

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Casts Out Legion (Mark 5:1-20)



Bible Verses (NIV):

They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighbourhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

Activity: Ugly to Beautiful

Theme: God can transform us

Supplies: none

Lesson:

Have you ever heard the story of the Ugly Duckling?

It's about a nest full of eggs by a duck pond. One day the eggs begin to hatch and reveal the cutest yellow ducklings. Finally there was only one egg left, it began to crack and then... POP! Out came the ugliest duckling you've ever seen; his feathers were white and scruffy, his beak was long and black. The other ducks made fun of him and he felt very sad. They were mean and picked on him to the point that the poor ugly duckling would spend his day hiding in the reeds. One day he summoned his courage to venture out onto the lake and two swans approached him. One of the swans spoke to him; "hello, I don't recall seeing you before, and how beautiful you are."

The Ugly Duckling thought the swan was teasing him, but it was then that he saw his reflection in the water. He was not a duckling at all, but a swan. Somehow his egg got mixed into the wrong nest. He was very happy; he had gone from ugly to beautiful.

Today's story is about someone ugly; he had many demons in him that made him do terrible things. People tried to chain him up, but he broke loose and went to live in a cave next to a cemetery. He was covered in bruises and had long, dirty hair. People mocked and teased him.

One day, Jesus arrived on the shore nearby and the man came running from his cave to Jesus' feet. He then spoke as loud as possible, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" Jesus looked at the man and saw his ugliness, but he knew it was not the man but demons that possessed his body.

Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' The demons replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' They knew that Jesus had the power to cast them into darkness forever, so they begged that he instead sent them into a herd of pigs nearby. Jesus did as they requested and the pigs with the demons were driven crazy and ran into the sea to drown.

With the demons gone, Jesus went to leave, but the man who had been possessed begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

We have an ugliness in us called sin. It makes us do terrible things, like disrespect our parents or do things we know are wrong. God sees the beauty in us, so much so that he gave his only son to die on the cross to take away our sins and leave the beauty that is in each of us.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for bringing your son, Jesus, to earth to take away the ugliness of sin and restore us to the beauty you intended for us... Amen

Thanks to www.sermons4kids.com

Video: Jesus Drives Out Evil Spirits <https://youtu.be/U0JgCaAG-xU>

Faith kids bible story; Jesus drives a large number of demons from one man.

Duration: 1:41

Video: Our True Identity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiiadnMvm20>

Dieter Uchtdorf retells the story of the ugly duckling and urges us to reflect on who we really are—sons and daughters of a glorious Heavenly Father.

