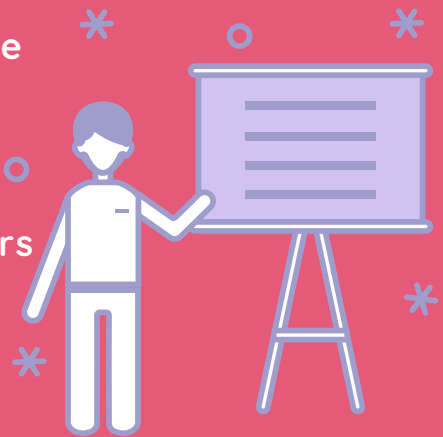


# KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 31st January  
"Jesus Has Authority"

## READ

Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people there were amazed at his teaching. He did not teach like their teachers of the law. He taught like a person who had authority. While he was in the synagogue, a man was there who had an evil spirit in him. The man shouted, "Jesus of Nazareth! What do you want with us? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are—God's Holy One!" Jesus said strongly, "Be quiet! Come out of the man!" The evil spirit made the man shake violently. Then the spirit gave a loud cry and came out of him. The people were amazed. They asked each other, "What is happening here? This man is teaching something new. And he teaches with authority. He even gives commands to evil spirits, and they obey him." And the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the area of Galilee.



Mark 1:21-28

# THINK



- Who has power over you?
- Who gives you instructions or information?
- Do you know what it means to have authority?

Authority means someone or something is in charge. It means that for some reason, they have the ability to tell you what to do. For instance, the police have authority to make sure we obey the laws. A teacher has authority to communicate the information you need to know in school. Someone who writes an important book or article might have authority to tell you information because they've studied and know a lot about a topic. Well, what about Jesus? How can we know that He has authority, and where does His authority come from? In the Gospel lesson today, people noticed the power of Christ and how He taught with authority. He wasn't just saying fancy words but seemed to really know what He was talking about, and the people were impressed.

But they became even more impressed when Jesus put action behind His words. The people who saw the event take place were amazed. They realized that Jesus did have true authority. He taught like He knew what He was saying, because He really did know what He was saying. He had control. He had the strength to control and teach anyone and anything...not everyone who saw Jesus believed this. But those who recognized His authority also recognized His love and saw that He had authority from God. And what do we take from this? Well, we know that Jesus still does have strength and authority. His words are true and reliable, more so than anything else we could read or hear or imagine. His authority comes from Lord. And where do we get His words? From the Bible of course! This is our source of information, and we know it is the true word of God. We know that Jesus has power, and that we can trust what He says. We can pray to Him, knowing He cares for us and loves us and hears us. When we rely upon Him, we can have confidence He will provide. We can listen to Him and know that He's in control!



# Pray

Dear God,  
We know that You have all power and authority  
You are stronger than anything we can imagine  
Help us to trust in You  
And make you authority in our lives  
Thank you for your love  
Amen!

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