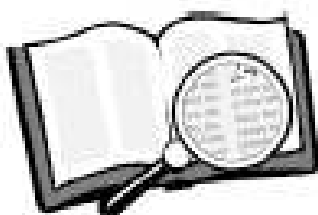


Jesus Heals a Demon Possessed Man

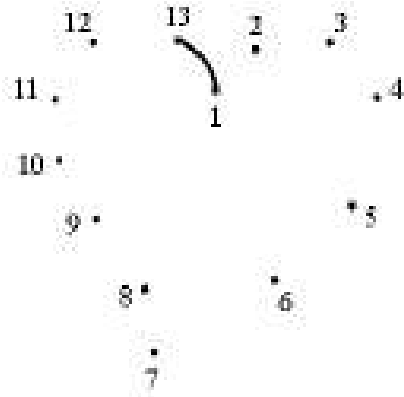
Jesus went by boat to the region of the Gerasenes. There a man possessed by an evil spirit came out to meet him. This man lived among the tombs and in the mountains. He would cry and cut himself with stones. Nobody could bind him. When he saw that Jesus coming, he ran to meet him and fell down before Him. He shouted: "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God. Swear to God that you won't torture me!" Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. The spirit's name was legion, because there were many. The spirits begged him not to send them away. They asked Jesus to send them into a herd of pigs which was nearby. The evil spirits entered the pigs, and they all rushed down the hillside into the lake, where they drowned.



"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19



To whom do you want to tell about the wonderful things God has done for you this week?



Draw in the space below draw a picture about today's story.

What did the evil spirit do when he saw Jesus some distance away?



Lesson 16

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

Bible Text: Mark 5:1-20

Key Verse: 5:19

Purpose: The children will discover that Jesus has power over demons.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. The lesson

Before the children work on the coloring page, read the story about the demon-possessed man, from Mark 5:1-20.

Suggestions:

For older children, the teacher can read the text together with the children

For younger children, the teacher can read with intonation; changing more difficult words to understand for words easier for the children to understand.

II. Activities

1. The Key Verse

a. Read the key verse out loud.

"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19

b. Explain the verse using these questions:

- What did Jesus ask the demon-possessed man to do after he healed him?
- What do you have to do after Jesus helps you?
- Why does Jesus want us to tell others about his help?

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

2. Review questions for the children:

- Who came to see Jesus when he was climbing from the boat?
- What was the possessed man doing?
- What did the demons say when they saw Jesus?
- How many demons were inside that man?
- What does a legion mean?
- What do the demons do with the ones they possess?

- What does Jesus do with those possessed by the demons?
- What does Jesus tell the man whom he helped to do?

III. Conclusion

Jesus can help even a possessed person. Jesus is not afraid of the demons, even if there is more than one. The demons are afraid of him, because they know he is the Son of God. The demons believe in Jesus and are afraid of his presence. The demons kneel in front of Jesus. In his presence, the demons have no power. Do you believe in Jesus? Do you praise Him? Do you live in his presence? In this case the demons have no power over you, because the demons ran from the presence of Jesus.