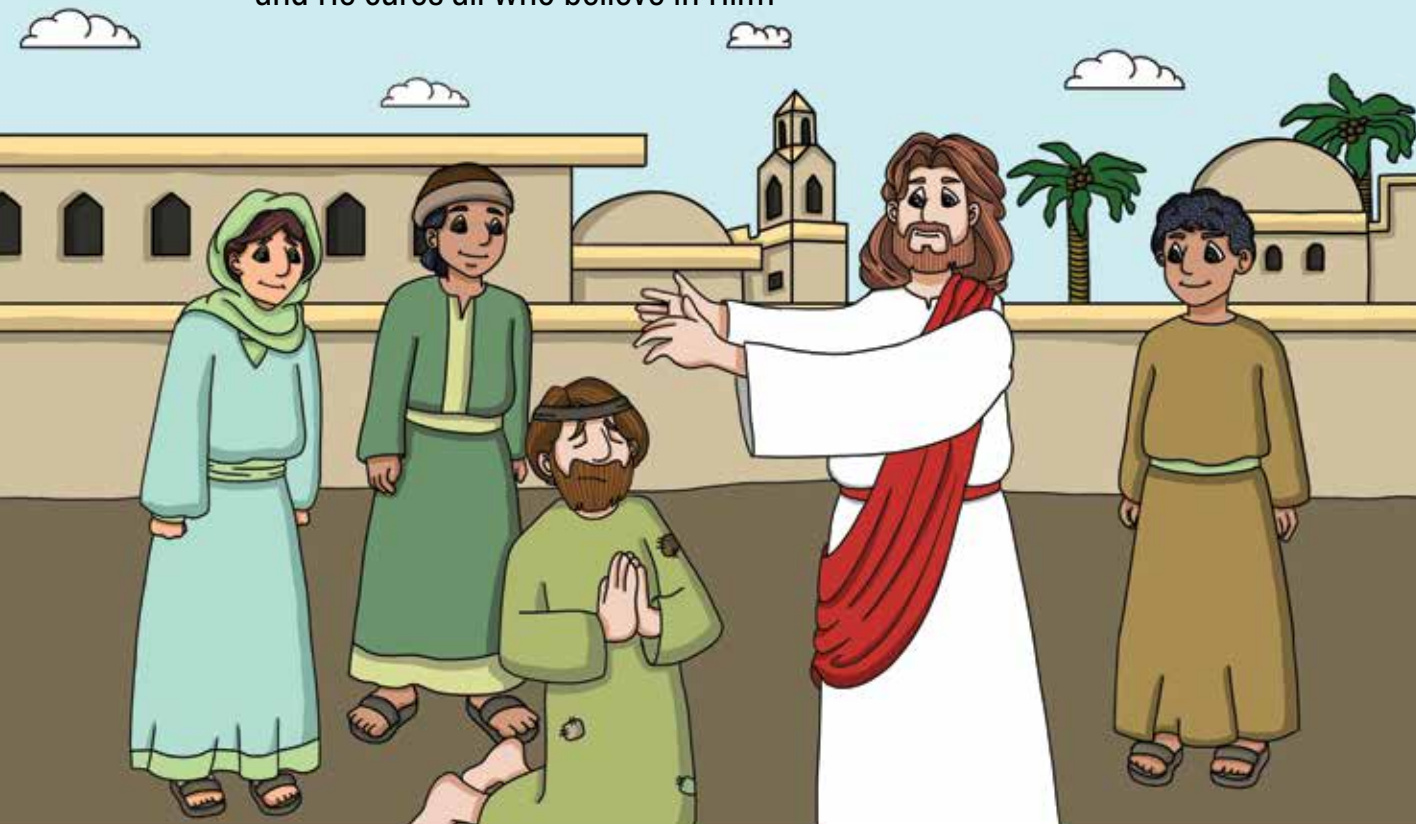




The Unclean Spirit

Do you know that Jesus cares for those who are sick and He cures all who believe in Him?



In Jesus' time, there were some people who were sick in the mind. There were no hospitals to look after them. The elders thought they were caught by the devil, and sent them out of their homes.

But Jesus took pity on such people.

Once He went to Capernaum and was teaching at a synagogue on Sabbath day. Inside the synagogue was a man who was possessed by an evil spirit. He began shouting at Jesus asking Him what He wanted from him. He knew Jesus was God's holy messenger, and was afraid He would destroy evil people.



Movie: *The Exorcist* is a famous film directed by William Friedkin and initially released in USA on 26 December 1973. *The Exorcist* is the ninth-highest-grossing film of all time in Canada and the US.

Book: *A History of Exorcism in Catholic Christianity* by Francis Young is a book that traces the development of exorcism in Catholicism from the fourth century to the present day, and seeks to explain why exorcism is still so much in demand.

Know Now: Exorcism is the driving out of the evil spirit or devil from a possessed person and there are Catholic priests specially authorised for it.

Hearing him shout, Jesus ordered the spirit to be quiet and come out of the man's body. The man was freed of the evil spirit immediately, without any harm. The people at the synagogue were amazed at what they saw. They praised the authority and power with which Jesus had ordered the evil spirit to leave the sick man's body. They said Jesus had power over the devil and spread the word everywhere.



Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet and come out of the man!" The demon threw the man down in front of them and went out of him without doing him any harm.

Luke 4: 35



Jesus, by the power of the Spirit, we ask you to heal all persons who are sick mentally, physically and emotionally. Amen.

The evil that we speak here could be in many forms. When you disobey your elders, when you refuse to listen to your teacher or when you do mischief that can harm others, there is an evil in action. But don't worry. Just one prayer to Jesus could bring you back as a good person. Prayer can heal physical and mental wounds.





You may have seen many people sick. Sickness is both physical and mental. All sickness can be treated. Can you see the doctor treating a patient? One of your friends can be seen praying for the recovery of patient. But guess who is standing next. Join the dots, colour and see.

