

The Story of a **MADMAN**

Level of Biblical Learning:

God wants our actions, attitudes, thoughts, and words to be good.

Mark 5:1-20

Parent Helps:

- Read this week's focal passage, Mark 5:1-20. (If your kids are younger or if you have reservations about discussing the demonic aspects of this passage, choose to read Acts 9:1-25.) Talk about the amazing change that took place in the man's (or Saul's) life.
- Invite your child to name ways that he changes. For example, he changes his clothes each day, grows taller, learns new things, and so on.
- Explain that God wants people to change their actions, attitudes, thoughts, and words to be good. God wants people to love and obey Him so they can be more like Jesus. To "be like Jesus" means to do the things that Jesus did, such as loving others, being kind, helping, and so on.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids:

1. What is something the Bible says people should do?
2. Tell about a time when you chose to obey God.
3. How does the Bible help you make right choices (or be more like Jesus)?

Older Kids:

1. How can you learn to be more like Jesus?
2. What attitude or action do you think God wants to change about you?
3. Why is it sometimes difficult to let God change your attitude or actions?

Apply:

- God and His Word, the Bible, never change! (Malachi 3:6a; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17)
- The Bible explains how God wants you to live and teaches you to make choices that honor God. (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- People can follow Jesus' example. (John 13:15; 1 John 2:6)

Activity:

Gather 4 oz. paper cups, instant vanilla pudding, sprinkles (optional), and popsicle sticks. Invite your child to help you mix the pudding according to package directions. Stir in a few sprinkles just for fun! Pour the pudding into individual paper cups. Place a popsicle stick in each cup. Freeze. Remove the paper cups and enjoy your pudding popsicle! Talk about how the pudding changed from a liquid to a frozen popsicle. Remind kids that God wants to change them, too! God wants people to change to be more like Jesus.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for the Bible!
- Ask God to help you obey His commands and change your wrong thoughts, actions, and attitudes.
- Remember to pray for our pastors, staff, and church family as we resume worship together this Sunday.