



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 4, 2009**  
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**"Jesus and the Disciples"**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 1:35-45

**Background Scripture:** Mark 1:21-45

**Memory Verse:**

"When they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee" (Mark 1:37).

**Mark 1:35-45**

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;

44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Show the children that people sometimes follow Jesus for what He can do for them. We should follow Him because we love Him and want to honor Him and serve Him.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Jesus prayed often.
2. God loves everyone.
3. We should follow Jesus out of love.

**PLANNING LESSON AIDS:**

For Helping to Remember, for each child fold a sheet of construction paper in half to make a card and print "FOLLOW JESUS" across the bottom front.

On quarter sheets of white paper, list several ways children can follow Jesus, such as "Do Right," "Refuse to Do Wrong," "Worship God," "Show Fruit of the Spirit," "Pray," "Read the Bible," and "Obey Parents."

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

### **TEACHER'S NOTES:**

Time: A.D. 27

Places: Capernaum; Galilee

This lesson begins a unit on God's invitation to be in a covenant relationship with Him. After calling His first four disciples, Jesus cast out a demon and healed Peter's mother-in-law. Then every sick person in Capernaum came to Him! Healing them all must have been tiring, but Jesus got up before daylight to pray.

The four disciples found Jesus and exclaimed about the crowds who were looking for Him, but Jesus was not thrilled with popularity. He had come to preach repentance.

All over Galilee Jesus preached the gospel, healed the sick, and exorcised demons. He ordered one healed man to tell no one, but the man spread the news enthusiastically. Such large crowds came that Jesus could not go into cities just to preach. Even out in deserted places, people still came from everywhere to be healed or to see miracles. Perhaps few came to listen and believe.

### **BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

"Come on, Shawna," Jill whispered. "Take a candy bar, and hide it in your jacket pocket. The clerk will not see; she is busy."

Jill made it sound so easy that Shawna was tempted at first. Then Shawna answered, "I will not do it because I want to follow Jesus."

"You are just afraid God will punish you," Jill taunted.

"No, I am afraid you will think Jesus is unable to help me do right. He is good, and He wants me to be good too. I will follow Him."

Our lesson today is about some people who followed Jesus.

### **TELLING THE LESSON:**

Jesus traveled around telling people to turn from their sins and trust in God to forgive them. He called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be His disciples—special followers and learners. One Sabbath Day He preached a sermon, made a demon get out of a man, and healed Peter's sick mother-in-law. That evening, every sick person in town came to Jesus to be healed (Mark 1:21-33).

Jesus must have worked late into the night, but the next morning He got up while it was still dark and found a place where He could pray alone. He needed to talk to God His Father.

When Peter and the other three disciples got up, they went looking for Jesus. They found Him and told Him that everybody was looking for Him. They probably thought that Jesus would be happy to be so popular and successful.

Instead, Jesus led them to preach in other towns. He had not come just to heal people's diseases but to tell them how to be forgiven.

Jesus preached and healed people all over Galilee. At one service, a man with a terrible skin disease came to Him. This man got down on his knees and said, "If You are willing, You can heal me." Jesus cared about him so much that He touched the man's skin, which was covered with sores, and healed him of his sickness.

Jesus warned the man not to tell anyone what had happened. He also told him to go to the Jewish priest and offer a sacrifice as the Old Testament told Jews to do. This would

inform the priests that Jesus respected the Mosaic law and would show them that He could do things that only God can do.

The man was so happy to be healed that he excitedly told everyone that Jesus had healed him of his disease. This made many people flock to Jesus to be healed or to see Him do miracles. Because this man disobeyed, there were so many people that Jesus could not go into a city and preach.

Jesus stayed out in the countryside, and people came to Him from everywhere. Some listened to Him and trusted Him, but most just wanted Him to do them a favor.

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

If we have trusted in Jesus, we know that God will give us eternal life in heaven. God will keep His promises. No matter what happens, He will go with us and will give us strength to trust Him and obey Him.

God deserves our worship and service. When we trust Him to save us, He lives inside us and helps us. With His help we can refuse to do wrong things. We can do right things, even when it is hard. We can show the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Depend on God to forgive you when you disobey and help you do what is right. He will help you understand the Bible and know the truth; so ask Him.

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Give each student a card that you have prepared. On the front have students draw a tall stick figure for Jesus and a smaller stick figure to represent a child following Jesus. Give them each a list, and have them glue it on the inside. It will remind them to follow Jesus.

### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:**

***"When they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee" (Mark 1:37).***

Many people look for Jesus because they want Him to do something for them. Jesus deserves to be followed because He loves us and came from heaven to take the punishment for our sins. We love Him in return and want to help others know Him and love Him too.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Jesus preached and performed many miracles. The people were overwhelmed with His great power and became more interested in Him as a healer and miracle worker. But Jesus has another purpose for His preaching and miracles. Jesus' purpose was to proclaim the gospel of salvation and all that was involved in being His disciple.

These miracles had their place, but Jesus was looking for people to become His followers. We should seek Christ for salvation and not merely for His benefits!

### **PRAYER:**

Father, thank You for being with us and helping us when we need it. But we are most grateful for Your love and the chance to follow and serve You. Help us to always follow You out of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is "**Jesus and a Man with Demons**" and tells about a healed man who told others about what Jesus had done for him. Study Mark 5:1-20.

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**WORD SEARCH**

**"Jesus and the Disciples" (Mark 1:35-45)**

**Find each of the following words.**

PRAY

COMPASSION

HEALING

CLEAN

DESERT

PUBLISH

DEMONS

DISCIPLES

JESUS

TESTIMONY

SEEK

TOUCHED

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