

Hi Everyone; This week's theme is "Who is in Control?" In this crazy mixed up world where even the light at the end of the tunnel disappears sometimes, today's reading is strong and powerful. Mark 1;27-28, *When the people saw and heard Jesus they were dumbfounded and began to ask one another, "What is this?" "A new kind of teaching! He speaks with authority." "When He gives orders, even the unclean spirits submit to Him." The news spread rapidly and soon He was spoken of all over the district of Galilee.*

The song today is a well known one that gives us courage and perspective.

"He's got the Whole World in His Hands" and the first craft shows this image. The second painted craft shows how we can help. When we give love to others, we give love to God. The third craft is a puzzle piece that shows how each of us is a piece of the puzzle that is a part of God's vision of a perfect world. We don't know how or when our puzzle piece will fit in but we can be sure that one day it will. God is in control.

Stay strong, ask for help if you need it and keep praying.

Blessings to all of you

Merilee

Who's in Control? (I will make you fishers of men) Jan.31

Scripture; 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." Mark 1:27 (NIV)

Theme; Is Jesus in control of your life? **Object;** A remote control

Do you know what this is? Sure you do. It is a remote control. Some of you may have a TV that has a remote control. When you are watching TV, you can turn the TV off or on, change channels, and adjust the volume. Do you know what? There are some remote controls that can do much more than that. I have seen some remote controls that can control up to fifteen different things -- they are called universal remote controls. They can control everything on your TV. You can go fast forward, slow motion, reverse, or pause a movie while you go and get a snack. When you have a universal remote control, you are in complete control. That's amazing isn't it?

Our Bible lesson today takes place over 2000 years ago. Jesus showed people his amazing control of everything around him. It was on the Sabbath day like our Sundays are days we worship God, and Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. There was a man there who was possessed by an evil spirit. When Jesus went near him, the man cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, you are the holy one of God."

"Be quiet!" Jesus said. Then he spoke to the evil spirit, "Come out!" Do you know what happened? The evil spirit did exactly what Jesus commanded. It came out of the man.

The Bible tells us that the people were amazed. They looked at one another and asked, "What's going on here? Even evil spirits obey his orders." There was power in the words that Jesus spoke that day. On that day, Jesus came in and took control of the life of that man. His life would never be the same!

Jesus wants to be in control of our lives too in order to help us make good choices. He wants to be in control to help us with the plans we make, the words we say, the things we do, and the places we go. Why? It's because he wants what is best for you. The Bible tells us that God has a plan for us. It is a good plan that will give us hope and a bright future for the world, but we will never see that plan work unless we allow Jesus to be in control. For God's plan to work, He will help us to use our gifts, the special abilities that God gave us, the things we enjoy doing and use them to better the whole world.

Father, we want Jesus to be in control of our life. We know that he wants what is best for us and that is what we want too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sing a Song; He's got the Whole world in His Hands

Who's In Control? Group Activities

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

IN AND OUT OF CONTROL:

Let the children scatter around the room and begin doing the things that the teacher gives them directions to do which will be things that are hard to CONTROL, such as, standing on one foot, standing on their heads, doing cart wheels, standing against a wall with their feet out and only their back against the wall; and anything else that the teacher can think of that might be difficult to control.

The teacher will start by making everyone in control all at once for three minutes (or 2) They can each do what ever they want to do. Then the teacher will take control and call out an activity for the children to do such as walk, run, skip, or hop. When the teacher says, "STOP", the children must stop the activity and stand perfectly still. The teacher will then call out a different activity and say "GO." The children will then begin the new activity until the teacher says, "Stop." This activity will continue with the teacher being in control to show that a better time is had and more gets accomplished with one person in control at a time..

CONTROL WALKING:

Give each child something to carry on the top of their heads, such as a boiled or plastic egg, an empty toilet paper tube, a pencil, or a paper cup. Let children walk around the room and see who can last the longest with their "controlled walking"! Talk about today's lesson and how much CONTROL that Jesus had!

