



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus  
Unit 3, Lesson 11

## Banishing an Evil Spirit

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus is the  
highest authority and power.

### 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 that took place in Capernaum at the synagogue. Point to Capernaum. This story is about a different kind of miracle. It shows the power and authority Jesus has over evil. Jesus had been teaching the people there about God, so many people saw this miracle.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 4:31-37. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 4:36. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY EVERYONE KNOWS WHO JESUS IS

**Before the evil spirit spoke, Jesus was teaching the crowd. Why was the crowd amazed at his teaching?** (His message had authority.) **What does authority mean?** (Having the power to create rules and to make sure they are followed.) **Whose rules does Jesus command people to obey?** (God's rules.)

**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.)

**Jesus is always in charge. In the synagogue that day, what command did Jesus give to the evil spirit?** ("Be quiet! Come out!") **Why did the evil spirit have to obey Jesus and come out of the man?** (The evil spirit knew of Jesus' power to make Him obey, even by just speaking, because he knew Jesus was God's Son.)

**What did the crowd say about Jesus' authority after the evil spirit obeyed Him?** ("With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!") **What did the crowd do after they saw this miracle?** (They spread the news.)

**The evil spirit knew Jesus was God's Son and that He had the highest authority and power. But the evil spirit did not worship Jesus or serve Jesus as Lord by putting Him first every day. 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 follow Him as their Lord.**

### **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 our Lord, then we want to obey His commands. What are some reasons you would want to obey and serve someone whom you love and respect? What are some reasons you would want to obey and serve Jesus?**

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Hallelujah! Jesus is Lord" Door Hanger
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**