

Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet

Garasene Demoniac Luke 8:26-39

1. What did Jesus do for the man in the Gospel Story?

He cured him. At the children's level, we did not focus on the demons. This is a difficult concept for young children. Instead we talked about how the man needed healing and God provided that healing.

2. Who has more power than Jesus?

No one! Just before this story in the Scripture, Jesus calmed the storm, demonstrating that he has power over all of creation and now in this story we see that even the devil and his demons bow down to him. It is Jesus that tells the devil what to do and he must listen.

We often hear the question "Why wouldn't God just tell the devil to be good then?" God has given us all free will (even the devil) and so everyone, even the devil can choose to do evil. But we can feel comfort in the fact that our God truly is the ruler of all, and He rules with unconditional merciful love!

4. What did Jesus ask the man to do after he was cured?

This is the part of the Gospel story that we focused on today. Jesus asked him to: "Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you." So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

This is what we are asked to do every day too! How do we do that?

First we recognize that God is blessing us all day. As these blessings come up during the day if we say it out loud to others we are proclaiming it; e.g. "What a beautiful morning God has given us!"

We talked to the children about how our worship is another way. They learned to sing "Alleluia!" and were encouraged to sing it from the heart, praising God!

Brainstorm ways that you, as a family or as individuals can tell others about the great things God has done for you. Remember, your example is what your children learn from most!