LESSON 24

Jesus' power over evil



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus has power over evil … and that he empowers his followers to overcome evil, too. In the Name and the power of Jesus, we can defeat evil.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 9:14-29**

Memory Verse: **Mark 9:23**
"Everything is possible for him who believes."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Think of some things you have found very hard to do. Examples: finding money to pay for school fees, talking to your friends or family about the Lord Jesus. **Give some examples from your personal experience, too.**

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Today's story is about a man who had a very big problem. His son was very ill and no-one was able to cure him.
2. **Describe the son's illness.** It must have been heartbreaking and very frightening to see a boy controlled by an evil spirit (9:17-18a).
3. The father first went to Jesus' disciples for help. They were not able to do anything (9:18b).
4. When the boy came near Jesus the evil spirit recognised him as the Son of God and treated the boy very roughly (9:20).
   Jesus' questions showed his concern for the boy. The father did not have much hope that even Jesus could help. Still, he believed that if anyone could help them, Jesus was the One (9:21-22). **Show Picture 24.** Jesus said to him, "Everything is possible for him who believes" (9:23).
5. Immediately, the father reacted by asking Jesus to help his son. The crowd came running to see what would happen. Jesus healed the boy when everyone thought the child was dead (9:24-27).
6. Afterwards Jesus' disciples asked him why they couldn't succeed in healing the boy. Jesus told them they needed to learn to use the power of prayer (9:28-29).

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Our Response to the Story

Jesus has defeated all evil. When we pray he gives us the power to do this too. Today's memory verse contains a wonderful promise. However, it doesn't mean we may pray irresponsibly or selfishly. The power of prayer must be used in accordance with God's will (1 Jn 5:14).

Instil the Memory Verse



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