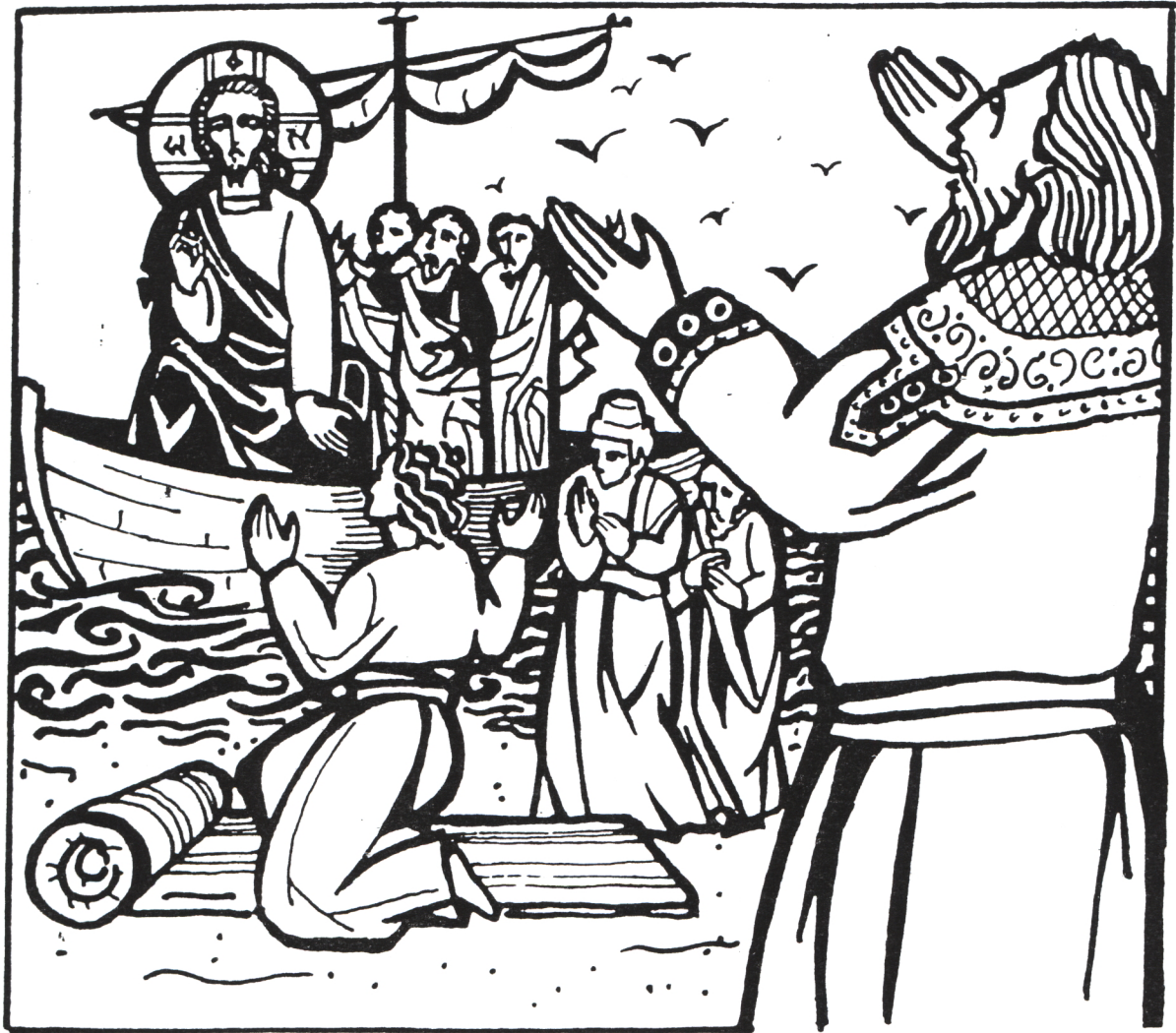