CONTROLLED "ME":

Give the children a long piece of butcher paper and the child can lay on the paper and have an outline of each child drawn on the paper. Children can color the child's clothes and draw a banner on the child's picture-shirt that will say JESUS IS IN CONTROL OF ME! Children could tape their outlines to the classroom wall!

CONTROL LOOPS:

Give the children various colors of thin strips of paper about 8" x 1". Write on the strips things that GOD is in control of (such as money, church, family, the child, my school, the weather, etc), and then make a loop with the piece of paper. Loop each thin strip of paper inside of each other, tape, and continue to add loops as time allows to form a CONTROL LOOP train and hang on the classroom wall. Have a circle PRAYER together as a class to have GOD be in CONTROL of all those things. (For younger children, the teacher or helpers could write the ideas that the children have and then let the children paste or tape their loops together.)

SCRIPTURE CONTROL WRITING:

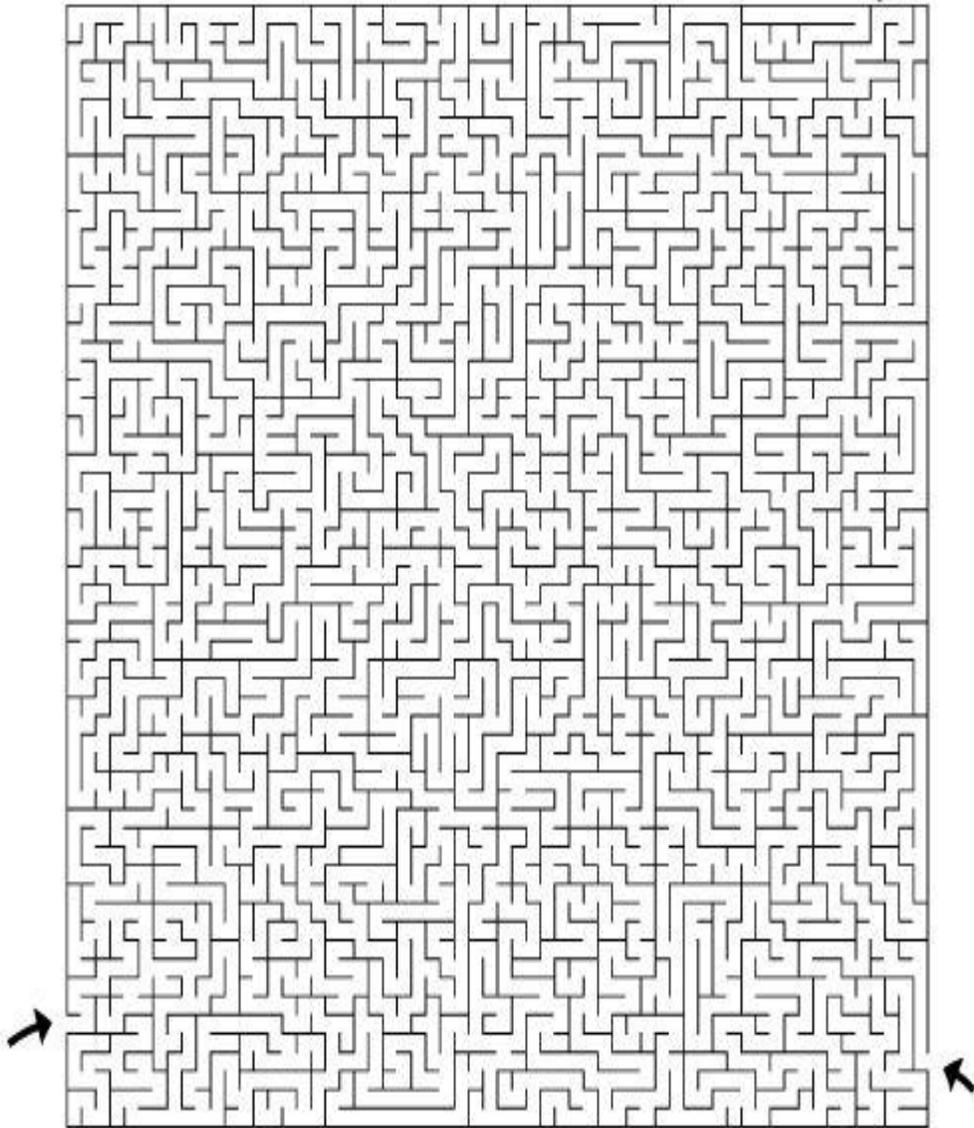
Hand out an outline drawing of a big Bible to each child. Give children a pencil to put in their hand that they usually do NOT write with, or in their teeth, or blindfolded to write out words from today's Bible verse and lesson, such as "amazed", "authority", "obey Him", etc. Tell children today's lesson is about the CONTROL and power that JESUS has.

