

Jesus Sets a Man Free

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39, Matthew 8:28-34

Characters: Jesus, The possessed man, Disciples, Townspeople

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JESUS AND HIS disciples sailed across the lake to a new area. When they got out of the boat, they met a man who was in BIG trouble.

This man was controlled by evil spirits—lots of them! He was so strong that no chains could hold him. He lived in a graveyard, all alone, crying out day and night. It was so sad.

When the man saw Jesus, he ran to Him. The evil spirits inside him were scared of Jesus! They knew exactly who He was.

'What do you want with us, Jesus, Son of God?' they shouted.

Jesus asked, 'What is your name?'

'Legion,' they answered. 'Because there are many of us.'

Nearby, a huge herd of pigs was eating on a hillside. The evil spirits begged, 'If you make us leave, let us go into those pigs!'

Jesus said, 'Go.'

The spirits left the man and went into the pigs. The whole herd ran down the hill into the lake!

People from town came running to see what happened. And there was the man—sitting calmly, wearing normal clothes, completely healed! He was in his right mind!

The people were scared. They asked Jesus to leave.

The healed man wanted to go WITH Jesus. But Jesus said, 'No—go home and tell everyone what God has done for you!'

So the man went all through that area telling everyone how Jesus had saved him. Everyone was amazed!

No matter how trapped someone is, Jesus can set them free!