



# STORIES OF JESUS IN MARK

LESSON PLANS

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# INTRODUCTION



Wesleyan Publishing House is happy to provide Speed Sketch Bible Stories customers with these free lesson plans and resources, which offer options and ideas for how to build a children's lesson around a Speed Sketch Bible Stories video. The "Review and Memory Time" options provided at the bottom of each lesson page refers to the additional Review Options PDF resource also available at [www.speedsketchbible.com](http://www.speedsketchbible.com). Some of the options provided in the Review Options resource suggest the use of an additional product available for purchase: BibleStoryCards, which is available for purchase at [www.wphresources.com/biblestorycards](http://www.wphresources.com/biblestorycards).

Blessings to you in your ministry,  
The WPH Staff

# CALMING THE STORM



**Story Reference:** Mark 4:35–41; Luke 7:22–25

**Memory Verse:** Mark 4:41 — “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

Today, Jesus is often thought of as only a “good guy” who has a special relationship with God. This misconception is easily picked up by children and carried by those who fail to recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. As the Son of God, he is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving. This story should help children realize that while we don’t always escape difficult situations immediately, God does love us. But in time Jesus will deliver us or help us to endure such situations. Jesus is more than a “good guy”; he is the Son of God who loves us and is our help and strength in times of need.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** A raincoat or umbrella

**Giveaway:** A toy boat or paper boat

**Story/Object Association:** When Jesus and the disciples were in a boat and were caught in a storm

### Review Questions

1. Where did Jesus want to sail? **(To the other side of the sea)**
2. What did Jesus do when he got into the boat? **(He fell asleep.)**
3. Why were the disciples afraid? **(Large waves poured inside the boat, and they thought they were going to drown.)**
4. What did Jesus tell the water to do? **(Be still)**
5. What did the disciples say about Jesus? **(They said, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”)**

**Life Application Question:** Who is Jesus? **(Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth because he loves us.)**

### Prayer Focus

Thanks to our loving God for helping us in times of need.

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Card Scramble #1
- What Am I? #10
- Bible Baseball #12
- Card Collection #20

### Memory Verse Options

- Chalkboard Verse #10
- Memory Verse Square #17
- Memory Verse Golf #18

### Memory Object Options

- Object Bag #3
- Object Poster #7

# CASTING OUT DEMONS



**Story Reference:** Mark 5:1–20

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 6:12 — “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

As children grow, their bodies and minds experience many changes. Oftentimes, adults will comment on a particular child’s development but will fail to discuss those changes with the child. Children need help in understanding what their bodies are going through and that God designed their bodies to change. In the same way, they also need help in understanding and appreciating the spiritual changes God desires for them. When children see the importance of spiritual changes that God makes in them, what they learn will last a lifetime.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** A toy pig

**Giveaway:** A toy pig

**Story/Object Association:** The demons who were cast into pigs

### Review Questions

1. What happened when Jesus got off the boat? (**A man ran to him.**)
2. Why was the man acting strangely? (**He was possessed by demons.**)
3. What did the demons beg Jesus to do? (**Not to send them away**)
4. What did Jesus tell the demons to do? (**Leave the man and go into a herd of pigs**)
5. What happened to the pigs? (**They ran down the hillside and into a lake where they died.**)

**Life Application Question:** How has God changed you? (*Allow for a variety of answers.*)

### Prayer Focus

Praise to God for changes he makes in us

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Name Scramble #7
- Beach Ball Review #15
- Story Card Spinner #19
- Bible Story Map #24

### Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Match #7
- Memory Verse Sticks #20
- Name That Verse #23

### Memory Object Options

- Name That Object #4
- Memory Object Bookmark #9

# TOUCHING THE GARMENT



**Story Reference:** Mark 5:24–34

**Memory Verse:** Mark 5:34 — He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

In this story, Jesus miraculously healed a woman. God is not confined to one method of healing. Children need to understand that people, such as the woman in the story, are sometimes healed immediately. In other cases, healing may take a long time. God often works through doctors and nurses to bring about healing. Though he chooses to heal in different ways, God sometimes allows people to *not* be healed, at least in this life. Jesus didn’t heal everyone in the world, and everyone he did heal eventually died.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** Hem of a garment

