

**Objectives:**

Through this story the child will be able to:

1. Describe God's control and power displayed through Jesus Christ.
2. Trust God when there is something bad going on around the child.

**Materials:**

coloring sheets, crayons or markers

**Opening Activities:**

Attendance, Bible, Visitor chart; recite verse from memory

**A. Focusing event:**

Songs— Read your Bible pray every day, God's love is like a circle, He's able; prayer

**B. Instruction:** *page 2***C. Tying the net:** *page 2***D. Teaching the memory verse:**

*1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*

Divide the verse into short sections. Print each section on an open-Bible pattern.

Give the open Bible to children to hold.

Have the children stand before the class in proper order so that the verse can be read correctly. Say the verse together several times. Then as the children become more familiar with the verse, ask one of the children holding a Bible to turn his Bible around so the blank side is showing. Try the verse together with the one blank Bible, then with two blank Bibles, etc., until everyone can say the verse from memory.

**E. Independent activity:**

coloring sheet

What would you do if you saw a herd of pigs running off a cliff? Would that not be a funny sight?! You would think that they all went crazy and out of control! Well they would go out of control if the same thing happened as these pigs in the story.

1. Jesus and the disciples arrive at Gadarenes. *(v. 26)*
2. A certain man with devils comes before them. *(v. 27)*
3. When the man saw Jesus he fell before Him. *(v. 28)*
4. Jesus commanded the demons to come out of the man. *(v. 29)*
5. Jesus asks him his name. He says, Legion because there were many devils in him. *(v. 30)*
6. They ask not to be cast into the deep. *(v. 31)*
7. They ask to be cast into the swine (pigs) *(v. 32)*
8. Jesus casts them into the swine and they run down a steep hill into the lake. *(v. 33)*

Is that not wonderful to see that Jesus Christ has more power than demons? Whenever there is something or someone that is bad around us we know that God is stronger and as Christians we do not need to be afraid. God is in control.

EVALUATION

Of the Student:

Does the child show confidence in God's control when he is placed in a bad situation?

Does he worry about his situation or ask for prayer?

Of the teaching session:

Did the child participate in the song time?

Did the child listen well to the story?

Can the child retell the story?

Can the child tell the main points/lesson of the story?

Can the child say the memory verse?