

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 7:24-37

SESSION SUMMARY

The New Testament is filled with stories of Jesus healing the sick, the deaf, the blind, and the possessed. In this week's passage, we see that Jesus healed a girl from demon possession—the daughter of a Gentile. Then, He healed a man who was deaf and struggled to speak. All around Him, the people were amazed, saying, "He has done everything well!" Once again, we see that nothing is impossible for Jesus in our lives either. Because of Jesus's authority, we are healed. These are the main ideas:

- Jesus bring us out of darkness (Mark 7:24-30).
- Jesus heals us (Mark 7:31-37).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What can our family learn from the Gentile mother about the right way to approach Jesus with our requests?
- How can stories of Jesus healing in the Bible—and in the lives of people we know or know of—strengthen our family's faith and hope as we wait for Jesus to return?
- Where does our family need Jesus to bring us out of darkness? Where do we need Him to heal us—physically, emotionally, mentally, even spiritually?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Look up Scriptures about Jesus being the Light of the World or how God's Word brings light to our lives. (Ps. 119:105 and John 8:12 are great starting points.) Using sticky notes or index cards, write out the ones that connect most with you. Place them where you'll see them often as a reminder that Jesus brings us out of darkness. If you want to take it a step further, look up verses about how we are the light of the world too. (Matt. 5:14-16 and 1 John 1:5-7 are good places to start.) Then, pray over who needs the light of Jesus in their lives and how your family can be light to them.