**Giveaway:** A piece of cloth

**Story/Object Association:** The sick woman who touched Jesus’ robe and was healed

### Review Questions

1. What happened when Jesus got off the boat? (**A crowd of people gathered around him.**)
2. What was wrong with the woman? (**She was very sick.**)
3. Why did she want to touch Jesus’ garment? (**She thought that if she could touch Jesus’ garment, she would be healed.**)
4. What happened when she touched the garment? (**She was healed instantly.**)
5. What did Jesus say to the woman? (**That because she had faith, she was healed**)

**Life Application Question:** Has God ever healed you? (*You may want to allow a couple children to tell a story of how they, or others they know, have been healed.*)

### Prayer Focus

Prayer for an ill person

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Card Scramble #1
- Character Quotes #8
- Who Am I? #16
- Bible Wheel of Fortune #29

### Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Mix #2
- Pass the Hat #9
- Guess a Letter #13

### Memory Object Options

- Object Match #2
- Musical Objects #6

# JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER



**Story Reference:** Mark 5:21–24, 35–43

**Memory Verse:** Mark 5:36 — "Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'"

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

Sadness visits children in a variety of forms. A child may experience sadness as a result of name-calling, the loss of a treasured possession, poor performance in an activity, or a more serious circumstance like divorce, the death of a loved one, or physical mistreatment. The key in this story is that all people feel sadness from time to time. Jesus will help us through times of grief and sadness, but these are emotions that we will always experience, even as Christians.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** A baby doll

**Giveaway:** A small toy baby doll

**Story/Object Association:** The little girl that Jesus brought back to life

### Review Questions

1. What is a synagogue? (**A place where Jews go to read and study the Scriptures**)
2. Why did Jairus go to see Jesus? (**Because Jairus's daughter was very sick.**)
3. What did the men tell Jairus about his daughter? (**That she had died**)
4. What did Jesus say to Jairus? (**Not to be afraid, but to believe**)
5. What did Jesus do when he got to Jairus's house? (**He brought the girl back to life.**)

**Life Application Question:** What makes you sad? (**When someone you love is hurt, when you feel alone — allow for a variety of answers.**)

### Prayer Focus

Someone who is going through a difficult time

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Bible Bingo #5
- Balloon Pop Review #13
- Card Collection #20
- Bible Story Bag #27

### Memory Verse Options

- Clothespin Review #5
- Memory Verse Golf #18
- Balloon Pop Race #21

### Memory Object Options

- Name That Object #4
- Object Mural #8

# FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND



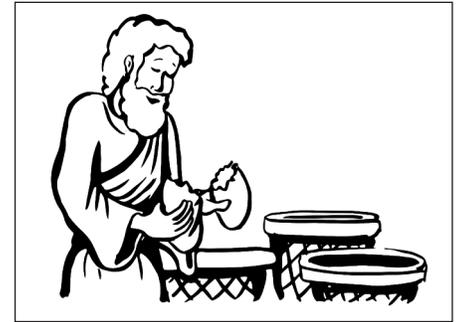
**Story Reference:** Mark 6:32–44; John 6:1–13

**Memory Verse:** John 6:35 — “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

In a culture where so many people have so many possessions, unfortunately it seems like an uphill battle to inspire people to give. We often see a spirit of generosity in crisis situations, but living a life of daily generosity is another matter. A small child with a small gift can make a difference. The boy who shared his lunch in this story is no different from the children of today, in that he had something to share. Help your children to see that this boy made a willful decision to share and that God blessed his gift.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** A lunch box

**Giveaway:** A lunch bag

**Story/Object Association:** The lunch that the little boy gave up so Jesus could feed five thousand people

### Review Questions

1. How many people were following Jesus? (**Around five thousand**)
2. What did Jesus want to provide for the people? (**Food to eat**)
3. What was in the little boy’s lunch? (**Five loaves of bread and two small fish**)
4. What happened to the bread and the fish? (**It multiplied as the disciples passed around the food to the people.**)
5. How much food was left over? (**Twelve baskets of bread and fish**)

**Life Application Question:** What can you give to God? (**Time, money, love —allow for a variety of answers.**)

### Prayer Focus

God multiplies generosity.

