Healing of Demoniac and Peter's Mother-in-law

(Based on Mark 1:21-34, Luke 4:31-41, Matthew 8:14-17)

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One Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and taught. The people were amazed at his teaching because he taught them like a person who is the boss and knows what he is talking about; not like the religious teachers taught.

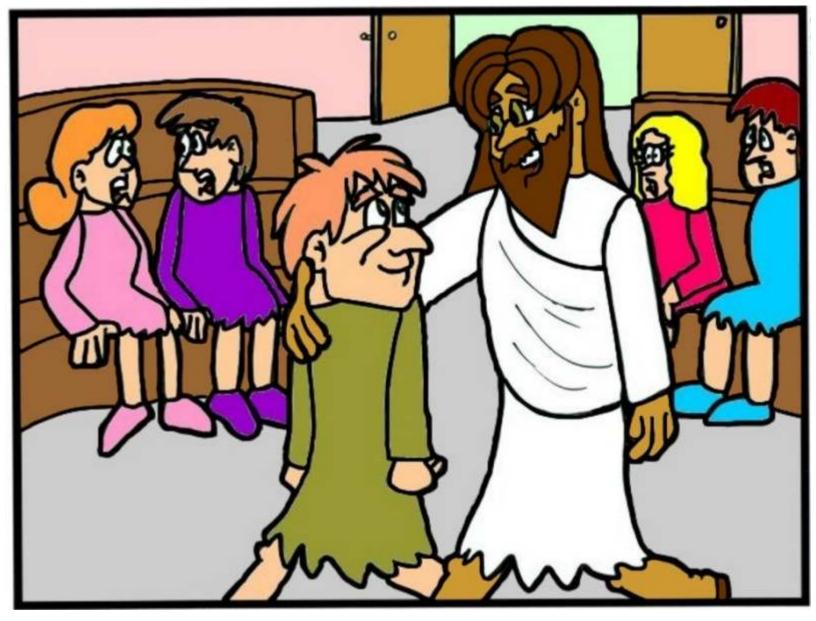
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"What do you want with us? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God," cried a man in the synagogue. This man had an evil spirit in him. "Be quiet and come out of him!" ordered Jesus.



The evil spirit threw the man down on the floor, cried with a loud scream and then he came out of him.



"What is this new teaching?" whispered everyone. "He commands the evil spirits and they obey him!" All over the countryside people talked about Jesus and the things he was doing.



Jesus left the synagogue and he went with some of his disciples to Peter's house. "Jesus, someone is sick in this house. Could you come and heal her?" the people asked.



The sick lady was Peter's wife's mother. She had a fever. Jesus touched her hand and commanded, "Fever get off this lady." The fever instantly left her.



"I feel all better now. I'll just get up and take care of you boys," said the older lady. And that's just what she did.



That evening people from all over the countryside came to Peter's house. They brought sick and demon possessed people so Jesus could heal them and set them free.



Lord, thank you that you are the same yesterday, today and forever. You can still heal people and set them free.