

Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, January 28, 2024

JESUS HEALS AN OUTCAST

Mark 5:1-20

Key Verse:

“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy [God] has shown you.”

Mark 5:1-19

The Point:

Jesus has power to save us from evil.

Making Connections:

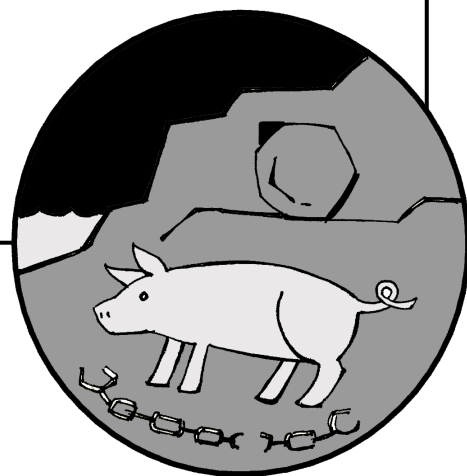
The Power of the Kingdom

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Who Were the Gentiles?

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

As we move out of the stories of the season of Christmas, we move directly into powerful healing stories. We hear how Jesus creates relationships through healing, both between himself and the person healed, and between that person and their families and community. The power of the kingdom is becoming evident through the works of Jesus in his earthly ministry.

Story Summary:

Jesus Heals an Outcast

In today's story, Jesus meets a man who is possessed by demons. The man is living among the caves, isolated from the rest of his community because of his condition. The man recognizes Jesus and calls out to him. Jesus heals the man, casting the demons out into a herd of pigs, which subsequently drown themselves. When the people in the village see the healed demoniac and the lost livestock, they respond with fear, asking Jesus to leave. Jesus tells the grateful man to share his experience of God's mercy with his friends and family.

There are many aspects of this story that were unclean to Jews, such as the pigs, the tombs and how close they were to the city—even the territory itself. The fact that Jesus traveled to this unclean territory would have been scandalous. However, Jesus' power is not limited simply to Jews, but includes grace and mercy for Gentiles as well.

The Point

Jesus has power to save us from evil. The man who was possessed by demons experienced a powerful, life-altering miracle. He had lived life as an outcast, excluded from his friends and family. When Jesus healed him, he begged to be allowed

to come with Jesus, but Jesus turned him down. Instead, Jesus instructed him to share the story with his friends and family. How often, when we have been saved from something, do we wish to simply stay with Jesus and relive our healing? Instead, Jesus calls us to share our experience with those around us, so that they, too, may experience the miracle of a relationship with Jesus.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Who Were the Gentiles?

The word "gentile" means someone who is not Jewish. It comes from the Latin word for nations. Christianity originally began as a Jewish movement. Some parts of the Hebrew Bible discouraged Jews from marrying and eating with Gentiles. This belief carried over into the early church. The first major disagreement in the early church was whether or not Gentiles could be Christian without first becoming Jewish. The Council at Jerusalem in 49 CE determined that Gentiles could become Christians without first being Jewish. Paul reminds us that in Jesus there is no distinction between Gentile and Jew.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

The stories that we hear following Christmas are stories of Jesus as he walks on earth, interacting with his disciples and those he encounters. The people flock to Jesus with their requests for healing, inclusion, and understanding. Today we speak to Jesus through prayer. While Jesus is not among us in the flesh, he is no less responsive to hearing our needs as we speak to him.



MAZE



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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
H	B	W	T	J	X	P	Y	I	K	U	E	Z	O	D	A	V	F	R	N	L	M	G	Q	C	S

- 26-16-9-21-12-15 _____
- 21-16-10-12 _____
- 26-7-9-19-9-4 _____
- 15-12-22-14-20 _____
- 15-19-14-3-20-12-15 _____
- 7-14-26-26-12-26-26-12-15 _____
- 7-9-23-26 _____
- 12-17-9-21 _____
- 15-19-12-26-26-12-15 _____
- 25-11-19-12-15 _____

sailed	demon	evil	pigs	cured
lake	possessed	spirit	drowned	dressed



JESUS OUR SAVIOR

Complete the maze below, reading the verses and filling in the blanks, to learn more about God's amazing plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ!



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SIN
Sin is disobeying God in any way. Have you ever sinned?
According to **Romans 3:23**, how many people have sinned?

DEATH
Read **Romans 6:23**. What do we deserve because of our sin?

A SAVIOR
Read **John 1:29**. What did John prophesy that Jesus would take away?

A WAY
Read **John 14:6**. This verse tells us Jesus is the _____, the _____, and the _____. No one can come to God the Father and find forgiveness of sins except through Jesus.