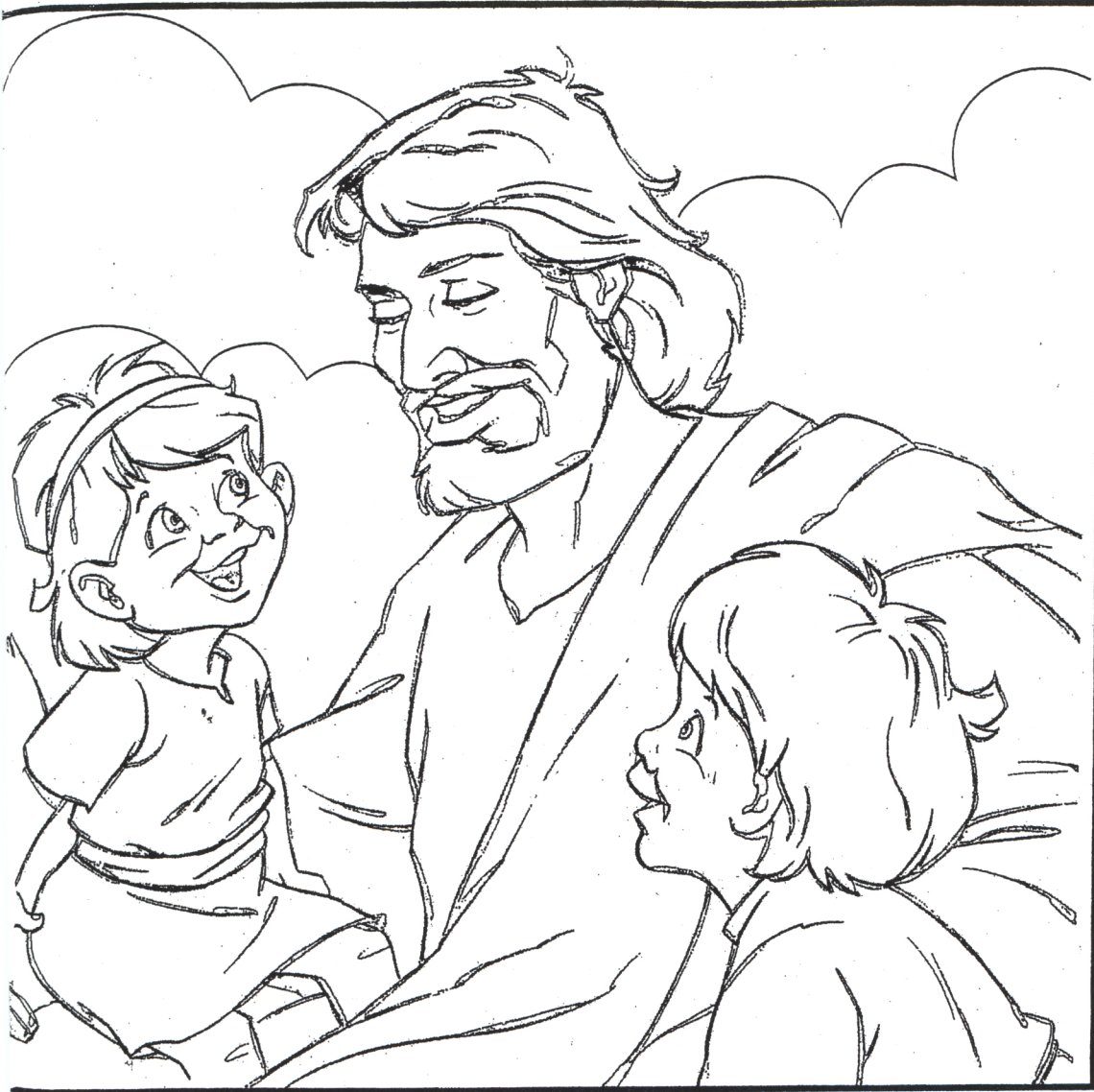


