

STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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Hello

The teachers are really missing seeing you on a Sunday, but we pray that you are all keeping safe and well at homes.

I hope you enjoy this story from the Bible.

Love Jackie

This week we are thinking about a boy who Jesus helped. This story can be found in Mark chapter 9 verses 14-29, which says:

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

The Bible tells us a lot about good and evil. When God created / made the world it was perfect. There was only good in the world.

Sadly, when Adam disobeyed God, evil came into the world. Satan, God's enemy tries to persuade us that its fun to do wrong things. BUT Jesus has the power to overcome all evil because he is God.

Today's story begins with a very and worried father. He was worried about his son who was ill with an evil spirit. Sometimes his spirit made him fall into a fire or into water. This life was in danger.

The father heard that Jesus was able to make people better, so he came to ask for help. Jesus was not there, so he asked some of the disciples to help. They tried but were not able to do anything for the boy.

Then, the Lord Jesus and three of his disciples came from a nearby mountain, saw the crowd around the other disciples and asked what was happening.

The crowd were pleased to see Jesus, and so was the father. He told Jesus that his son had an evil spirit who had stopped him from talking and would throw him to the ground. He had been ill since he was a little boy.

The father said he had asked the disciples to help, but they could not!



He asked Jesus, "Can you help us please?"

Jesus said, "Everything is possible for him to believe," and the father answered, "Lord, I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief / doubts."



Do you think Jesus could help, when the disciples failed?

Of course, only Jesus has the power to overcome evil, because he is the Son of God.

So, when the father and his son stood before Jesus, the evil spirit made the boy fall to the ground and foam at the mouth. Many people in the crowd thought he was dead because he lay so still. But Jesus held his hand and lifted him up. How wonderful! The boy was alive and well. He could speak and the evil spirit had gone! I think everyone must have been amazed.



What do you think the disciples should have done when they were not able to heal the boy?

They should have asked Jesus to help them.

Only Jesus has the power to overcome evil.

Jesus is the same today. We can take all our worries to Jesus, and if we want to live our lives to please him, if we want to do what is right and say, "No" to wrong things, we can pray and ask Jesus to help us believe, just like the father did.

Jesus is able to help us overcome the wrong in our lives because He is God the Saviour. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the only Saviour who can forgive our sin.

How amazing is the love and power of Jesus!