

Griselda's Turbulent Life

Key Word: **Trust**

Key Verse: "... Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:27b*

People called Griselda, Grizzly. She thought this sounded like a bear or a really miserable person, so she became a cross between the two. Sometimes she was angry for no reason. Because she was so angry inside, Griselda behaved badly at school. She was rude to the teachers, and never did her homework because she expected to get it wrong. Some of her teachers tried to help her, but Griselda was so sure no one could possibly like her that she snarled, roared, and pushed them away.

Then one day she met Jesus. It was unexpected, and Griselda had no idea how to react. She happened to see a large fluorescent poster outside a church, which said, "Jesus wants to meet YOU." Griselda knew immediately that it meant her, so she went into the church. The man inside the church was so kind that she thought it must be Jesus. "I've come," she said and sat down. The man sat down beside her. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

"I want to stop being Grizzly, and become Griselda," she replied. The man began to talk with her about herself. As she talked, all her misery and her anger rose up to the surface and began to overwhelm her. The man just listened, then he

told her about the *real* Jesus, and how Jesus could calm any storms, even the storms of life. He told her the story about Jesus walking on the sea and calming it down.

"Could Jesus walk on the sea of my life?" asked Griselda. "Of course," said the man. "I'll help you ask him right now."

Griselda knelt down and the man put his hands on her head and prayed a lovely prayer just for her. Griselda felt warm all over and suddenly her heart was full of joy. She was smiling and laughing.

Everybody noticed the difference, and they stopped calling her Grizzly. Her life got better and she began to make friends. She became a regular churchgoer, and learned all she could about Jesus. The people in the church were really good to her. Griselda continued to have problems in her life from time to time, but after that, the *real* Jesus was always there to calm her storms.

Questions

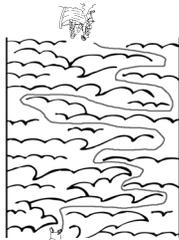
1. Why was Griselda so angry?
2. What made the sea become calm?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 14:22-33



- Picture Differences
1. Colored boat rim
 2. Colored hair on man
 3. Missing mustache on man
 4. Shark in water
 5. Fish in water
 6. Colored sash on man
 7. Missing shoe



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Answers

- Fallen Letter Puzzle
- And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

