



THE STORY @ HOME

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

Lesson #2-13
Mark 1:1-20

THIS WEEK

Jesus is baptized and begins his ministry.

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 share a meal with other outsiders.

THE POINT

Jesus welcomes everyone into God's kingdom.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

What is the Bible? (New Testament)

The first 39 books of the Bible are called the Old Testament. The remaining 27 books are called the New Testament. The first section of the New Testament is called the Gospels. The word "Gospel" means "good news" and these four books tell the story of Jesus.

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?

Mark 2:18-22

Jesus forgives sins.

Pray for forgiveness for one specific thing that you have done.

Mark 2:23-28

Grain on the Sabbath.

Eat a snack of crackers while you read this passage.

Mark 3:1-6

A Sabbath healing.

Jesus knows that caring for people is more important than laws. What would you risk to help someone?

PRACTICE: SERVICE

During the holidays, people often make an effort to help others. But when the holidays are over, people go back to their everyday lives, having done their good deed for the year. But Jesus calls us to a lifetime of service and caring for others. Commit to one idea to extend your service throughout the year.

Up & Coming w/ Hope....

Looking for a fun serving activity to do with your family? Join the Hope Lutheran Church congregation on **January 14 1-3pm** at the Fargodome to help serve at this event with your other Hope Congregation members!

This is FMSC's 10-year anniversary Mobile event and they hope to pack 10 million meals! FMSC offers a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack nutritional meals into bags which are then shipped to our incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world.

Through volunteering at FMSC, you'll get the chance to impact hundreds of kids in just two hours per packing shift. You'll experience what it's like to make a tangible difference today. (Kids must be 5 and older to volunteer). If you cannot join us on Jan 14th but want to serve, select the Other Volunteer Dates button to find a time that works best for you.

<https://www.fargohope.org/adults/>

1/10/23 Middle School Kids will be at FMSC next week. Parents are you able to help out!?