In the Bible story for Lesson 9, we learned about a man named Elijah. Elijah was a good man, and he always tried to have a strong faith in God. But there was a time when Elijah was feeling all alone. He was afraid because Jezebel, the queen of Israel, wanted to kill him. Elijah ran and ran and ran until he came to Mount Horeb. Many people believed that Mount Horeb, also called Mount Sinai, was the place where God spoke. Perhaps that is why Elijah went there. Elijah did find God at Mount Horeb, but not in the way he expected. God sent a great wind that passed in front of Elijah, but God was not in the wind. God then sent an earthquake to pass in front of Elijah, but God was not in the earthquake. Then God sent fire to pass in front of Elijah, but God was not in the fire either. After all these things passed by, God showed up. The Bible tells us that God appeared to Elijah in a “still, small voice,” much like the sound of a gentle breeze. Elijah learned that day a lesson that we all should learn. God has the power to perform great miracles, but He can also be discovered in common, everyday occurrences.

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Dear Parent

Greetings from Castaway Island! In this VBS, we are learning that it is important to have a strong faith in God. We are also learning that there will be challenges in our lives that, when conquered, will help our faith grow stronger. In this lesson, we are trying to conquer the challenge to see God. Sometimes God is not easy to see. In fact, He is invisible! But that does not mean He is not there. God is all around us, and we can see Him if we will learn to open our eyes. We see Him by looking around at all the things He has made. We see Him by watching how His hand continually works in the world around us. The rising of the sun, the blowing of the wind, the rain, the snow, and the flowers that grow are all things through which we can see God.
God is at work all around us. We just have to train ourselves to stop and see Him at work in the world. Let’s start with this Seeing exercise. How many differences can you see between the two pictures of the boy in the boat?