



LESSON 2 JESUS TEACHES –

INTRODUCTION

Today we begin a series of lessons leading up to Easter. Christmas and Easter are the two main festivals in Australia. To understand the importance of these festivals you need to know more about Jesus. Through these lessons you will learn why these festivals are so important and some important vocabulary associated with these special events. This week's lesson is about a famous story where Jesus heals a man with an evil spirit.

HOT TOPICS

1. Today's story is about Jesus the teacher. Describe one of your favourite teachers. Why were they good? What makes a good teacher?
2. In your country do people believe in evil spirits? What do people do to protect themselves from the evil spirits? For example – wear a special necklace etc.

Today's Lesson...

The story begins when Jesus was around 30 and began to go around teaching and healing many people. Here is one story from the Bible.

Vocabulary

Disciples: Followers of Jesus.

Jewish: a Hebrew person. The main area where they live is in Israel.

Authority: the power to influence people because of inspiring respect, having special knowledge.

Evil spirit: a wicked or harmful being.

Destroy: to damage badly so it no longer exists.

Shook: to move something with short quick movements from side to side or up and down

Obey: to do what one is told.

A MAN WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT

Mark 1:21 – 28 (CEV)

Narrator: Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum. Then he went into the Jewish meeting place and started teaching. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the other teachers. He taught with authority.

Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him entered the meeting place and yelled:

Man: Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are the God's Holy messenger.

Narrator: Jesus told the evil spirit

Jesus: Be quiet and come out of the man!

Narrator: The spirit shook him. Then it gave a loud shout and left. The people were all so amazed and kept saying to each other,

Person 1: What is this?

Person 2: It must be some new kind of powerful teaching!

Person 1: And the evil spirits obey him!

Narrator: And news about Jesus spread quickly all over Galilee.

Discussion (in changing pairs)

1. Why were people amazed at Jesus' teaching?
2. How was Jesus different from other religious teachers?
3. Who did the evil spirits say Jesus was?
4. The people were surprised at Jesus' method of teaching. He did not quote the thoughts of other teachers. He spoke with authority, "I say to you..." Where did Jesus get his authority?
5. Do you know about anything Jesus taught? Share with the group what you have heard.