



3rd – 5th

January 25-26, 2014

DATE

Jesus Drives Out A Demon

LESSON TITLE

Mark 5:1-20

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is Greater than the Enemy

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Last week, kids took home a pack of 2 CDs, one to keep and one to give a friend as a tool to invite them to Kids' Club for Super Bowl Weekend. Ask kids about it: Who did you give it to? Is their friend coming? Was it hard/easy/etc.?

(If kids weren't here last week, that's OK! They can get CDs at the KC info center.)

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to invite their friends to Kids' Club for Super Bowl Weekend!

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about another miracle Jesus did: he drove demons out of a man! God's enemy wants to hurt us, but Jesus is WAY more powerful than the prince of this world (the devil).



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

TEST OF STRENGTH

Have kids stand in a circle, but spread out far enough so that they can stretch their arms out straight at their sides (as if measuring their wingspan...or making a lowercase "t" out of their bodies).

- Round #1:
 - Stretch out arms
 - See how long they can hold it
 - **If you want, use the 2-minute countdown video on slide one of this week's Keynote**
- Round #2:
 - Choose a partner
 - ONE person should stretch out his/her arms
 - The OTHER person should hold up their partner's arms
 - See how long they can hold it
 - **If you want, start 2-minute countdown video on slide one of this week's Keynote**
- Gather in a circle and debrief:
 - What was hard about this? Why?
 - Why was it easier to have a partner support your arms?

This is also a time for you to connect with kids: After you debrief, ask them how their weeks went. You can also remind them of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that we are in a battle against the enemy and (2) recognize that Jesus is stronger

Why? God's enemy attacks us, so we need to be prepared for battle.

Tip: The kids can take their time creating shields, but the during-creation discussion is really important. Make sure to facilitate discussion about those questions.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who is God's enemy? (the devil or Satan)
2. Who does God's enemy attack? Why? (people; because God loves us so much and wants us to be close to him!)
3. Tell me about the man in the story.
4. What miracle did Jesus do to free the man?
5. What did the man do next? (went back to his family and told everyone what Jesus had done)
6. Who got the glory for what happened? (Jesus)

ACTIVITY: MAKE SHIELDS

In battle, soldiers had shields to keep them safe. Now, we're going to make shields to remember that Jesus is our protector. He is greater than any enemy attack. Let's say our verse again to try to remember it (hold up the **verse card** and say it out loud).

- Pass out **shields** and let kids create (they'll have to **glue** the straps to the back).
- They can color it, glue **tissue paper** to it, decorate it, etc.
- Copy the verse (at least the last part!) onto the shield to help remember it.
- As the kids create, **discuss**:
 - Why was Jesus able to send the demons into those pigs?
 - What did Jesus do for this man? What has Jesus done for you?
 - Encourage kids to add some things Jesus has done for them to their shields!
 - How can *Jesus* be our shield?

***Pray together, asking Jesus for protection around the specific requests kids shared.**

Extra time? Continue on the following page!

Split the kids into 2 teams. Give them 2-3 minutes to create a list of every miracle they've ever known Jesus to do (in the Bible or in real life). Have them compare lists; only each teams' unique answers count!

special notes

Use volume, tone, and movement to help you tell the story. As you're practicing this week, mark certain places on the script where you want to move to a different area, YELL, *whisper*, or maybe even stop completely and let the kids sit in silence for a few seconds. Incorporate your own style into the storytelling!

presenter tips

This story could be a little unsettling on the surface, but in actuality, it's quite comforting to remember that in a world full of brokenness and in the middle of a spiritual war, Jesus is stronger!

script

Hi everybody. Welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here today. We're going to be talking about another amazing miracle Jesus did. Remember, a miracle is something amazing that only God can do. We've talked about how Jesus helped a blind man see. That was a miracle...and it showed everybody how powerful God is! He is stronger than the brokenness in the world—the sickness, sadness, and death. Today we're going to talk about another miracle Jesus did.

And remember, think of a friend who doesn't know God's story or how much Jesus loves them. Invite them to Super Bowl Weekend next week! In Kids' Club, we're going to hear an epic story of the Rescuer. You and your friends will love it!

GAME: NAME THAT SUPERHERO!

But first, let's play a game. We're going to call it "Name That Superhero!" I'm going to give you some sort of hint about a superhero; you jump up when you know who it is! Now, I could show you pictures, but that might be too obvious. It would be cool to play theme music and have you guess based on a song, but that might be too hard. But every single superhero has an enemy, right? So let's see if you can name those superheroes by seeing a picture of their archenemy! Ready? (Click through each villain. See if kids can name the Superhero. The order and answers are below. Go quickly*):

1. Joker: Batman
2. Lex Luther: Superman
3. Green Goblin: Spider Man
4. Professor Zoom: Flash

(*There are no females because the pictures of popular female superheroes with well-known archenemies, like Wonder Woman, were not appropriate for viewing. Feel free to ask kids to name a female superhero or two—and their enemies!)



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GOD HAS AN ENEMY

(Have kids sit.) Great job! I can't believe you guys got most/all/some of those just by seeing their enemy! And you know what? There's a reason we're talking about enemies.

This actually has something to do with God's Story. See, God is obviously WAY different than a Superhero. He's stronger than *everything* and he *created* the entire universe. He's our loving dad and our powerful King. But he is similar to a superhero in one way... God has an enemy. Does anybody know who God's enemy is? (Let kids say: the devil, Satan.)

