Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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Lectionary: 115
Read: Matthew 14:22-33

Gospel Summary
A storm arose on the sea and the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water toward them. At first they thought it was a ghost, but then they recognized Jesus. In an effort to show his great faith, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. Peter was focused and walked toward Jesus. All went well until he looked at the storm. The same is true for us. If we stay focused on Jesus, we will be strong. It's when we get distracted by adversity that we begin to sink.

Reflection for Families
Parents certainly know there are many stormy times in trying to raise children. As we fall into bed exhausted at night, we may realize that we focused on the storms instead of Jesus' loving presence. Take a few minutes today to think about where Jesus tired to break in.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family
Make a conscious effort to avoid distractions sometime this week. Pick a time when you can all be together in a peaceful setting, maybe a walk or a hike, a picnic or watch a sunset. In your time together share the "storms" you faced this week and offer one another a peaceful gesture or words of support.

Discussion Starters

1. Deep down inside I know Jesus is always with me. I feel his presence most is when . . .
2. There's a part of my behavior I would like to change when things in my life get stormy. Rather than . . . I'd like to try to . . .
3. I am best at reaching out to others who are having stormy times by . . .

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