



Sunday, September 26, 2021
Share God's Love * Mark 9:38-50



What's the Big Idea?

Spread the news about God's love and Jesus!

Jesus' disciples were frustrated that someone who was not a disciple was teaching people about Jesus. But Jesus explained to his confused disciples that, "It is important to help people who believe in me, no matter who they are. It is not a good thing to stop someone from believing in me. All of God's children can help each other have faith. Be at peace with other people!" This lesson of sharing the news about God's love and Jesus is so important, that it shows up in other Gospels, too! You can find this same story not only in Mark, but in Matthew and Luke, too.



Read It

Find this week's story on pages 326-327 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

God's love is meant to be shared! Using construction paper and markers, make "Jesus Loves You!" hearts to share with all your family and friends.



The song, *This Little Gospel Light of Mine* is about sharing God's love! Try singing it, or listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdy30DQ3Tds>.

Talk About It

- 1) Another way to describe the frustration the disciples felt when they saw someone else teaching about Jesus is the word, "jealousy." When have you felt jealous?
- 2) How does your family show love?
- 3) How can we help others believe in God and Jesus?
- 4) Tell about a time when you were either an "insider" or an "outsider" and somebody was jealous.

Pray: Dear God, sometimes it can be hard to share something that's really, really good. But, you've taught us that your love is too good not to share! Help us to see opportunities to share your love and to be generous with it! Amen.

Memorize It

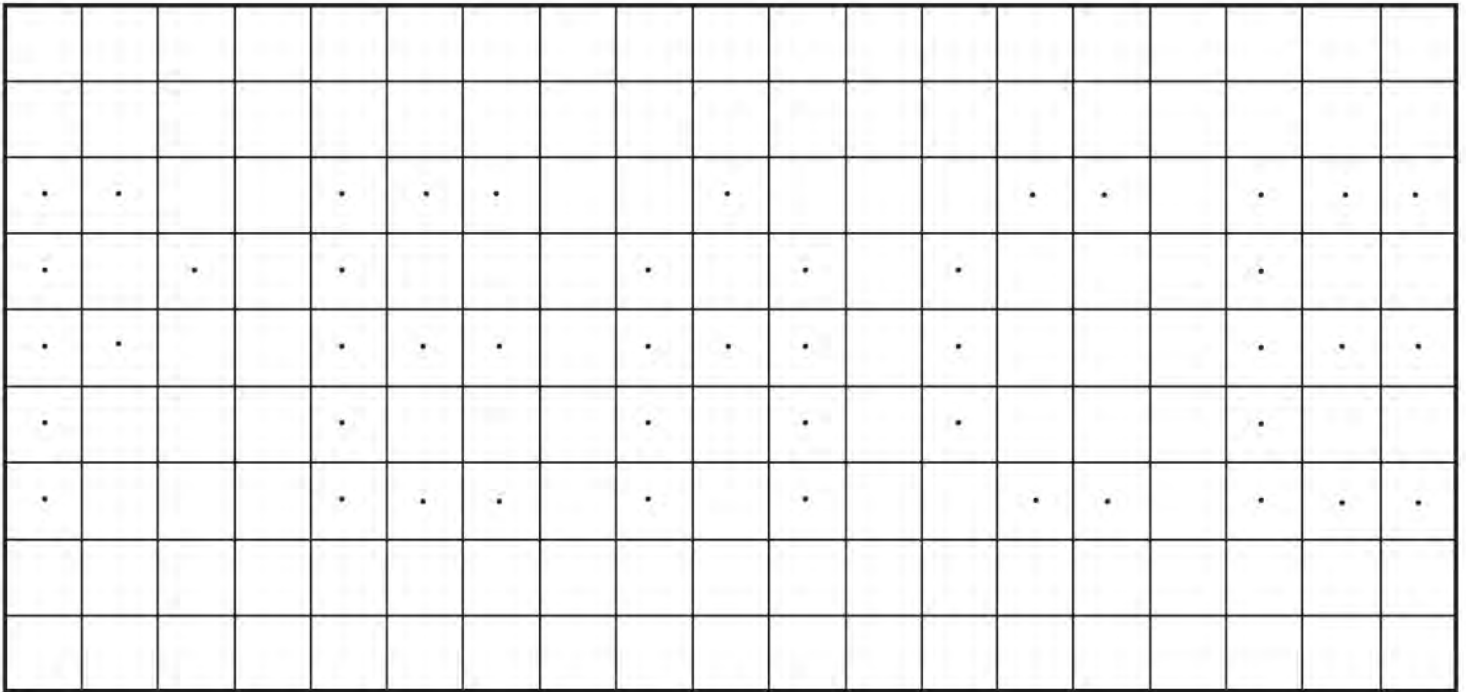
Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

**Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?
Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.**

Mark 9:50

Sharing God's Love

Jesus told the disciples that we can ALL love and help each other have faith. Color all of the squares with a dot in them to discover how God wants us all to live. God wants us to live together in:



ANSWER: PEACE

Jesus explained things to the confused disciples. "It is important to help people who believe in me, no matter who they are."

