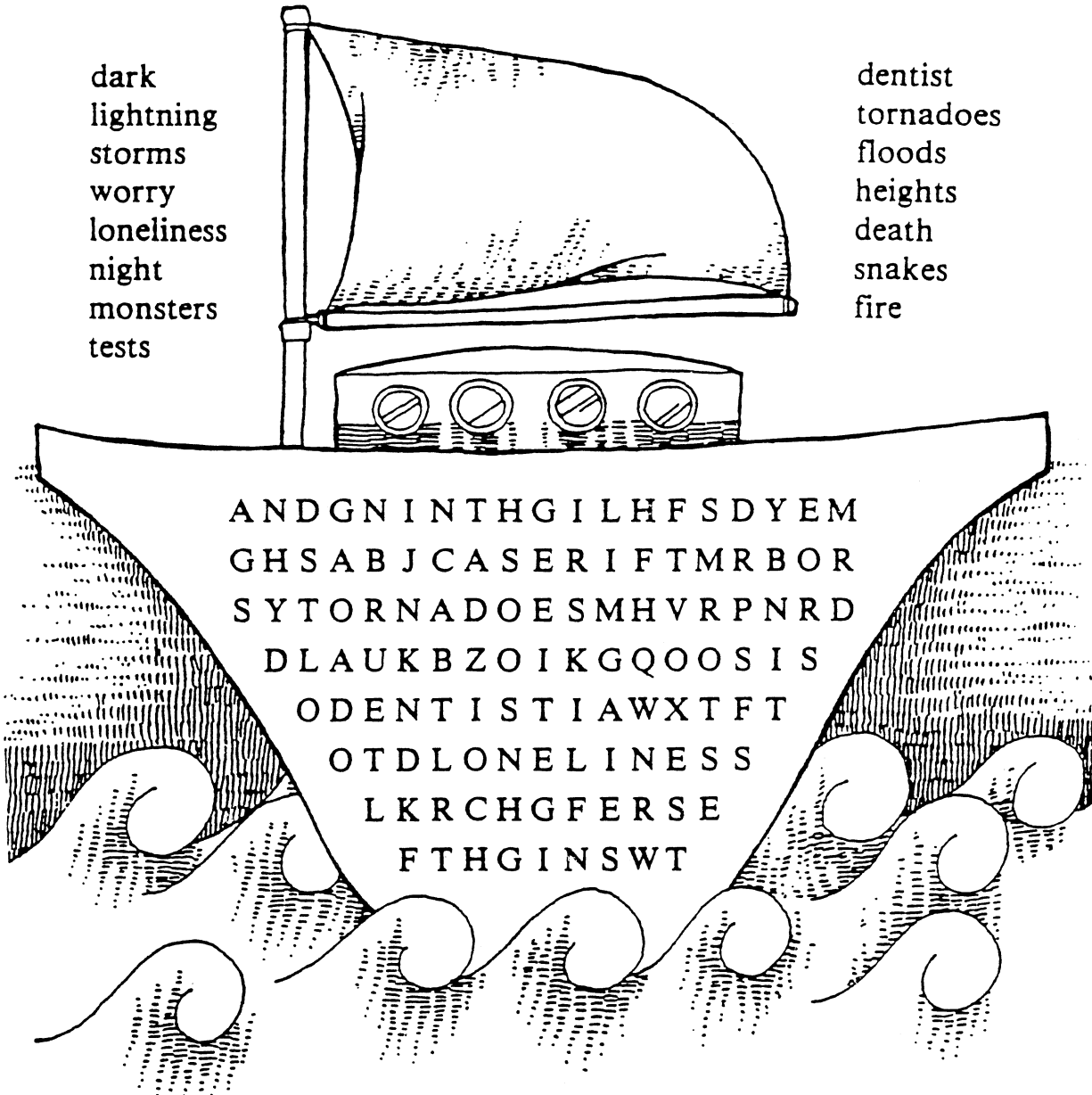
PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #14

Jesus Calms the Sea

Listed below are some of our worries and our fears. Find and circle each word in the puzzle.

