



# Walk As Jesus Did

A study for children on the life of Jesus

## Family Devotional (3/29/20)

**Key Point:** Jesus has authority over demons.

Today, we want to learn that Jesus has authority over demons. In Luke 4:31-37 we see demons submit to and obey Jesus' command. God's children do not need to be afraid, because Jesus is in charge.

### What we want the kids to know:

- Even demons fear and obey Jesus.
- There is infinite power in the name of Jesus.
- Those who love and trust Jesus are safe.
- God is in charge of everything, including Satan and demons.

### What we want the kids to do:

- Rightly respond to Jesus' authority:
  - Develop a holy fear and reverence for the Lord.
  - Trust Him in His authority over everything.

### Text for Study: Luke 4:31-37 (Read it together)

*And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.*

**Create discipleship time:** As a family, spend time reading and talking about God's word.

1. What are demons?  
Demons are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world. They obey Satan and are our enemies (because they are God's enemies and we belong to Him and are made in His image).
2. Think about the man who had the demon. Who was stronger: The man or the demon?  
The demon.
3. Think about Jesus. Who was stronger: Jesus or the demon?  
Jesus.
4. What did Jesus tell the demon to do?  
Jesus told the demon to be quiet and come out of the man.
5. What did the demon do?  
The demon stopped talking and came out of the man. The demon listened to and obeyed Jesus.



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6. Why did the demon listen to and obey Jesus?  
Jesus had authority to tell the demon to leave. Jesus had the power and right to set the man free.
7. Are demons still real today?  
Yes.

Together, read **Romans 8:38-39**. Explain that “rulers” in this passage refers to demons. Write down all the things listed in these verses.

1. Are there any words you do not recognize or understand?
2. What promise do you see in this passage?  
Nothing can separate God’s children from His love.
3. Why can none of the things listed separate God’s children from His love?  
Because they were all created by God and Jesus has authority over them all.
4. How does trusting Jesus’ authority over all things, including demons, protect God’s children from fear?  
They can be confident in Jesus’ ability and desire to protect them.
5. As a family, how can we encourage one another to trust Jesus’ good authority?

**Other scriptures for study:** Proverbs 18:10; Ephesians 6:10-20

6. What does it look like to run to Jesus and be safe?  
Praying to God and asking for protection, reading about God and things that are true in the Bible, remembering who God is and what He promises, believing the truth of God’s word, asking for prayer from other Christians, singing to God, etc.

**Capture discipleship moments:** Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. What did we learn about Jesus today?  
Jesus has authority over demons.

Encourage your child(ren) that everything good comes from Jesus, but anything bad is not from Him and should be commanded to leave in Jesus’ name. The point is not to fear demons but rather know, love, trust, obey, and worship Jesus.

**Pray together as a family.** Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person’s request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

**This Month’s Memory Verse**

*The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.* **John 3:35**