



THE STORY @ HOME

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

Lesson #2-16
Mark 5:1-20

THIS WEEK

Jesus provides the shelter and comfort of God's kingdom when he heals a man with an unclean spirit (Mark 5:1-20).

STORY SUMMARY

Jesus Heals an Outcast

In today's story, Jesus meets a man who is possessed by demons. The man is living among the tombs, isolated from the rest of his community because of his condition. The man recognizes Jesus and calls out to him. Jesus heals the man, casting the demons out into a herd of pigs, which then drown themselves. When the people in the village see the healed demoniac and the lost livestock, they respond with fear, asking Jesus to leave. Jesus tells the grateful man to share his experience of God's mercy with his friends and family.

Today I Learned....

THE POINT

Jesus has power to help us.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Who Were the Gentiles?

The word "gentile" means someone who is not Jewish. It comes from the Latin word for nations. Christianity originally began as a Jewish movement. Some parts of the Hebrew Bible discouraged Jews from marrying and eating with Gentiles. This belief carried over into the early church. The first major disagreement in the early church was whether or not Gentiles could be Christian without first becoming Jewish. The Council at Jerusalem in 49 CE determined that Gentiles could become Christians without first being Jewish. Paul reminds us that in Jesus there is no distinction between Gentile and Jew.

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?

Tuesday—Read Psalm 103:6-14

The Lord's steadfast love.

Go outside. How far can you see to the east? To the west? God's love is greater than that.

Wednesday—Read Psalm 103:15-22

The everlasting love of God.

Pretend you are angels praising God. Sing and play instruments and dance and praise God.

Thursday—Read Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd.

Draw pictures of this well-known psalm.

Friday—Read Psalm 1

The righteous way.

Eat fresh fruit as you read this psalm.

Up & Coming w/ Hope...

Heartwork Parenting Class. Registration is Open!

* Pastor Steven Dunkel & Nicole Weisz are excited to come alongside parents as we work to parent our children in a God Honoring way.

* This is a five week class.

* Tuesday, Feb 20, 27, March 5, 12 & 19

* Childcare is provided with registration prior to Feb 13.

* Register at _____ (Trisha?)

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