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Bible Tic-Tac-Toe #4
- Bible Pictionary #9
- Beach Ball Review #15
- Story Review Cards #23

### Memory Verse Options

- Clue Word Memory Cards #8
- Chalkboard Verse #10
- Memory Verse Bulletin Board #24

### Memory Object Options

- Bible Biography #1
- Object Sequence #5

# JESUS HEALS



**Story Reference:** Mark 10:46–52

**Memory Verse:** Mark 10:51 — “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

In a “give me . . . you owe me . . . I deserve it” culture, it doesn’t take children long to assume that Jesus is some sort of cosmic Santa Claus. True, Jesus does meet our needs according to his riches and glory. But there is a little catch—he is the One in charge of dispensing what we need, but not necessarily what we *want*. Help your children to focus on their needs and how Jesus meets them.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** Blindfold

**Giveaway:** A blindfold

**Story/Object Association:** Blind Bartimaeus

### Review Questions

1. What city was Jesus passing through? (**Jericho**)
2. What was the blind man’s name? (**Bartimaeus**)
3. How did the blind man get Jesus’ attention? (**He shouted at Jesus.**)
4. What did the blind man want? (**He wanted to see.**)
5. Why did Jesus heal the blind man? (**Because Bartimaeus had faith in Jesus.**)

**Life Application Question:** What things can Jesus do for us? (**Listen to our prayers, protect us — allow for a variety of answers.**)

### Prayer Focus

Asking for something that is needed

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Overhead Game #3
- Character Quotes #8
- Beach Ball Review #15
- Story Card Spinner #19

### Memory Verse Options

- Pass the Hat #9
- Round Table Memory #14
- Name That Verse #23

### Memory Object Options

- Object Bag #3
- Musical Objects #6

# THE WIDOW'S OFFERING



**Story Reference:** Mark 12:41-44

**Memory Verse:** Mark 12:44 — "They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on."

## STORYTELLING TIME

### To the Storyteller

"He won't share!" "That is mine and you can't play with it!" Sound familiar? Children usually do not intuitively share what they feel is theirs. Over time, with the help of God's Spirit, the lesson of sharing becomes a part of their lives. The widow in the story gave all she had to give. How much does God want us to give? This story encourages children to offer what they have to God and serves as a springboard to give instruction about tithing.



### Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

**Memory Object:** Two pennies

**Giveaway:** Two pennies for each child

**Story/Object Association:** The money the poor woman gave for Jesus

### Review Questions

1. What were the people bringing into the temple? (**Their offerings**)
2. Where did the people put their offering? (**Into the treasury box**)
3. What did the rich people put into the treasury box? (**Large amounts of money**)
4. What did the poor widow put into the treasury box? (**Two small copper coins**)
5. Why did Jesus say the woman gave more money? (**She gave all that she had, but the rich people gave out of their wealth.**)

**Life Application Question:** What do you have to give to God? (**Money, time, energy, love — allow for a variety of answers.**)

### Prayer Focus

Stewardship

## REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

### Review Options

- Bible Bingo #5
- Balloon Pop Review #13
- Story Card Spinner #19
- Bible Wheel of Fortune #29

### Memory Verse Options

- Round Table Memory #14
- Name That Verse #23
- Memory Verse Bulletin Board #24

### Memory Object Options

- Name That Object #4
- Object Mural #8