

The Pass-the-Plate Devos



"FAMILIES PASSING ON THE FAITH AS THEY PASS THEIR PLATES AT THE FAMILY TABLE DURING THE FOURTH WEEK OF EPIPHANY"



WHO HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER? WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER AND WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM OR HER?



1. Where and when did Jesus go into the synagogue to teach?
2. What did the man who was possessed by an evil spirit cry out?
3. What did Jesus command the evil spirit to do?
4. What did the people who saw these events take place say to each other?
5. Let's take a look at the people in this passage. How would you feel, what would you see and hear and think if you were the man who was possessed by an evil spirit, but later, set free? What if you were the people in the synagogue?
6. The Bible says that the good news about Jesus spread quickly over the whole region. Imagine that there had been a newspaper at this time. What would the headlines have read?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Contact your church office for a list of people in your congregation who are sick. Every day, remember three of these people in your prayers.

Bible Focus: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!