

# KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 6th June  
God's United Family



Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”



In the story, we heard that it was so crowded that the people could not even eat – can you imagine a place being so crowded that you couldn't even eat? We also heard that some of the people were saying mean things about Jesus. And then Jesus' mother and brothers try to pull Jesus away from his work! All of these moments of people not working together is why Jesus then tells the crowd that a house that is divided against itself cannot stand. Which is why Jesus then tells them to not say no to God's Holy Spirit. Here's what Jesus means by those words: We need God's spirit in us and in our lives before we can work well with each other. But, when we don't ask for and then accept God's help and spirit, then we aren't able to work very well together, just like we saw in today's scripture story.

This is also why Jesus says that whoever pays attention to God is his brother and sister and mother. He's saying that when we pay attention to God, then we'll be working together with Jesus, just like a family – a really big and loving family. Nowadays, we call this family of Jesus', "The church". But to make it work well we have to keep paying attention to God and keep inviting God into our lives because it is God's spirit in us that keeps us working together. And when we work together with God and each other, amazing things can and do happen!



## Pray

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus who teaches us how to invite you into our lives so that we can then work together.

Thank you and amen

# We Are Family

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."  
Mark 3:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 3:20-35



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LAW	EAT	MOTHER	DISCIPLES	KINGDOM
HOUSE	BROTHER	SEATED	TEACHERS	GOD