



# Demoniac

## Mark 5:1-20

### Review

- How did people respond when you told them last week's story?
- Was there a time this past week when you trusted or had faith for Jesus to help you?

### Hook Question

- What is something that really scares you? **OR**
- If you had Superman's power, what would you use it for?

### Tell the Story

### Retell

Have the group retell the story in their own words. Work together to recreate what was just heard asking 'what's next' questions.

### Personal/Group Retell

Assign different parts to people (Jesus, demoniac, herdsmen, townspeople and pigs) and act out the story. Give everyone a few minutes to practice so the story is told accurately.

### Introduction

*Jesus continues to do many miraculous things. He is showing the people that he is God and has power over everything. But his power is not only over the things that we can see and touch. He has power over angels, both good and bad. Let's see how he shows that in the today's Bible story...*

When they arrived at the other side of the lake, Jesus climbed out of the boat where he was met by a man possessed by an evil spirit who came out from a cemetery. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained. He was often put into chains and shackles but he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to hold him down. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

When Jesus was still far off, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. Jesus said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit." With a shriek, the man screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!"

Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." The evil spirits begged Jesus again and again not to send them to some distant place.

There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them."

**Discussion Questions**

Listed below are some basic questions that can be asked. You may want to supplement these questions with other Head, Heart, and Hands questions.

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- What were the main events in the story?
- What do you learn about God in this story?
- How does this story affect your life?
- How can you put this insight into practice this week?

**Story Continued...**

So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered all 2000 pigs, who plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

The herdsmen ran to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, telling people the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and the man who had been possessed by all those demons. He was sitting there fully dressed and perfectly normal. The people were all afraid. They told others what had happened to the man and the pigs. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man whom Jesus had healed, begged to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." So the man went and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him. Everyone was amazed at what he told them.

**Closing Blessing**

**Read** Ephesians 6:10-12

**Pray** May you be blessed with the power and authority that Christ gives you as a follower of Him. Lord, help us to know and engage in the spiritual fight that is always around us.