



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 11

Banishing an Evil Spirit

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to privately assess their current relationship with Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Have you ever been in charge of something?

GAME: Command Tag

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: Romans 8:38-39.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS BANISHED AN EVIL SPIRIT

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy.

Today, we will learn about a miracle in Capernaum at the synagogue. Point to Capernaum. **This story shows the power and authority Jesus has over evil.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 4:31-37. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 4:36. Pray. Read.

THE WAY KNOWING JESUS AS LORD OF EVERY DAY

Where was Jesus? (The synagogue.) **What is a synagogue?** (Where Jewish people gather to worship God.) **An evil spirit was controlling him.** **The Bible does not explain why the man was inside the synagogue.** **What are some reasons someone with a big problem might come into a synagogue or church?** (To hear teachings about God, be with others who are seeking God, worship, pray for help and healing, give an offering, confess sins, find comfort, be encouraged, feel God's presence and love.) **When you have a big problem, where do you go and why?**

What did the evil spirit ask Jesus? ("What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us?") **Do you think the evil spirit was afraid of Jesus? Who did the evil spirit say Jesus was?** ("The Holy One of God.") **What does holy mean?** (Perfect.) **What does "Holy One of God" mean?** (Jesus is God's perfect Son.)

Even evil spirits (also called demons) know Jesus is the Holy One of God; Jesus has power over them, even though they do not love Him or serve Him as their Lord. What is the difference between knowing facts about Jesus and putting Him first as Lord over every area of your life? Many people believe some or all of the facts about Jesus, His miracles, and His teachings, yet they do not choose to follow Him as their Lord. Others choose to trust Jesus as Lord by putting Him first and doing things God's way. Which choice would describe your actions this past week?

If we know facts about Jesus and talk about having faith but never show it in our actions, then we have not yet trusted Jesus to be Lord over our daily lives. James, the brother of Jesus, explains this in James 2:16-19. Read James 2:16-19. God wants to see that our daily lives show we know Jesus as God's Son and our Lord. Just knowing Jesus is God's Son is not enough; even evil spirits (also called demons) know that much.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1400 years before the evil spirit obeyed Jesus' command, Joshua told the people how to put God first in every way. Reveal Joshua 22:5. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

When we walk in His ways and serve Him as Lord, then we want to obey His commands. What are some reasons you would want to obey and serve Jesus? Let's pray for God to help us obey and serve Jesus this week. Lead prayer for wisdom and courage to walk in His ways.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Hallelujah! Jesus is Lord" Door Hanger
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #11
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus saying, "Come out!" to banish an evil spirit
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Spread the News

GAME: "Come Out! Come Out! Wherever You Are!"

CRAFT: "Jesus is Lord" Cross

DISCUSSION: The Sounds Around the Throne

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW