



Sunday, January 31, 2021
Teaching and Healing Mark 1:21-28



What's the Big Idea?

Jesus speaks — and amazing things happen.

In today's story, Jesus does some teaching, and surprises everyone with the way he teaches. It says that he teaches "as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (verse 22).

Authority means...

- a) Knowing A LOT about a subject
- b) Power to influence or command a certain way of thinking or behaving among others
- c) Having confidence
- d) All of the above



If you said, *d) All of the above*, you're correct! In today's story, the religious leaders of the time, scribes and Pharisees, had authority like Jesus, but theirs came from tradition and the influence they held within society. Jesus took everyone by surprise when he taught, because his authority came from God. This ruffled a lot of feathers among the scribes and Pharisees and news about Jesus' special power began to spread quickly!

Read the story!

Find this week's story on pages 254-255 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Talk About It

- 1) What do you know about the Holy Spirit? How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone who didn't know what it was?
- 2) How have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life recently?
- 3) How did Jesus teach differently than the scribes and teachers of the time?
- 4) In what ways can we show Jesus' authority to the world today?
- 5) What do you think an unclean spirit is like?

Pray: Dear Jesus, We know your loving Holy Spirit surrounds us every day. Fill us with your wisdom as we go out into the world sharing your name, and help us when we need healing. In your name, Amen.

Live It Together

The Holy Spirit is alive in all of us! Brainstorm a list of all the different authority figures in your life—teachers, pastors, etc. Why or how do these people have their authority?

Then talk about how Jesus gives authority to each of us through the power of the Holy Spirit. How do we use our authority for good in the world?

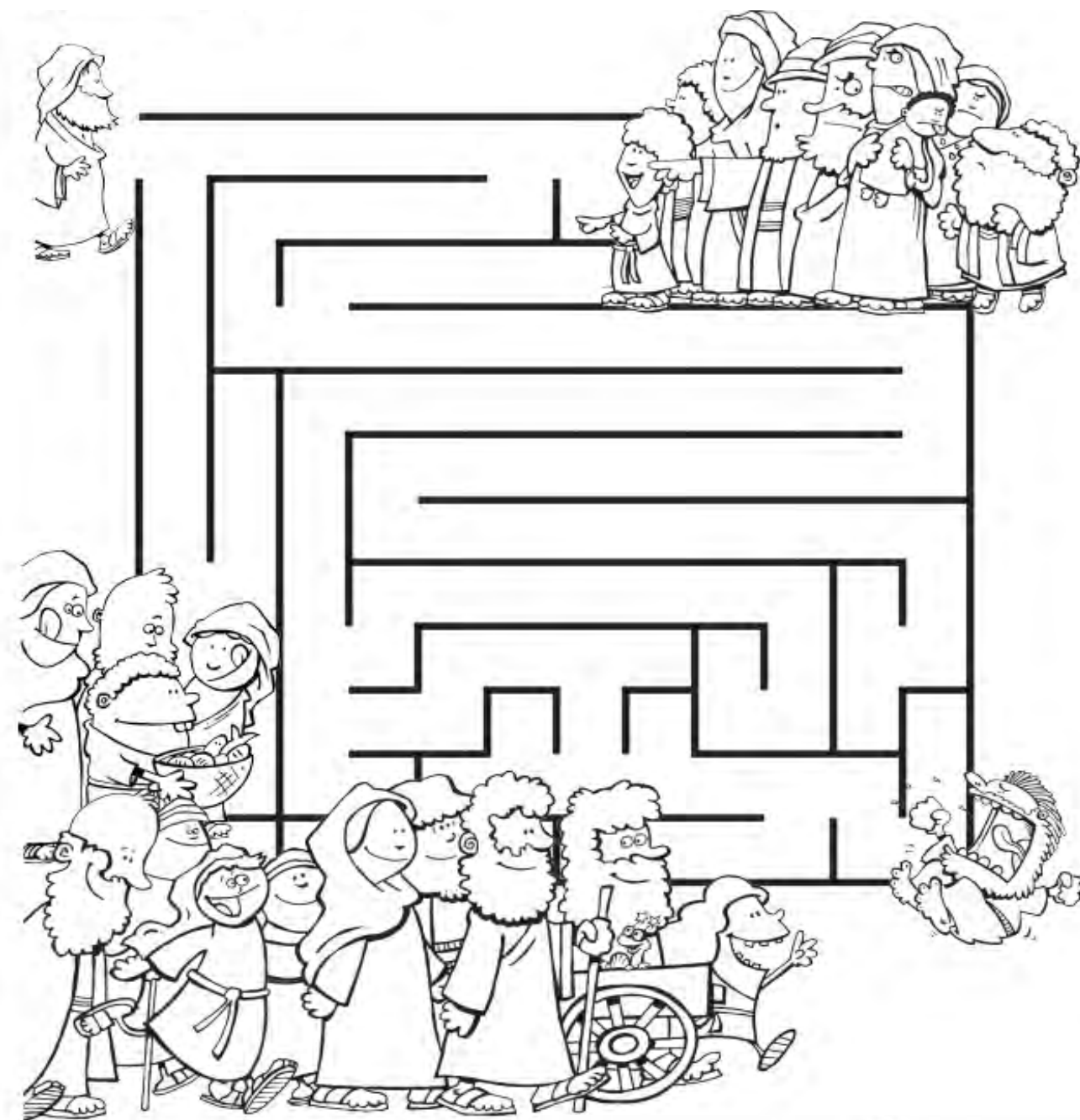
Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." Mark 1:27

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Find the sick



Jesus loves all people and notices a sick man while he is teaching. Jesus wants to heal the sick man, even though the crowd doesn't want him to talk. Help Jesus find the sick man in the maze above!

It's Jesus. He's teaching.

What would it be like to have Jesus as your teacher?

