

Jesus has power over evil

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Mark 5:1-20

Key Passage: Psalm 103:2-3

Main Point: Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.

Christ Connection: The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. First, Jesus forgave the man's sins. Jesus showed that He can forgive sins because He is God. Then Jesus healed the man so he could walk. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.

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Review Questions

What was wrong with the man in the Bible story? (*He had an evil spirit inside him.*)

What did Jesus tell the evil spirit to do? (*come out of the man*)

Where did Jesus allow the evil spirits to go? (*into some pigs*)

How did the people feel when they saw the man was all better? (*They were afraid.*)

What did Jesus tell the man to do? (*Go home and tell how the Lord helped him.*)

Learn the big picture question

Say • Do you remember the answer to our big picture question? ***What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.*** Jesus defeated sickness, sin, and death when He died on the cross and rose again. When Jesus comes back to earth, He will destroy sickness, sin, and death forever.

Practice the key passage

Open your Bible to Psalm 103:2-3. Read the key passage aloud several times.

Say • Our key passage tells us one of the many reasons we should praise our God. He is able to forgive our sin and heal all our diseases!

Activity Page

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Invite preschoolers to complete the maze to get Jesus and His friends to the man who needs help. Encourage preschoolers to stay in the center of the path to work on their fine motor skills.

Say • In today's Bible story, Jesus and His friends traveled in a boat across the sea. They went to a place where a man lived who needed help. Something was very wrong with the man. Listen to our story to find out how Jesus helped him.

Pray

Say • God, You gave Jesus the power to heal and to forgive sin. Cause us to turn away from our sin and turn to Jesus for forgiveness. Help us also to care for our friends like the friends in the Bible story and tell our friends the good news about Jesus. Amen.

Activities (next page)

Play out being animals

Invite your child to play out being an animal that you say. You may suggest preschoolers play out being a dog, cat, elephant, bear, lion, cow, sheep, horse, tiger, and so forth. Make sure the last animal a preschooler plays out is a pig.

Say • In today's Bible story, Jesus used a large herd of pigs to show that He has power over everything—even evil!

Make paper chains

Cut construction paper into 1-inch strips. Show preschoolers how to loop the strips to make a chain. Secure each strip in place with tape. Challenge preschoolers to make their chains very long.

Say • A man in today's Bible story had an evil spirit inside him that made him hurt. People had tried to tie up the man with chains, but the man broke the chains. The chains he broke were not paper chains like ours. They were probably made of metal. Jesus helped the man in a way that only Jesus could. Listen to our Bible story to find out how. a plan to get their friend to Jesus. Listen to today's Bible story to hear how the friends did just that!

Make caves and houses with play dough

Invite preschoolers to make caves and houses out of play dough. Remind preschoolers that the man with many evil spirits lived in the caves by himself, but after Jesus healed him, he went home and told his friends and family members what God had done for him.

Say • Jesus has power over evil. **Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.** Only Jesus could help the man with the evil spirits. The man was changed after Jesus healed him. He went home and no longer lived in the caves by himself. Jesus used His power to free the man. Jesus came to earth to free people from the power of sin. We can trust in Jesus to rescue us from sin and evil.

Play with pigs in water

Place a plastic tub filled with a couple of inches of water on a towel-covered table. Invite preschoolers to use plastic tongs to add plastic pigs to the water. Provide other water toys such as cups, funnels, and nets as well.

Say • **Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.** Jesus allowed the evil spirits to leave the man and go into a herd of pigs. All of the pigs ran down the hill and into the sea. Jesus used His power over evil to free the man. Jesus came to earth to free people from the power of sin. We can trust in Jesus to rescue us from sin and evil.

Play dress-up

Set out dress-up clothes and allow the preschoolers to dress up as they choose. As preschoolers play, comment on how they look different in their dress-up clothes.

Say • **Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.** The Bible says that the people were amazed because he was wearing clothes and he looked all better. You looked different on the outside when you dressed up, but you were the same on the inside. The man looked different on the outside because Jesus had healed him on the inside. When we put our trust in Jesus, He changes us on the inside and frees us from sin's power.

Make a video

Use a mobile device with video capabilities to film preschoolers answering one or more of the following questions.

Who made you? (*God*)

What is something Jesus has given you that you are thankful for? (*Answers will vary.*)

Why did Jesus die on the cross and come back to life? (*to rescue me from sin*)

What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.

Allow preschoolers to watch themselves. Show the video on a larger screen such as a television if possible.

Say • **Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.** Jesus told the man to tell his friends and family how the Lord helped him. We can tell others how God helps us, too! We can tell others on a video, on the phone, or in person! How we tell does not matter, only that we tell. Everyone needs to hear how Jesus rescues people from sin and evil.