GOD'S ENEMY FIGHTS TO GET US

Yep. And even Satan knows that God is WAY stronger than him. But he also knows who's weaker... *people like you and me*. And since God made people in his own image—and absolutely adores us—Satan fights to get us to turn away from God and keep us from loving God back. He knows that makes God so sad.

Sometimes, Satan tempts us to turn away from God by making a bad choice... sometimes he puts lies in our heads and tries to get us to agree with his lies instead of God's truth. He wants to be our king instead of God. And today, we're going to hear a story about a man who had completely turned toward Satan...and how Jesus miraculously freed him!

(Show picture of a map.) This man was living on the side of a lake—this lake right here (refer to map). The area is called the Gerasenes. He didn't just give in to Satan's temptations now and then...he was *completely controlled by demons*.

This meant he was a wild man. He spent all day screaming and running around tombs, which is where we put dead bodies. Whenever somebody tried to tie him up or put him in chains, he broke free. He even cut himself with rocks because the demons wanted this man to hurt himself. As you may imagine, people were terrified and nobody would go near him.

JESUS FIGHTS FOR US!

But one day, Jesus and his disciples sailed over to that area. Jesus got out of the boat. When he did, this wild man ran up to Jesus. The demons were controlling the man as he literally shouted (shout!): "JESUS, SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME? PROMISE BEFORE GOD YOU WON'T HURT ME!"

Can you guys imagine a man yelling that, right in front of you? A wild man, who had probably not bathed or shaved in a long, long time. He probably didn't even have clothes on. We don't sail around in boats to get places very often anymore, but what would you do if you got out of your car and a guy like that ran up to you, fell on his knees, and shouted at you? **Turn and tell a friend what you would do.** (Let kids respond.)

Well, Jesus calmly spoke to him—or rather to the demon who was controlling him. Jesus said, "What is your name?" Through the man's mouth, a demon answered: "Legion, for we are many." We don't know how many demons were in that man. But a legion in the army meant 6,000 men! So this man was filled with not just one demon...but many!



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AND JESUS IS STRONGER!

The demons knew that Jesus could do whatever he wanted with them. He could send them anywhere—he had all the power! **(Show picture of pigs.)** So they *begged* him to let them go into a herd of pigs over on a nearby hillside so they didn't have to go far away. Jesus said, OK.

The demons filled a herd of 2,000 pigs, and when they did, ALL those pigs went crazy. They immediately rushed down a steep bank and drowned.

You know what that meant? *The man was free!* He was SO grateful to Jesus. He got to go home to his family—and he started telling everyone he met what Jesus had done for him. Then everybody was amazed at the miracle and realized how powerful Jesus is!

JESUS GIVES US STRENGTH TOO

You know, it might sound scary to have a wild, naked, screaming man filled with demons, but actually, this story is really comforting. Look how easily Jesus got rid of ALL of them! That's how powerful he is.

And when we choose to follow Jesus, he is always with us. The Holy Spirit lives inside us and helps us follow Jesus. He helps us stand up to God's enemy too. I John 4:4 explains it like this:

SLIDE: I John 4:4: You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

"Dear children" is talking to God's whole family, anybody who follows Jesus. That's you and me! "Them" is talking about lies from the devil that some people were telling back when John was writing this. But the best part is that last line: **the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.** Any lie, any temptation, any of the devil's attacks are NOTHING compared to the strength of Jesus!

OBJECT LESSON CONNECTION

We haven't talked about Connect Time yet, but I need everybody to stand up and stick out your arms. We're going to see who has the strongest arms in the whole group! *(Let kids stand and get in position. Have them hold the position as you discuss. This will be good for the kinesthetic learners.)*

What was hard about this? (Let kids respond.) Why? Why was it easier to have a partner support your arms? (Let kids respond.)

Just like it's easier to have our friends hold our arms up for us, it's easier to let Jesus and the Holy Spirit work IN US to fight God's enemy! Just like that verse says. Think about it: If Jesus can throw out a whole legion or group of demons that are living in a man. He can *certainly* give you the strength to fight against them.

OK, if you haven't given up yet, you can put your arms down. *(If your group really wants to compete, you can have them hold them up while you watch the first music video.)* Now let's



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worship our great and wonderful Rescuer who does miracles! We'll worship him first by singing together. This is the same song we learned last week. Let's see if you can remember it!

WORSHIP

Music Video: Wake (preview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2WOQ-3aVs>)

Song: You Come In A Hurry

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank Jesus that he is more powerful than the enemy!

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Test of Strength – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Bible
Markers/Pens
1 shield per kid: IN-57/6220
Gluesticks
Different colored pieces of tissue paper
1 piece of cardstock (per group) with this verse

printed on it: I John 4:4: You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: Countdown (please cut off the first 3 minutes, so that it's a 2-minute countdown)
2. Image: Joker
3. 2 Images: Joker and Batman
4. Image: Lex Luther
5. 2 Images: Lex Luther and Superman
6. Image: Green Goblin
7. 2 images: Green Goblin and Spider Man

8. Image: Professor Zoom
9. 2 Images: Professor Zoom and the Flash
10. Image: map
11. Image: picture of pigs
12. SLIDE: I John 4:4: You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.
13. Music Video: Wake: www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2W0Q-3aVs
14. Music Video: You Come in A Hurry (with hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about the man who was controlled by demons.
How did Jesus show his power?

parent page

Last week, we talked about how Jesus did a miracle and healed a blind man (John 9). This week, we talked about another miracle Jesus did: He drove demons out of a man! God has an enemy who wants to hurt us, but Jesus is WAY more powerful than the devil.