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lightning
storms
worry
loneliness
night
monsters
tests

dentist
tornadoes
floods
heights
death
snakes
fire



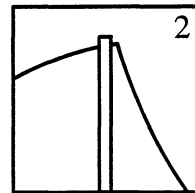
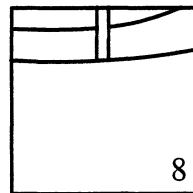
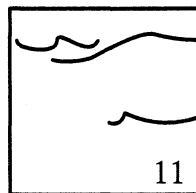
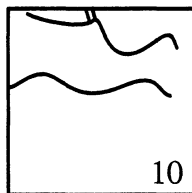
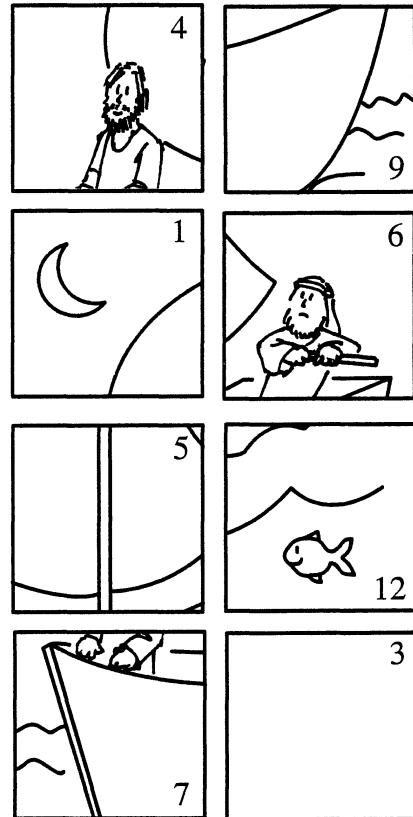
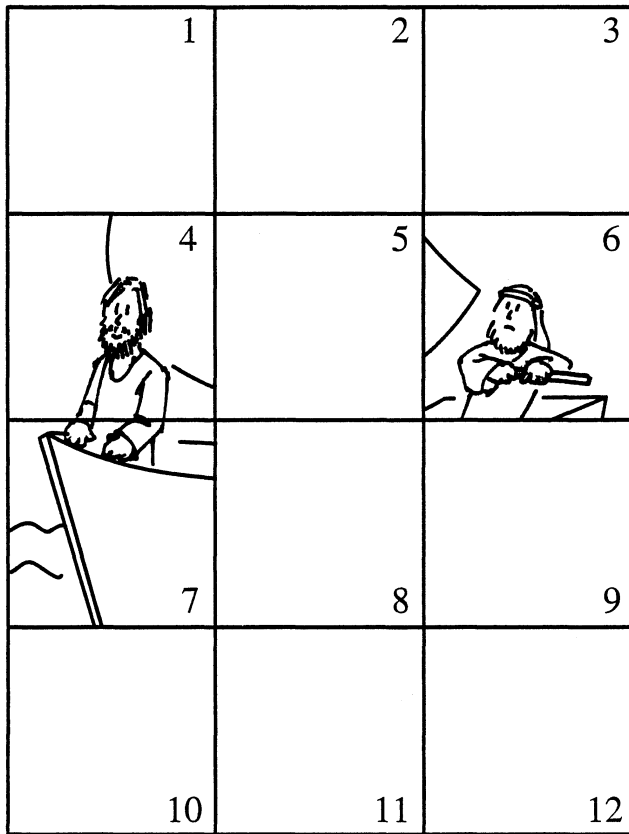
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PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #14



It was evening. Jesus had spent the day teaching a large crowd. He was tired. So He said to His disciples, "Let us go across to the other side."

Finish drawing the picture by copying the missing squares.



**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1**

Life of Christ #14
JESUS CALMS OUR STORMS

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Introduction:

Have you ever visited an animal sanctuary? Why is it called a sanctuary? Well, a sanctuary is another word for a place of refuge. It is a place of safety for the animals that are there. Our Bible verse today talks about a refuge you and I can have.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

Psalm 46:1 – This is the address of the verse. It’s where it’s found in the Bible.

“God is our refuge” – God is our place of safety.

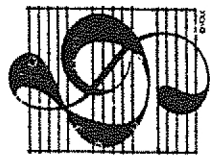
“and strength,” – God gives us strength and peace.

“a very present help in trouble.” – God is always there to with us to help us when we have problems or troubles.

Repetition:

Sing It/Change the Volume

Sing the verse. See attached music. Perhaps you can vary it each time by changing the volume of the song, sometimes turning up the volume to sing it louder and sometimes turning down the volume to sing it softer.



TEACH WITH MUSIC



Psalm 46:1

IVY PYLE

God is our ref-uge and strength, God is our ref-uge and strength; A

very present help in trou-ble, A very present help in trou-ble.

