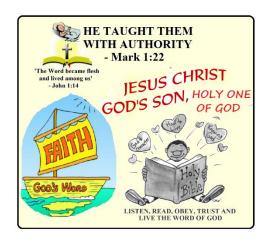
He taught them with authority!

Children's liturgy activity January 31st, 2021





Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

In the gospel today, we see Jesus and his disciples at Capernaum. On a Sabbath day, Jesus was teaching in the Synagogue. Jesus's teaching was giving great insight to all those who were hearing. He was teaching not like the scribes (the teachers of Israel who knew scriptures and laws) but like one with authority.

In the synagogue there was a man who possessed an unclean spirit. He was behaving very badly. He shouted very loudly 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' Jesus responded with authority saying 'Be quiet! Come out of him!'. Suddenly on Jesus command, the unclean spirit pushed the man down and came out of him with a loud cry. The people who were seeing all these, were astonished at the authority with which Jesus even commanded the unclean spirits and delivered the man. They said to each other 'Here is a teaching that is new and with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." Jesus fame began to spread all through the surrounding regions of Galilee.

So, what is the message from God through this gospel? At the command of the word from Jesus, a man who had unclean habits was transformed to a good person. The word of Jesus has power and authority. Jesus taught with authority and not like ordinary teachers of scriptures. Why Jesus teachings were in authority? Because Jesus himself was the living word made flesh. When the word is spoken by Jesus, the word will happen. It was with this word that everything was made. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being (John 1:3). Therefore, the word of Jesus was with authority that even unclean spirits obeyed him.

Do we believe in the authority of Jesus and that God's word has power to transform our lives?

Trust in the word of God. Let us approach the word of God in Jesus name, in faith and humility, the word will work in our life according to the wish of God. When we are confused, pray to Jesus and open the word of God in Jesus name, it will clear off our confusion in the light of the word of God. If you are sad, seek the word of God, the word will comfort you in Jesus name. When you are in pain or when you discover someone sick, pray for them in the word of God in Jesus name. Jesus will intervene in their life and your life. Word of God in Jesus name has power to deliver, heal, guide us in truth, purify us, reborn us to Jesus. Jesus word have the authority and power to transform men to good. So, trust in the word of God and the authority of Jesus teachings.

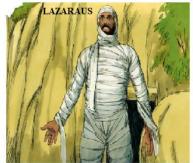
Where can we find Jesus teachings? In the Gospel. Read the gospel and learn the Jesus way. Let us not be just like the scribes, the people who just taught others but not lived themselves. Let us be people who live according to what we read and teach from the Gospel. The living word Jesus has the authority to transform us like him by our faith in him. Let us offer all our weaknesses and concerns to the authority of Jesus and his powerful words to transform us and all whom we pray for in the likeness of God.

OBEY AND TRUST JESUS' WORD!

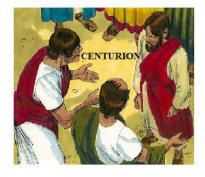
Below are the incidents from the Gospel showing obedience and faith to Jesus word. Match the correct pairs.



"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.



"Do whatever he tells you."

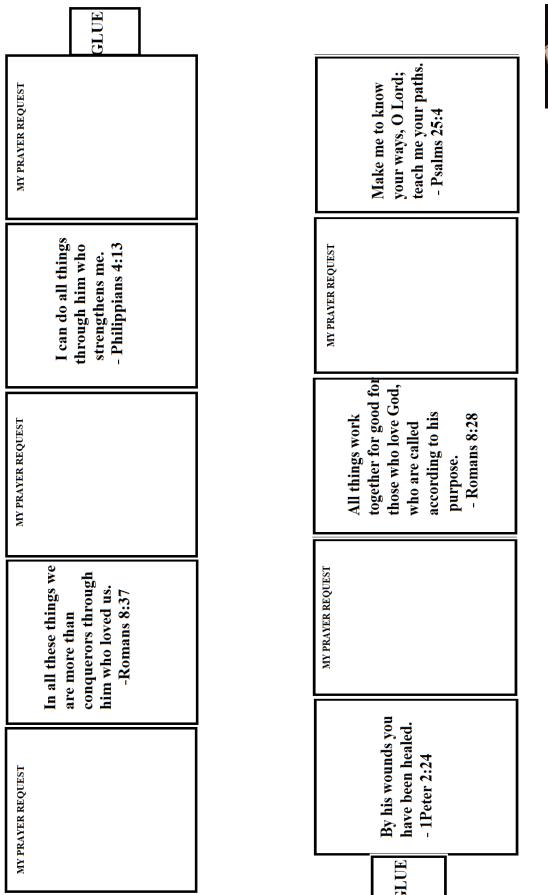


"Peace! Be still!"



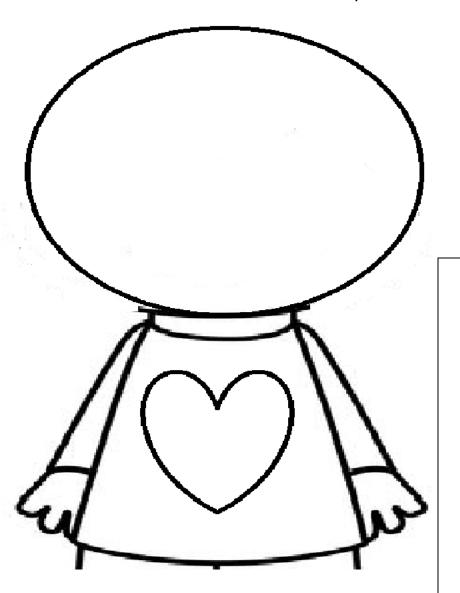
He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Make a 'prayer accordion' and pray with it always. Cut out the template, Fold along the lines, colour and decorate it to finish off your accordion as shown in the picture





Draw Jesus in your heart and declare, 'JESUS IS MY AUTHORITY; JESUS IS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR'



Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

- Matthew 28:18

FOLLOW THE JESUS WAY.
A NEW WAY OF TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY. UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS TO KNOW JESUS WAY.

- 1. ROGVIFE
- 2. VOLE
- 3. RECYM
- 4. TYLIMUHI
- 5. TENCEIPA
- 6. FRICEAICS
- 7. PACOMSION
- 8. LIVERED
- 9. LEAH
- 10. THATYUORI



"Dear Lord Jesus, your word is spirit and life. We thank you for giving us new birth by your living word. Give us grace by your Holy Spirit to have faith in the power of your word that transforms us to your likeness. We offer all our weaknesses and concerns to the authority of Jesus and his powerful words to transform us and all whom we pray for, to the likeness of God.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen."