

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

# Teaching and Healing

from Mark 1:21-28.



Epiphany 4

**The Holy Spirit is alive in all of us.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Synagogue
- Unclean spirit
- Authority
- Galilee

Mark 1:21 begins one of four stories in Mark's gospel that show Jesus casting out demons from people. The others start at 3:19, 5:1, and 7:24. Each story shows the power Jesus has over unclean spirits. When he commands them out of people, they obey.

## Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 254-255

*Spark Bible* page 1101

## Family Prayer

Dear Jesus, We know the Holy Spirit surrounds us every day. Fill us with your wisdom as we go out into the world sharing your name, and help us when we need healing. In your name, Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 How have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life recently?
- 2 How did Jesus teach differently than the scribes and teachers of the law in the synagogue?
- 3 Even though we can't witness Jesus' miracles firsthand, in what ways can we show Jesus' authority to the world today?
- 4 What do you think an unclean spirit is like?



### Eye Spark

When you see a family member or friend who is sick, remember how Jesus cast out sickness from the man in the synagogue. The Spirit's gift of healing is an important one, even today!



### Ear Spark

When you hear your pastor preaching and teaching, remember the authority Jesus showed in this story. He commanded the unclean spirit to leave, and it listened!

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Brainstorm a list of all the different authority figures in your life—teachers, pastors, etc. Then talk about how Jesus gives authority to each of us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### For younger kids

You may not have healing powers like Jesus, but you can help someone you know who is sick. The next time a friend or family member is sick, show them the gift of compassion by bringing them a hot meal or helping them clean their house.

### For older kids

Go online and find out about how the synagogue worked in Jesus' time. Why was it so surprising for Jesus to speak with such authority there?