

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 1:21-34

SESSION SUMMARY

People knew Jesus as a healer, but in this week's session, they see Him as One with authority over sickness and "unclean spirits" (Mark 21:27). With only a few words, Jesus commanded the demons' silence and commanded them to leave the man they'd possessed—and they obeyed. The crowd was shocked at His authority. After this, Jesus healed Peter's mother, and when people got news of where He was, they brought many sick and demon-possessed to Him to be healed. These stories show us that we can trust the One who has all authority. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Jesus has authority over evil (Mark 1:21-28).
- Jesus has authority over sickness (Mark 1:29-34).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What does the word "authority" mean to each of us? How would we describe what it means that Jesus has authority over all things?
- Why do you think our culture is so obsessed with darkness, horror, and the demonic in entertainment? How can we guard ourselves against this influence in our lives?
- What spiritual battles are our family currently facing? According to Scripture, how should we fight them? (See Eph. 6:10-18 for help.)

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Together, discuss any practices your family engages in that might lead to an open door for the enemy to work in your lives. Are you reading books with demons depicted as heroes? Are you watching horror films that glorify wickedness and evil? Are you using items tied to darkness, like tarot cards and Ouija boards? Spend some time determining which items might need to be tossed and pray that God would help you learn to guard your hearts from the enemy's influences, even in ways that seem subtle or small.