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Resource Centre

Feeling Cold

Children's Story

Year B, Proper 7

Title: Feeling Cold
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Text: Mark 4:35-41
Theme: Jesus demonstrates his concern and power by calming the sea.

Wondering questions:

- I wonder why some people feel cold in spaces that feel warm to others.
- I wonder what Sarah's Mom did when Sarah asked God to turn up the weather.
- I wonder how Jesus' disciples felt after he calmed the storm.
- I wonder what miracles of God's love are happening in our church family.

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Gathering Activity:

Welcome the children warmly as they gather for the children's story and help them settle into comfortable positions and into an awareness of being in a holy place where it is easy to notice that God is near. Invite them to imagine that God is holding us all in God's hand. Open your Bible to Mark 4 and explain that today's Gospel text tells a story about a time when the disciples were frightened and Jesus helped them in the best way he knew. In today's story, Sarah helps her mother, who isn't frightened, but who has a problem with being cold. Like Jesus, she helps in the best ways she knows.

Story:

Sarah's mother was always cold. She would wear socks in the summer and heated socks in winter. She would heat up water bottles for her bed and didn't want to put away the feather blanket when summer came. Her hands were almost always icy and even the tip of her nose was always cold. Sarah really noticed the nose!

Sarah was used to hearing, "Could someone turn up the heat?" Now Sarah did not feel cold all that often and worried about her mom and how miserable her cold mom felt. But what could she do? She did everything she could. She gave her mom her favourite stuffed animal called 'warm-buddy'. She brought her mom extra socks when her feet were cold. She asked her if she wanted a pair of mittens for her hands. She even tried to make a little "mitten" for her nose. One day Sarah came and announced to her mom, "Mommy, I've decided to ask God to turn up the weather so you can stay warm!" Now that did warm up Sarah's mom's heart even if it didn't warm up her nose.

When Jesus walked the earth he did many miracles and healings. Jesus showed his love for needy people by performing these miracles and healings. When his disciples were afraid they would die in a storm on the lake, Jesus showed his love and power by calming the storm. Listen for that story when the Gospel text is read in a while. Just as Sarah wanted to help her mom so much that she wanted to change the weather, Jesus showed his love for people when he did miracles. God still loves people today and does miracles to show that love. Can you recognize those miracles?

Prayer:

Jesus, we thank you for showing your love for people in many special ways. We thank you that your love helps us care for each other. Please help us notice the many ways you show your love for people. Amen.