LIFE
Read **John 11:25-27**. Jesus is the _____ and the _____. Those who believe in Him and live in Him will have eternal life in heaven.

LOVE
Read **Romans 5:8**. God shows His _____ for us in that, while we were still _____, Jesus _____ for us. Jesus paid the price for our sins so that we might be set free from God's judgement.
2 Corinthians 5:21

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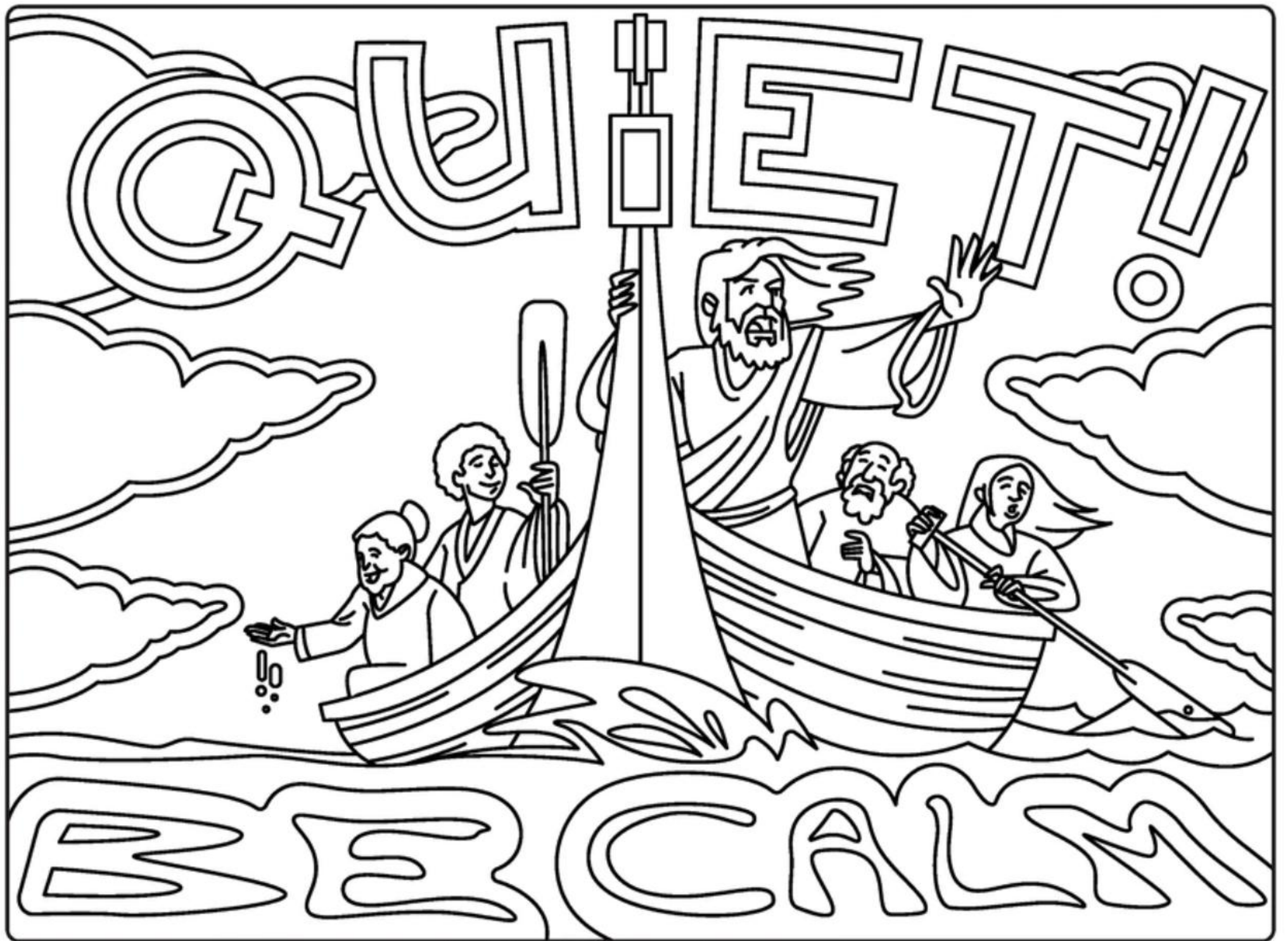
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Read **Romans 10:9-10** and **John 3:16**.

Then, choose your favorite verse and write in on the lines.



SALVATION:



Make a trail from the black robot to the green robot following the numbers from 1 to 20. Remember to ignore the letters.



1	2	3	W	C	K
Q	A	4	G	O	L
J	F	5	B	Z	R
U	7	6	T	P	H
9	8	E	16	17	18
10	D	Y	15	I	19
11	12	13	14	S	20