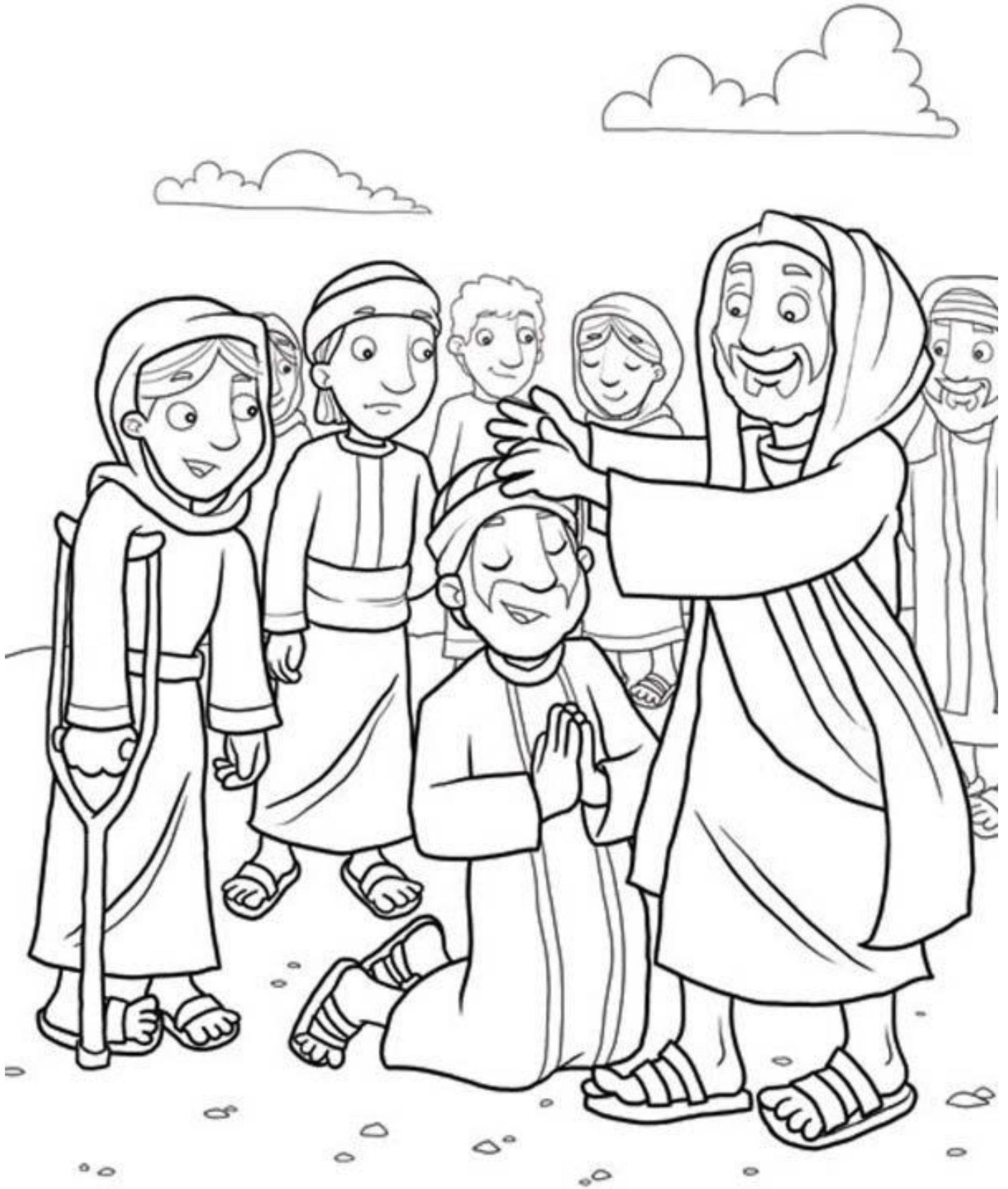
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Craft: Mold me

Supplies: Modelling Clay

Directions:

Give each child some modelling clay to make whatever they want. As they work the clay, tell them that we are like the clay, that Jesus can mold us to serve God. Sometimes we make mistakes, just like any mistake molding the clay, but God can fix anything when we let him into our hearts.



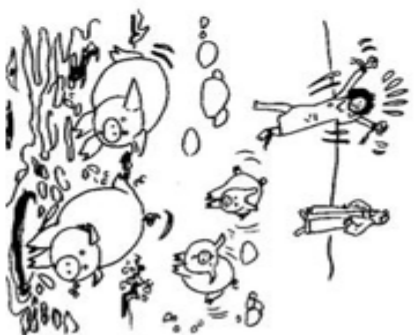
Jesus has the power to change our lives.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the numbered spaces to see what Jesus said to the man.

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. Luke 8:35 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



F T O O
 11 8 9 19

N E M D O
 15 20 5 2 18

S I P R T I
 16

A L G I L E E
 1 17 22 12 21 6 13

E L P O P E
 23 4 26 25

N A I C S H
 24 3 27 14 28

" " Y U

11 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 15 19 20 21 22

19 3 23 5 3 4 W 5 U 24 3 7 3 25

26 2 10 15 3 27 28 15 4 14 6 11 2 10

Y U . "

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- 15-12-22-14-20 _____
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sailed	demon	evil	pigs	cured
lake	possessed	spirit	drowned	dressed