

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

Halloween - Fear

In a few weeks it is Halloween. The shops are selling many bats, witches, jack-o-lanterns.....So today's topic is about Halloween and fear.

Fear: (noun).To be worried or frightened that something bad might happen.

Hot Topics

1. Introduce yourselves and name one thing you are afraid of. For example, *I am afraid of....because...*
2. In your country do you have Halloween or a similar festival? What do you do on that day? *In threes of different nationalities (if possible) discuss.*
3. Do you like horror movies? Why or why not? *In pairs.*
4. Do you believe in ghosts or evil spirits? *Change pairs.*
5. In your country, how do people try and control or get rid of evil spirits?

Today's story comes from the Bible (Mark 1:21-28). It is a story about a man with an evil spirit.

Choose 4 people to read/act out the story. Narrator, Man, Jesus, Person 1 and Person 2.

Narrator: Jesus and his disciples came to a town and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead he taught with authority.

Just then a man with an evil spirit in him came into the synagogue and screamed:

Man: What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are – you are God's holy messenger!

Narrator: Jesus ordered the spirit:

Jesus: Be quiet, and come out of the man!

Narrator: The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. The people were all so amazed they started saying to one another:

Person 1: What is this?

Person 2: Is it some kind of new teaching?

Person 1: This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits.

Person 2: And they obey him!

Narrator: And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere.

Discussion

1. Why were people listening to Jesus amazed at Jesus' teaching? *In threes discuss.*
2. Who did the Evil spirits say Jesus was? What do you know about Jesus? *In different threes discuss.*

Vocabulary

Sabbath: Jewish holy day once a week

Synagogue: Jewish temple

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.

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

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