



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-14
Mark 2:1-22

THIS WEEK

Jesus calls his first disciples & he forgives and heals a paralyzed man.

STORY SUMMARY

Jesus' Ministry Begins

In the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, the writer introduces Jesus, tells of his baptism and temptation, and shares the first of his teachings and signs. Jesus' first sermon is an announcement that the kingdom of God has come. He goes on to show what he means: Jesus casts out demons, heals the sick, and proclaims God's word. God's love has entered the world that is full of despair and illness, bringing the gifts of hope and promise. Jesus goes on to forgive a man and heal him, call a despised tax collector to be his disciple, and

THE POINT

Jesus welcomes everyone into God's kingdom.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

What is the Bible? (New Testament)

The Book of Acts follows the Gospels and tells the story of the early church. The next section is called Letters, and includes 21 letters written by the apostle Paul and other writers. These letters contain advice on how to live as followers of Jesus in community. The final section of the New Testament includes only one book: the Book of Revelation. This is a collection of visions that describe God's ultimate victory over the evil and suffering of our world.

Today I Learned....

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Wednesday—Read Mark 3:7-12

More public healings.

Make a "boat" out of cushions, pillows, or blankets. Get away from the crowd in your boat as you read this story.

Thursday—Read Mark 3:13-19

Jesus appoints the twelve.

Describe how you would have felt to be chosen as one of the twelve.

Friday—Read Mark 3:20-27

Plundering the strongman.

Demonstrate being divided against each other by playing a game of tug-o-war.

Up & Coming @ Hope...

Welcome Back! We are so glad that you are here.

The New Year is a great time to review some Hopekids Expectations with your kids. Here are some ways that you could help us out:

- 1) Please make sure your children use the bathroom before you drop them off for Hopekids.*
- 2) Bring your Bibles! We read from them every week.*
- 3) Check in with your child's small group leader each week are your children: following directions, participating with joy, being respectful of their leader and their group?*

***Thank you for making Hopekids a priority! It is such a privilege to share about Jesus with your children each week as we all grow to know Him more!*