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9, 1-8

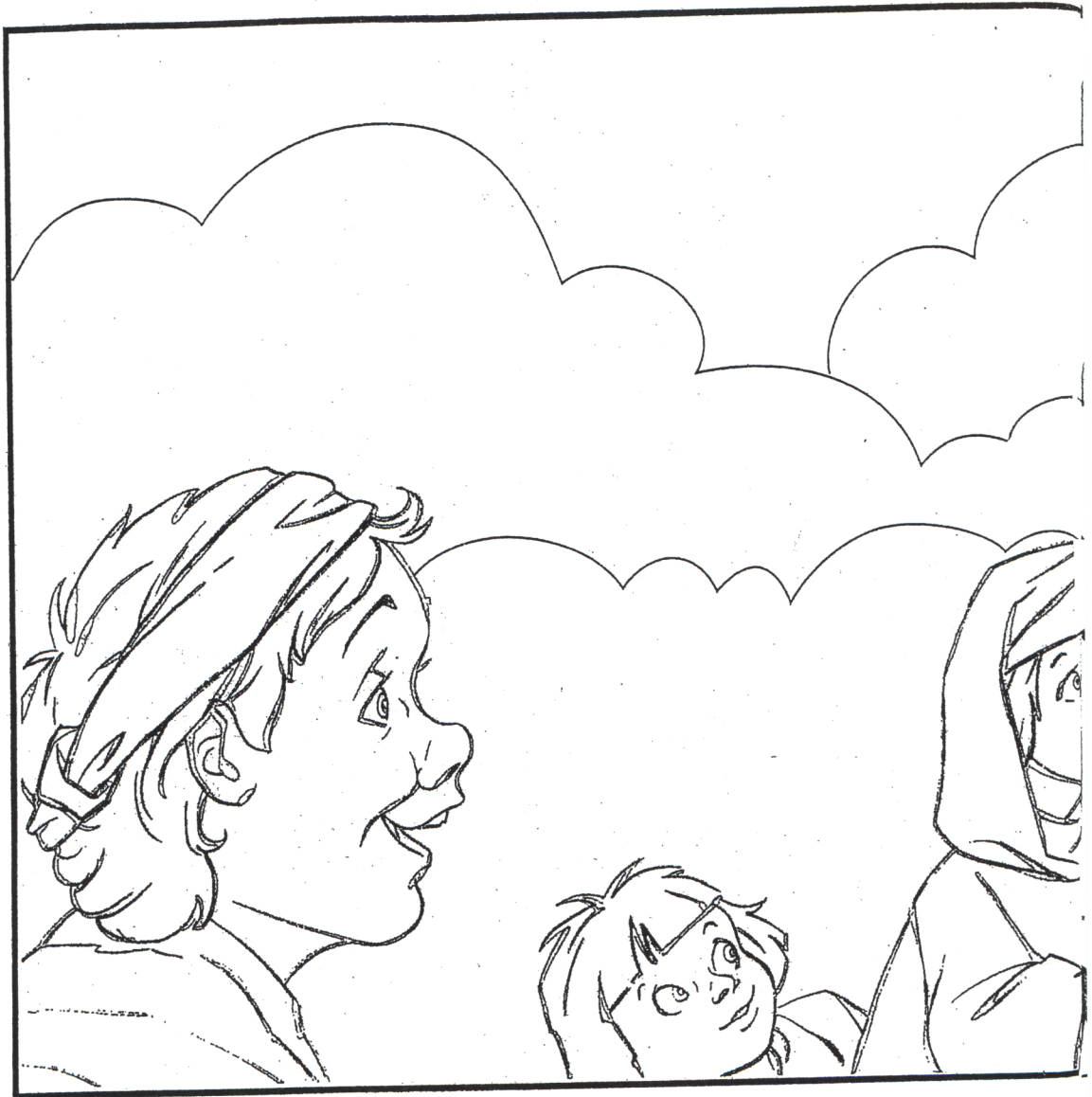




Because so many people wanted to be around Jesus, they thought they should keep kids away. But Jesus thought differently.

"Let the children come!" he said. "My Father's kingdom belongs to people who are trusting and open like these children."

Happy kids got to climb in Jesus' lap.

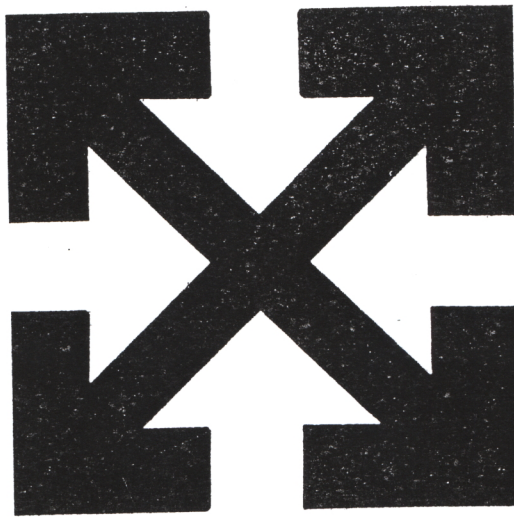


It felt so good to be around Jesus. Is there someone you just love to be around? When people were around Jesus they felt loved, safe, and comforted. Jesus had a way of seeing right into people's hearts and drawing them to God.

Families brought their little children to Jesus just to have him touch them. That made the disciples cranky.

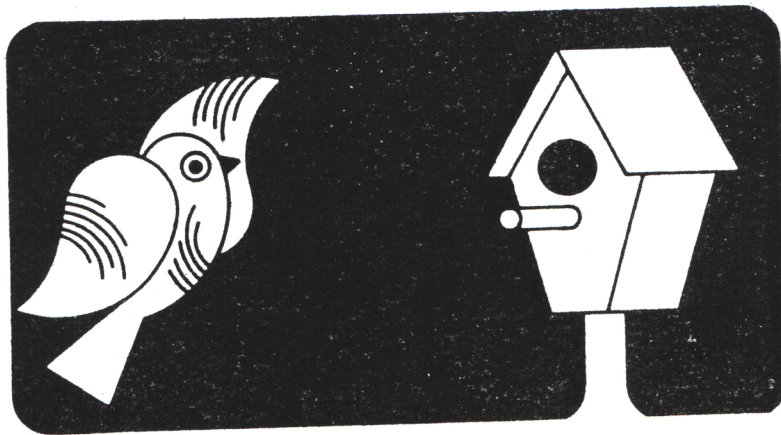
Arrows

What do you
see in this
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black arrows or
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It depends on how you look at it.

The Birdhouse



Bring this page close to your face.
What happens?

The bird flies to the perch.