CONTROL TREAT:

Let the children FEED each other a cereal or M&M treat from a spoon and try to CONTROL the spoon so no cereal or M&M's fall off the spoon! This will be very hard because children will begin to giggle! Make sure all children get a chance at feeding another child their treat for the day!



FOLLOW JESUS!





SJSEU

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AETCH

8 1 4

TSRIPI

6 7 3

YEBO

5 9

The people were amazed because Jesus taught them as one who had _____.

Mark 1:22 (NIV)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:22 (NIV) Solutions follows song

Sing a Song:

<p>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</p> <p>He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands</p> <p>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</p> <p>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</p> <p>He's got the brothers and the sisters in His hands</p> <p>He's got the sisters and the brothers in His hands</p> <p>He's got the itsy bitsy babies in His hands</p> <p>He's got the whole world in His hands.</p>	<p>Verses</p> <p>2.) He's got the mommies and the daddies in His hands</p> <p>3.) He's got the little bitty insects in His Hands</p> <p>4.) He's got the mountains and the valleys in His hands.</p> <p>Keep going.....think up your own!</p>
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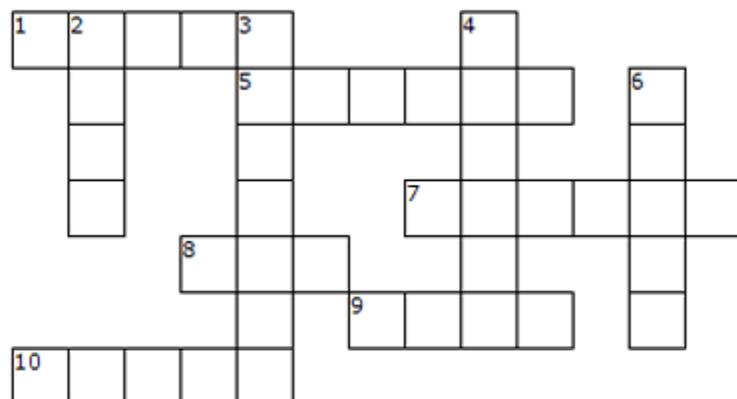
Solution

Jesus
teach
spirit
obey
authority

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Based on Mark 1:21-28



ACROSS

1. The Son of God
5. To be extremely surprised
7. A supernatural being such as a demon
8. An adult male human being
9. To do what you are told or expected to do
10. To instruct or train someone

DOWN

2. Immoral, bad, or wicked
3. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
4. Human beings; men, women and children
6. Making very little or no noise

SPIRIT	OBEY	SABBATH	MAN	TEACH
PEOPLE	EVIL	JESUS	QUIET	AMAZED

For the video crafts this week you will need;

1. Round coffee filter. Green and blue markers. Water spray bottle, paper towels. Flesh coloured paper, scissors
Blue or black construction paper, stars optional



God's Plan is for the Whole World

2. Large piece of Bristol board or foam core board. Scissors. A puzzle piece to copy. Marker



I am a Puzzle piece in God's Plan