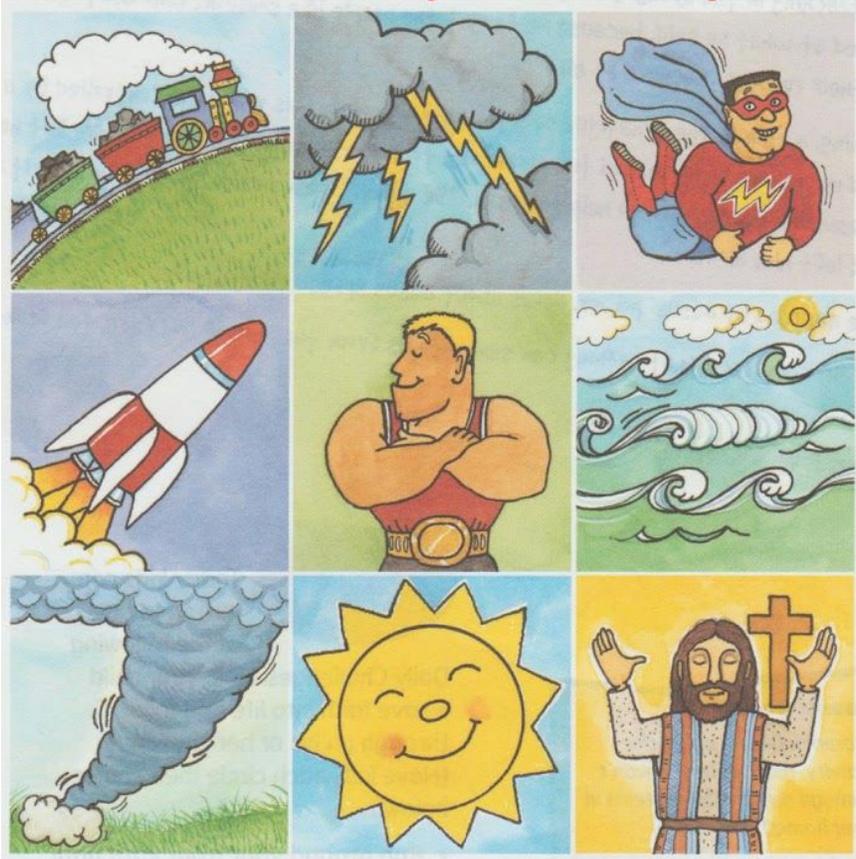


Jesus Demonstrates His Authority

Mark 1:21-28

Bible Point: Jesus is all-powerful

Today we'll learn about power. Let's see what kinds of things we think are powerful. Look at the pictures below and pick three most powerful things.



Did you choose the train as one of your choices? A train certainly is very powerful, but think about who made the people smart enough to make trains. God made those people, and trains wouldn't exist if God hadn't. Think about where the power in each of these pictures comes from... Yes, it comes from God!

We can see from these pictures that Jesus is more powerful than anything or anyone. We'll read in the bible about something really amazing that he did. And the extra cool thing is that what we'll read about is just one of the powerful things he did to show us he loves us.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.



The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus had the power to send an evil spirit out of a man! What Jesus did was really amazing. Jesus showed God’s love to the man by helping him. Not even an evil spirit could separate the man from God’s love, because Jesus was right there to show God’s love in action. Jesus is all-powerful, he can do anything!

Prayer:

Dear God,

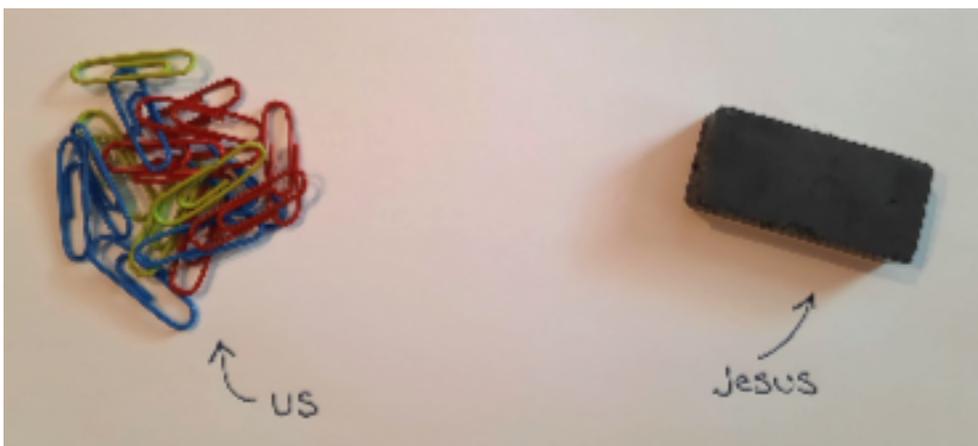
Thank you that you’re the most powerful one in the universe. Thank you that you love us so much and you’ll take care of us with your great power.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Drawn by His Power Experiment:

Supplies: small paper clips, magnet, paper

Instructions: Let’s pretend that these paper clips are us and pretend that this magnet is Jesus.



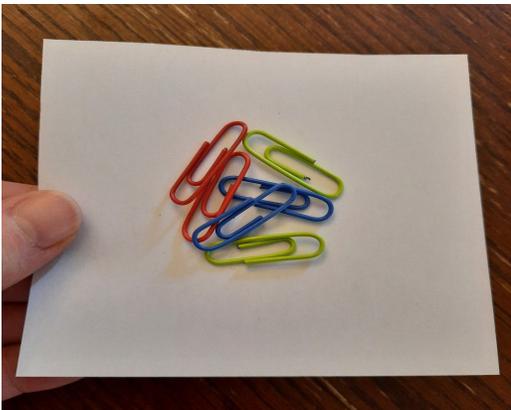
Let the paper clips move to the magnet.



The force of the magnet is so powerful that it pulls the paper clips right over to it. The force of God's love in Jesus is so powerful that he pulls us toward him, just as the magnet pulls the paper clips.

But sometimes problems get in the way of God's love and separate us from Jesus. In the bible today, the problem was an evil spirit. The bible says that nothing can separate us from the love of God that's in Jesus. Let's say that this sheet of paper stands for all of the problems that separate us from God.

Place the paper clips on the paper.



Then take the magnet and place it underneath the paper and see what happens to the paper clips...



The magnet still moves the paper clips! The paper couldn't separate the paper clips from the force of the magnet. That's how it is with Jesus' love. His love is so powerful that nothing—no problems that we have and no fears that we face—can ever separate us from Jesus' love.

The magnet's power was really cool. But not as cool as Jesus' power and how he sent the evil spirit from the man. Jesus' love for you really is the most powerful thing. This week, remember that nothing can separate you from Jesus' love because Jesus is all-powerful!