

(I am using the text from our gospel lesson this morning. The disciples are rowing across the Sea of Galilee and the winds almost capsize their little ship. They are frightened. They awaken Jesus and Jesus calms the winds and sea. He replaces their fear with faith. Let me try to communicate this same concept to the children. Mark 4:35-41)

Have you ever been frightened by a bird in flight?
Or simply frightened because there was no light?

I have been frightened by a bird in flight
I have been frightened late at night.
I pull my covers over my head
And hope there is nothing under my bed.
And if someone said, "Boo!"
What would I do?

I'd call for my mom and my dad from bed
They'd come
The fear would be gone.
And I would feel love instead.

Love is what drives fear away
Love is what parents give each day.
Love is what keeps me safe and warm.
Love is what protects me from all harm.

I am taught and believe that God is love
Sent down through Jesus from above.
And so I live in love each day
And thank the Lord as I pray.

Dear God,

You take my fear away
You show me love each day.
Help me to share this love and pray
And feel the love you give this day.

Amen