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HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #14

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Psalm 46:1 – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 2-1:

Have children show you what the face of the disciples might have looked like. (*disappointed*)

Have children “sign” Jesus loves you a few times, each time pointing to a different child on the word “you.” (*On the word “Jesus,” touch middle finger of one hand to the opposite wrist; then touch middle finger of other hand to opposite wrist. On the word “loves,” cross arms over chest. On the word “you,” point to another person.*)

Flashcard 2-2:

Have children make the sound of howling winds, increasing from soft to loud, showing how the wind became stronger and stronger.

Flashcard 2-2, (repeated):

Have children put their hand over their eyes as if looking into the distance, while repeating “*What is it?*”

Flashcard 2-4:

Have children put their hand over their eyes again as if looking into the distance, while repeating “*It’s a ghost!*”

Flashcard 2-6:

Have children pretend to be Peter, climbing out of the boat, walking toward Jesus, becoming frightened, and crying out, “*Lord, save me!*”

Have children give a huge sigh and reverently say, “*Certainly, You are the Son of God!*”

Bible Learning Game (Squirrel in Trees)

By Linda D. Ruth

Children in twos, stand in a circle with hands joined to form “trees.” In each tree stands a third child, a “squirrel.” One child stands in the center of the circle without a tree. Call “*Change!*” All squirrels change trees, with center children going for a tree as well. (There may only be one squirrel to each tree.)

Trees should raise arms high on signal “*Charge!*” and lower them after a squirrel has entered. Squirrels should enter trees from one side only, that nearest to the center. The squirrel left without a tree goes to the center.

Say, “*One reason a squirrel runs up a tree is to have a safe place when trouble comes. God wants to be your safe place when trouble comes.*”

Play again, repeating above words each time. In time allows, have children change so that all have the opportunity to be squirrels.

LETTER FROM THE SNAVELYS

GO & TELL BOX – WEEK #14

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of T8X robot.

What do you think a picture of a T8X spider robot has to do with going and telling? (Let the children share their ideas.)



Let's hear more about what Mr. Mike and Mrs. Carrie do as missionaries. (Show their picture.)

Dear Boys and Girls,

We are thankful that as you study God's Word in the Bible clubs that you are helping us by praying for us and giving to missions each week.

As you read this letter, I am busy working on video's for children like you to help them learn about God's amazing creation. The T8X is a very cool robot. It was donated to our ministry. We use it as an "ally" in our kids videos. They are called "The Adventures of Ranger Mike". We currently have 6 DVD's complete and are working on 6 or 7 more. Please pray with us as there is still a lot of work to be done to finish this series.

Please pray for me, as I sometimes have too much to do and I do not get enough rest and become sick. Last fall, I had bronchitis and was in bed for weeks. Sometimes the enemy brings troubles into our lives. But we can depend on the Lord to help us be strong.

With thankful hearts,

Mr. Mike and Mrs. Carrie

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #14

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank You for the T8X robot given to help Mr. Mike present materials in the video series.

Dear God, help Mr. Mike finish the work on the “Adventures of Ranger Mike” videos for children.

Dear God, help Mr. Mike and Mrs. Carrie stay healthy so that they can share with others about Your creation.



LOC REVIEW GAME
Hot Chocolate



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Hot Chocolate

**God will help you in
times of trouble.**



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Colossians 1:14 – *“In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”*

- Jesus came to save us from our sins
- Peter wanted to be saved from drowning
- Jesus grabbed Peter's hand in His, and pulled him to safety
- Jesus, “You have so little faith, Peter. Why did you doubt?”
- Peter and Jesus climbed into the boat and the storm was over
- No more howling wind. No more rushing waves
- Everything was still and calm again
- I'm sure disciples realized this was one of the most exciting and wonderful things they would ever see
- When the storm was over, those in the boat worshiped Jesus. “You are certainly the Son of God!”
- The disciples had seen many wonderful things. They had seen Jesus meet their need in a time of danger
- Seeing His great and awesome power make the wind and waves calm showed that He really is King over all

- Not only did Jesus calm the storm, but also their hearts and minds
- Jesus helped them in their time of trouble
- God wants to help you in times of trouble too

CHALLENGE

G – Go over **MT**

GOD WILL HELP YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

R – Review **PAS** verse
Psalms 46:1 – *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

O – Overview **PAS** examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 – *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. . . .”*

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

LIFE OF CHRIST #14

Luke 8:22-25; Mark 6:45-52; 4:36-41; John 6:15-21; Matthew 14:22-23; 8:23-27

- Have you ever been afraid?
- Really afraid and thought you were all alone?
- There is Someone who can help
- The one true God can help when we are afraid or in trouble
- After the feeding over 5000 people, the crowd was excited. They wanted to be around Jesus.
- Some said, “This is the Messiah. We will make Him our King.”
- Disciples were excited too. Wondered, “Is this the time for Jesus to become King?”

