



Mustard Seed Children's Summary for July 6, 2008

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"Jesus Taught with Power"

MEMORY VERSE:

"They were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power" (Luke 4:32)

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: (Luke 4:31-37; 20:1-8)

Luke 4:31-37

- 31** And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.
- 32** And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.
- 33** And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,
- 34** Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.
- 35** And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.
- 36** And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.
- 37** And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

Luke 20:1-8

- 1** And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,
- 2** And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?
- 3** And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:
- 4** The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?
- 5** And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?
- 6** But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.
- 7** And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.
- 8** And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that Jesus taught the Scriptures with authority.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus taught with authority because He is God.
2. We can believe and trust the Bible because it is God's Word.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, you will need two plastic straws, a half sheet of white or tan paper, and a 7-inch piece of ribbon for each student. You will need glue and markers. You will also need a copy of the word search for each student.

LESSON BACKGROUND:

Time: A.D. 27; A.D. 30
Place: Capernaum; Jerusalem

Following His baptism and His temptation by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus began His teaching ministry. To the Christian believer, Jesus Christ is far more than a teacher. Nevertheless, He is the greatest teacher the world has ever encountered. His earthly ministry was a teaching ministry from beginning to end.

The Gospels portray him teaching in the synagogues, in the temple, on hillsides, along the road, in private homes, from a boat on the edge of a lake, and many other places.

Huge crowds followed Jesus to hear His teaching, and He often accommodated Himself to such audiences. At other times He drew His twelve apostles aside and taught them or spent time privately with needy persons. Even the last week before His crucifixion was a time of intense instruction in the temple, on the Mount of Olives, in the upper room, and on the way to Gethsemane.

Much could be said about the elements that made Jesus' teaching successful. But our lesson this week focuses on the most important ingredient – the divine authority with which He addressed His learners.

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON:

Following His baptism and His temptation by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus began His teaching ministry. Luke 4: 14-15 says Jesus taught in the synagogues throughout Galilee. In His hometown of Nazareth, the people became so angry that they tried to kill Him. Next, Jesus went to Capernaum.

Jesus is the very Word of God (John 1:1). No wonder the people were astonished at Jesus' teaching! He spoke with power and authority; for He was God. He demonstrated His power by casting a devil out of a man who was possessed.

The religious leaders also taught the Scriptures to the people, but they lacked the authority and power of God. Jesus said that they taught the Word but did not live it (cf. Matt. 23:1-3).

When questioned as to who gave Him authority to teach and to perform miracles, Christ posed a question to the religious skeptics—a question they refused to answer.

Even the common people knew John the Baptist's message of repentance was from God, certainly not from man's reasoning. Likewise, it was evident that Jesus was from God. No mere human has power to work the miracles Jesus did. Only God could do them. No wonder the people noted that Jesus taught with power and authority!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Few people will dispute that Jesus was a great teacher. The sad fact is that far too many see Jesus only as a teacher and little more. The Bible clearly presents Jesus as fully God and fully human (although without sin).

Guide the children to understand that because Jesus is God and without sin, He is the master Teacher. His words and teachings are important for us. We should live by them each day – in our homes, in school, and in everything we do and everywhere we go. We should put the lessons that Jesus taught to the test. There is nothing like proving for oneself the truthfulness of God's Word!

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Give each student two straws, a half sheet of paper, and a ribbon. Instruct them to write "Jesus Taught with Power" in the middle of the paper. Put glue on each narrow end. Then place a straw on the glue, and roll up each end tightly. When the glue dries, roll up the scroll and tie with the ribbon.

A word search with key words from the lesson is also included at the end of this lesson summary.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"They were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power" (Luke 4:32)
The Jewish people were used to hearing the religious leaders give their opinions about the Old Testament Scriptures. Each Sabbath the people listened as the Scriptures were read and explained.

When Jesus taught the people about God, they were very surprised. Jesus spoke with authority and power. He was God. Jesus really knew God the Father. He showed His power by working miracles. No other religious teachers did this.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "**Jesus Healed**" and focuses on how Jesus showed God's love by healing the sick. Read Mark 1:29-45.

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WORD SEARCH
Jesus Taught with Power
(Luke 4:31-37; 20:1-8)

Find each of the following words.

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DOCTRINE
TEACHINGS
AUTHORITY

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Solution to Word Search

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