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Mark 1:21-28

Here was a teaching with authority behind it.

Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum.
Then on the next Sabbath he went into the Jewish meeting place
and started teaching.
Everyone was amazed at his teaching.
He taught with authority,
and not like the teachers of the Law of Moses.
Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him
entered the meeting place and yelled,
"Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us?
Have you come to destroy us?
I know who you are!
You are God's Holy One."
Jesus told the evil spirit,
"Be quiet and come out of the man!"
The spirit shook him.
Then it gave a loud shout and left.
Everyone was completely surprised and kept saying to each other,
"What is this?
It must be some new kind of powerful teaching!
Even the evil spirits obey him."
News about Jesus quickly spread all over that part of Galilee.



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Jesus heals the broken hearted

Introduction

- Today's gospel follows Jesus' ministry as he begins teaching about God to groups of people. Jesus performs a miracle and heals a man who is troubled and hurting. The crowd sees this and recognises that Jesus is special, and start to believe he is the Son of God.

Message

- Jesus is a great healer.
- In the gospel, Jesus sent away the evil spirits from the man as he was suffering from pain and hurt.
- There are many different reasons people may need healing in our world today. In fact, individual people aren't the only ones who need Jesus' healing. Sometimes whole families or even whole countries need Jesus' healing.
- Jesus still heals people today.
- Jesus works through our prayers and the way we help and care for others.

Discussion

- Begin by checking with the children if there are any words or phrases that they don't understand
- What are some of the other stories of Jesus healing that you know about from the bible?
- What are some of the reasons people might need healing in our world today?
- How can we help Jesus heal the people who are hurting?