FLASHCARD 2-1

- People and disciples did not yet understand that Jesus didn't come to set up a kingdom on Earth
- Jesus took charge and told disciples what to do, “Get in boat and go to other side of lake.”
- After disciples left, Jesus sent the crowd of people home. Even though they may have been disappointed to have to leave, they listened to Him
- Has something happened to disappoint you?

- Jesus understands your disappointment
- He knows about your troubles and wants to help

MT – GOD WILL HELP YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

- Jesus cared about the crowd and the disciples too. He told them to go across lake. He was going up the mountain to pray
- As disciples got into the boat and began rowing, they must have talked about many things . . . including how Jesus always made time for people
- Why did Jesus always have time for people? Because He loved them

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- Jesus always had time for people. He loved people
- Disciples might have said, “Jesus is Messiah. He has right to be King.”

- Boys and girls, we know that Jesus is more than just a King. He is the perfect One

O

- Jesus did not make a mistake when he sent the disciples across the lake
- Disciples continued to row boat across lake under the night sky

FLASHCARD 2-2

- The soft breeze became stronger. Suddenly, it was a wind, whipping water into waves against the boat

- Disciples were rowing with all their might

- Perhaps disciples said, "Why don't we turn back?"

- Others, "We can't do that. The Lord told us to go to the other side. We must obey Him!"

- Some of these disciples were fishermen. They had been in storms before. They rowed with all their might

- Perhaps thinking, "I wish Jesus were here. He could help us."

- Perhaps they remembered another time when Jesus was with them in boat when a storm came up

- In that storm, Jesus was sleeping in back of the boat

- Disciples cried, "Lord, save us! The boat is sinking. We are going to drown!"

FLASHCARD 2-3

- Immediately, Jesus had got up. He spoke to wind and waves, "Be still!" Wind/waves became quiet at Jesus' command

- Jesus, "Why are you so afraid? Why do you have only little faith?"

- Disciples couldn't forget that day. They said after the storm, "What kind of Man is this, that even the wind and sea obey Him?"

- Disciples learned it was sin for them not to believe God and trust Him

S, PAU

James 4:17 – "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

1.

2.

3.

- Disciples sinned by not believing God would care for them in the first storm. They learned their lesson when they cried out and Jesus saved them

- They couldn't cry out to Jesus in this storm. He was not there to help

MT, PAS – GOD WILL HELP YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

Psalm 46:1 – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

1.

2.

3.

- Disciples must have thought about how Jesus had helped them before, but this time He wasn't there

FLASHCARD 2-2, repeated

- Can you imagine what disciples were saying to each other as they tried to keep the boat from sinking . . .

- "I can't row any longer."

- "Grab the bucket & start bailing."

- "Can you help on this side. My arms are sore."

- "I'm exhausted. It's been such a long day, and now this."

- Disciples had been rowing that boat all night. It was nearing morning now

- Storm did not give the disciples a moment to relax

- They stared across the dark lake hoping to see the waves growing smaller, but they saw something else instead. What was it?

FLASHCARD 2-4

- Something was coming toward them. It looked white

- Disciples might have grabbed one another, pointing into the darkness

- Every eye focused on that thing that was moving. It came closer and closer

- Someone whispered, "Is it a ghost?"

- "A ghost!"

- The disciples feared that object more than they feared the storm. Was it really a ghost?

- Then a voice called, "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

- They could hardly believe what they heard

- "The Lord!" they exclaimed to one another

- Then they clearly saw Jesus was coming toward them, walking on the water

- Peter called, "Lord, if it's really You, tell me to come to You on the water."

- Jesus answered, "Come."

FLASHCARD 2-5

- Peter got out of the boat and started walking

- Other disciples held their breath. Wind was still blowing. Waves were still crashing, but Peter was really walking on the water

- Bible says, "When Peter saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid."

- Peter suddenly began to sink

FLASHCARD 2-6

- Peter cried, "Lord, save me!"

- Peter wanted Jesus to save him from drowning, but we need Jesus to save us from more than that