

Activity: Classroom



FAMILY TIME
TRAINING

Teaching Goal: Share the faith with friends.

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20 Healing of the demon possessed man from Gerasenes.

Materials: Paper and pencil

I. Lesson and Discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. With older kids, invite a volunteer to read Mark 5:1-20. With younger children, put a simpler version of the story into your own words: **Jesus traveled by boat to a region called Gerasenes. He met a very sick, wild man and healed him. As Jesus was getting back into the boat, the man begged to go with him. But Jesus said “no.” He told the man to stay in his home town and tell them about how he was healed. So the man stayed, traveling from town to town and telling people about Jesus. The people were amazed to hear the story of how he was healed.**

Sometimes, like with a missionary, God says “Go.” But sometimes God says “Stay.” Whether we go or stay, God wants us to tell others about him. This wild man was healed from a serious illness. What has God done for us? *Listen to answers.* Take a few minutes to talk about tangible ways God has been a part of your lives.

B. ACTIVITY: God puts us into direct relationship with people where we might be the only ones to tell them about Jesus. This piece of paper represents your classroom. I want you to draw a diagram of your classroom. Draw squares to represent the teacher’s desk and the student’s desks. Write your name on your desk and the names of your classmates on their desks. Allow time for everyone to complete their diagrams.

Who are the students who sit around you? *Listen.* If God wants them to know about Jesus and what he can do...who will he send? Will he send the pastor at church? *Probably not.* Will he send your parents? *Probably not.* God may send you. How does that make you feel? *Listen.*

Sharing Jesus may not start with quoting a bunch of scripture or a deep theological discussion. Here are some first steps to building a relationship where you can share your faith.

1. Pray for your classmates. Pray that God will open the door to a conversation about what you believe. Can you do that? *Listen.*
2. Say “hello” and be kind to your classmates. When you are a kind person, people will be more likely to talk and spend time with you. Can you do that? *Listen.*

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3. When asked what you did last weekend or last night...share about what you did at church or what you did at Family Time. When you talk about church, the Bible or Jesus it may encourage friends to want to learn more. Can you do that? *Listen.*
4. Be aware if God, through his Spirit inside of you, wants you to say or ask something specific. Maybe you learned that your classmate's mother is sick. You hear a voice in your mind say, "Ask if you can pray for her." Then ask. Can you do that? *Listen.*

Let's pray right now for our friends and classmates.

II. Close in Prayer

III. Pass It On. Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.