

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is  
**Jesus Heals**  
from Mark 1:29-39.



Epiphany 5

### Jesus goes with us wherever we go!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- The Disciples
- Demons
- Mother-In-Law
- Proclaim the message

During Jesus' time of preaching and ministry, Israel was under the control of Roman soldiers. Ordinary people had to pay a lot of money—called a tax—on things like their food, their animals, and their homes. Being controlled by Rome also meant that local leaders couldn't always help their citizens the way they wanted. Because of the hardships they faced, people were eagerly watching and waiting for the promised Messiah.

## Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 256-257

*Spark Bible* page 1101

## Family Prayer

Dear God, We thank you for teaching us how to live humbly, serving others. Help us to remember Jesus' example and how he always put others before himself. We remember your promise to always stay with us, wherever we go. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 A miracle is a wonderful event that happens without a logical explanation. Jesus performs many miracles in the gospels when he heals very sick people. What miracles have you witnessed or heard about from your friends and family?
- 2 What do you think Jesus was praying about in Mark 1:35?
- 3 In many gospel stories, we see Jesus going out of his way to help the meek and lowly. How can we follow Jesus' example of service and put others before ourselves?
- 4 Mark's gospel includes many stories of people with demons inside them. What do you think these demons looked like?



### Eye Spark

When you see a sick family member or friend, remember how Jesus helped those who were sick and try to follow his example.



### Ear Spark

When you hear the noise of a loud crowd of people, remember the people who gathered outside Simon Peter's house begging Jesus to heal them, and how Jesus didn't turn them away.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

A missionary is a person who has chosen to travel somewhere, often to another country, to share Jesus' love with people who live there. Find out if anyone from your congregation or denomination is serving as a missionary, then write them a letter thanking them for sharing their faith with others. You can remind them that even if their work is difficult, Jesus is always with them!

### For younger kids

Look through a story Bible to find other stories that tell about Jesus performing miracles. Choose one story to read each day, remembering the love that Jesus shows to all people.

### For older kids

Go online and research what life was like for ordinary people in Israel during Jesus' time. Why do you think they were so excited when they heard Jesus preaching his message?