

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Luke 8:26-39

Session Summary

One Jesus versus a legion of demons with super strength, having snapped shackles and chains—but the demons are the ones begging for their lives. Jesus commanded them to come out of the man, and they had to obey the Son of the Most High God. They asked Jesus' permission to enter a herd of pigs, which again reveals Jesus' authority because the demons needed His permission, which He granted. The large herd went crazy, ran into the sea, and drowned. Jesus succeeded with mere words in freeing the man from his spiritual shackles. His sanity had been returned to him through the intervention of the supernatural Savior of humanity. Naturally, the man wanted to go with Jesus. He wanted to be with his Savior and learn from Him. Instead, Jesus instructed the man to go and share the good news of what happened.

Conversation Questions

- How does this passage reveal the power and authority of Jesus?
- In what ways has Jesus set us free from our spiritual shackles?
- What keeps our family from spending time with God?
- How are we actively sharing the good news of the gospel with those around us?

Family Challenge

Encourage each member of your family to write down their testimony of when they began following Jesus. Ask them to write on three major points: 1) Life before following Jesus; 2) Meeting Jesus; 3) Life following Jesus. Once everyone writes their story down, take some time sharing with one another.