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JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.

WHEN the people had finished eating, Jesus told His disciples to get into a ship, and go to the other side of the sea of Galilee. Then He sent away the multitude and went up to a mountain alone, and there He spent many hours in prayer. Jesus was weak and tired; but He was never too tired to pray, nor to do good to any who came to Him. But where were the disciples all the time? They were in the ship in the midst of the sea. And they were in great danger, for the wind was high and the sea was rough, and the ship was tossed with the waves; and Jesus was not there to comfort and take care of them. But He had not forgotten His disciples; He had seen them all the time; and now, when they were in sorrow and danger, He came to help them. How did He come? Did He get into a ship, and sail to them across the sea? No; Jesus did not want a ship to take Him across; He came to them "walking on the sea." But did He not sink into the water? No; He had made the sea, and He could do as He pleased with it. The waves did not bend under His feet; He walked on firmly, and came near to the ship. The disciples saw Him coming, but they did not know Him at first, and they thought an evil spirit was coming to hurt them, and cried out for fear. Then Jesus spoke gently to them, and said, "It is I, be not afraid." The disciples knew His voice directly; and how glad they were to have Him with them again! Peter was so glad that He said, "Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come to Thee on the water." Jesus answered, "Come," so Peter came down out of the ship and walked upon

the water to go to Jesus. But could Peter walk upon the water as Jesus did? Not by his own power; but he looked in faith to Jesus, and Jesus enabled him to walk on safely. But the wind was very high and the waves

upon the water, he began to sink; because then he did not trust himself to Jesus' care. But Jesus did not let Peter sink, He put out His hand and caught him, saying, "O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?" Then

Jesus can take care of His people now, as He took care of His disciples on the stormy sea. He is with them in all their troubles and sorrows, and they may trust everything to Him, and never feel afraid. But when they

are in difficulty, they must look in faith to Him for help and strength, not to themselves, nor to anything on earth, remembering that Jesus says, "Without me, ye can do nothing." John xv. 5 — *Young People's Bible History.*



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were very rough, and when Peter saw this, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried, "Lord save me." While Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was safe; but when he looked down

He brought Peter safely into the ship; and directly they were come into the ship the wind ceased; and the disciples worshipped Jesus, and said, "Truly Thou art the Son of God."

there." Half the time of many boys and men is wasted in fighting trifles.

A certain judge was always sure of meeting some cutting or sneering remarks from a self-conceited lawyer

FIGHTING TRIFLES

WHAT a world of trouble, time, and nerve irritation would be saved, if boys, and men too, would learn to never mind trifling annoyances. Only the other day we overheard one boy telling another what a third boy had said about him, and urging him to "lick him." "Oh," said the second boy, "t'ian't worth minding. He knows it isn't so, and I won't stoop to his level by taking any notice of it." We inwardly thought, "that's a very wise head on young shoulders."

It reminded us of two men, one of whom started on a foot journey of 150 miles or so. Two days later the other man followed in the same road, and on the fourth day overtook the first one. The latter remarked: "This is the worst and slowest road I ever travelled. There is the greatest lot of snarling, barking little dogs I ever saw, and it has taken half my time to drive them off." "Why," said the second man, "I didn't pay any attention to them, but came right along as if they weren't