



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 11, 2009
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"Jesus and a Man with Demons"

Lesson Text: Mark 5:1-13, 18-20

Background Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Memory Verse: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

Mark 5:1-13, 18-20

- 1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
- 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
- 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:
- 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.
- 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
- 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
- 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
- 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.
- 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
- 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
- 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
- 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand,) and were choked in the sea.
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- 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
- 19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
- 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach the children that because God has done so much for them, they should trust in Him alone and tell others all He has done for them.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. The demons in the man knew that Jesus was their Judge.
2. The healed man wanted to follow Jesus and serve Him.
3. The healed man told others what Jesus had done for him.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Telling the Lesson, bring a map showing the Sea of Galilee.

For Helping to Remember, print "The Lord Has Done Good Things for Me" at the top of a sheet of construction paper for each student. Also bring safety scissors (blunt tip), various colors of paper, and glue.

For Lesson Activity, make a copy of the Crossword Puzzle for each student to review the keywords from the lesson text.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

After Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee, during which Jesus miraculously calmed a storm, they arrived on the southeast shore, only to encounter a demoniac.

When Jesus went ashore, a demon-possessed man came running wildly from a tomb. Folks had often restrained this tormented man, but he always broke the chains. Night and day, he cried and slashed himself with sharp stones.

The man knelt before Jesus and cried out maniacally, begging Jesus, the Son of God, not to hurt him. It was the demon protesting Jesus' command that he come out.

There was a virtual army of demons in the man. They begged Jesus not to consign them to the place where they and Satan would be punished forever (Luke 8:31). Instead, Jesus let them go into a nearby herd of pigs, spooking them to run into the sea and drown.

Immediately the man's mind was restored. He asked to join Jesus' disciples, but Jesus told him to go home instead. He was to tell his friends all that the Lord had mercifully done for him.

The man obediently testified throughout this Gentile region of what Jesus had mercifully done for him. All who heard were amazed.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Since we cannot see or touch God, sometimes it is hard to tell what He does for us. However, "We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit" (1 John 4:13). He made the world for us, and He made us to live in it (Psalm 24:1). He gave us the ability to learn and do work. He gave us family to take care of us and for us to love.

In today's lesson we will learn about a man who got his life back when Jesus rescued him.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Time: A.D. 28

Place: region of Gerasenes

Jesus and His disciples had sailed across the Sea of Galilee (show map). It was probably dark as they got out of the boat. Suddenly a screaming man came running right at them from a graveyard (Luke 8:27). A demon was living inside this man, making him do crazy things. He lived in caves where dead people were buried.

People were so afraid of this man that they had put chains on his hands and feet many times. It was impossible to control him, however, for he always broke the chains. No one was strong enough to control him because of the demon in him. Night and day, this man cried and even cut himself with sharp rocks.

The man ran straight to Jesus and fell down on his knees in front of Him. When Jesus told the demon to come out, the man cried out at the top of his voice, "What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of God? I beg that You will not hurt me." The demon knew that Jesus was the Son of God, and he was afraid of being punished.

Jesus asked, "What is your name?" The demon answered that there were actually many demons in the man, and they begged Jesus not to send them away into the place where Satan and the demons would be punished forever (Luke 8:31).

On a grassy hillside close by was a herd of about two thousand pigs. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and Jesus let them. They all rushed out of the poor man and went into the pigs. The frightened animals all began running wildly toward the sea, where they all drowned.

The man was now in his right mind again. When Jesus and His disciples got back into the boat, he wanted to go with them. Instead, Jesus told the man to go home to his friends and tell them how much the Lord had done for him and how merciful He had been.

The man happily obeyed. He told many people what Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Jesus' visit to the demon-possessed man shows that demons know that Jesus is the creator, that they sinned, and that God will judge them. Unlike the demons, we can ask Jesus to save us.

Jesus also loved the man and wanted him to be healed and helped. He loves us too and wants us to be rescued from our sins.

Finally, many people were amazed when they saw proof that Jesus can save people from demons, diseases, and sins. When we tell others about Jesus, some of them will trust Him and be saved.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Give each child a prepared sheet of paper. Have the students cut several geometric shapes. Before gluing each shape to the paper, they can print words or phrases that tell what God has done for them, such as "Loves Me," "Forgives My Sin," "Answers Prayer," "Heals My Hurts," and "Teaches Me."

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:

"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19).

Jesus did more for this man than just make a demon come out of him. He gave him back the ability to return to his family, live among others in peace, take care of his body, work, and be happy. Jesus gave him something important to do—tell others about the One who takes away sins.

By helping this man, Jesus began giving the good news of God's mercy to people who were not Jews.

CONCLUSION:

- 1.** Proclaim what Jesus has done for you.
- 2.** When we see others hurting, we can be the love of God to them in their hour of greatest need.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, may people know without a doubt what great things Jesus has done for us because we have modeled and spoken of those things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson helps us see that when we come to God, we must ask for His mercy. He will respond with His deliverance. Study Mark7:24-30 "**Pleading for Mercy.**"

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Crossword Puzzle

"Jesus and a Man with Demons" (Mark 5:1-13, 18-20)

S P I F R P M X C Q K D U U S
B O N V D L S O K D J N G Y H
U S R Y X F T T U Z J U M H Y
I S F W G L X N V N Q O B Y J
S E D E T R A P E D T B B E Z
N S D Y W H Y A W M T A S K B
I S E N I W S C Z I R U I M L
A E R J Y N F L R S S O J N D
H D N J S S H I J E J Q T W S
C D A B T T P I B K M Q E E H
M I N C W S O M X K S L T P Z
D E V I L S H N V B L L O S S
L L N V J V A W E I H T M W R
P Y C Q Y M M W N S L O B V P
G H K T J O B G R E M M S B J

BOUND

DEVILS

MAN

POSSESSED

SWINE

CHAINS

DWELLING

MERCY

SPIRIT

TOMBS

DEPARTED

JESUS

MOUNTAINS

STONES

TORMENT

15 words were placed into the puzzle.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

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+ P + + + + M + + + + D + + +
+ O + + + + + O + + + N + + +
+ S + + + + T + U + + U + + +
+ S + + + + + N + N + O + + J
S E D E T R A P E D T B + E +
N S + + + + Y + + M T A S + +
I S E N I W S C + I R U I + +
A E + + + + + R + S O + N D
H D + + S + + I + E + + T W S
C + + + + T P + + + M + E + +
+ + + + + S O + + + + L T + +
D E V I L S + N + + L + O + +
+ + + + + + A + E I + + M + +
+ + + + + M + + N S + + B + +
+ + + + + + + G + + + + S + +

(Over, Down, Direction)

BOUND (12, 5, N)
CHAINS (1, 10, N)
DEPARTED (10, 5, W)
DEVILS (1, 12, E)
DWELLING (15, 8, SW)
JESUS (15, 4, SW)
MAN (6, 14, NE)
MERCY (11, 10, NW)
MOUNTAINS (7, 1, SE)
POSSESSED (2, 1, S)
SPIRIT (6, 11, NE)
STONES (5, 9, SE)
SWINE (7, 7, W)
TOMBS (13, 11, S)
TORMENT (13,