



St Helen's
Bishopsgate

Mark

Teaching material for 5-11's

Good news!



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The 'material' of Sunday school



The unfolding story of the Bible is revealed progressively through 66 books. These books were written by human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. They were written with an agenda to a real audience. **Through these books, by His Spirit, God works.** He gives new life and discipled His people.

At Sunday school our desire is to teach through books of the Bible and allow our teaching to be directed by the Biblical author. We want to make the *main point* of our teaching the main point the author is teaching. We want the *aim* of our teaching to be the aim the author had. When we think about *how* we teach, we want to use the literary style, techniques, and content the Biblical author uses. In short, **we want to teach the Biblical author's point, for the Biblical author's purpose, using the Biblical author's practice.** The more clearly this is done, the more clearly the children will have heard the living God speak to them. As we strive to do this, we pray the fruit would be thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

The team at St Helen's has worked hard studying some key books of the Bible. As we have done so we have endeavoured to write our material following the principles above.

5-11's material

The 5-11's material is presented as example talks. An example talk has several functions.

Firstly, it is a talk. This talk could be given verbatim, adapted, used for ideas, or ignored by the individual assigned to give the talk. For less experienced leaders they may wish to read verbatim the example talk, adding in props and visuals. For more experienced leaders they may wish to chop, change, and adapt the example talk as they see fit. For very experienced leaders they may wish to ignore the example talk and write their own, only looking at the example to see another voice on the passage.

Secondly, it is a commentary on the passage. For those not giving the talk the example helps them to understand the passage, how it can be taught, and areas of application. It will also indicate what the speaker might say so that everyone can align their group time with this.

Additionally, there is space for working. Use this to help you prepare for your group discussion and activity.

Teaching program | Mark

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Introduction to the book of Mark

Mark's gospel is all about Jesus, God's son who is the promised-saving-King (Mark 1:1). Our aim every week then will be to teach the children about Jesus the King: who he is, what he says, who he has come for, what he does, and the wonderful kingdom he is bringing.

The ultimate response to King Jesus is to repent and believe in him (Mark 1:15). As we go through Mark, we are going to be shown how wonderful King Jesus is and why repenting and believing (or trusting – just another way of saying believing) in him is exactly the right thing to do.

Within his gospel, Mark weaves through his material themes that disciples will find useful. It is worth noting the specific applications Mark gives his readers in his 'discipleship manual'. Applications may be summarised as: Listen (ch.1-4:35), Believe (ch. 4:35-8:30), Ask (ch.8:31-10:52), Stay awake (ch.11-13:37), Behold (14-16:8).

In order to do the whole of Mark's gospel in 14 weeks there are occasionally bits that we skip over. This doesn't mean that we don't think they are important. In writing the example talks below we have taken into account the verses we have seemingly skipped over and how they build the context of the passages we have chosen. Even when you teach the bible to adults you often don't have time to say everything a passage is communicating. In the example talks we have usually chosen just 1 big thing to say per talk, hopefully this is also the 1 main thing the relevant passage is saying. This means sometimes we don't talk about some of the other truths from that passage. Our hope however is that we are able to teach the 1 big thing *really* well, rather than trying to teach 2 or 3 things and end up doing it badly.

Memory verse

"The time has come", he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15

Teaching plan

Week/ Talk	Passage	Title	Big idea
1	Mark 1:1-45	King Jesus has arrived!	King Jesus has arrived and preaches good news.
2	2:1-3:6	The sin Doctor	King Jesus came for sinners, but not everyone likes him.
3	3:20-35	Outside and inside	King Jesus welcomes anyone who listens to him into his kingdom.
4	4:1-20	Listen to the king!	King Jesus blesses those who really listen to him.
5	4:35-5:43	Great Fears	King Jesus has power over our greatest fears, trust him.
6	6:30-44	Exodus miracles	King Jesus has come to rescue.
7	6:53-7:23	Defiled	King Jesus cleans sin sick hearts.
8	8:14-30	Blind	King Jesus opens our eyes to see who he is.
9	8:31-38	Saving your life and losing your life	King Jesus loses his life now to gain it forever, follow him.
10	10:45	10:45	King Jesus will give his life for us.
11	13:1-37	Keep watch!	King Jesus will return, keep watch!
12	14:1-25	The Passover Lamb	King Jesus dies as your substitute.
13	15:1-39	Victory!	King Jesus dies to save his people.
14	15:40-16:8	He is risen!	King Jesus rises from the dead; how will you respond?



King Jesus has arrived!

Big Idea | King Jesus has arrived and preaches good news.

Introduction

This term we're looking at Mark's gospel. Our 1st story in Mark's gospel is full of announcements, some amazing miracles, and a twist.

Point 1.

The king has arrived

I'm sure you've been on a train before where the train driver has made an important announcement over the tannoy: "The train is now approaching our next station. As you depart, please mind the gap between the train and the platform edge." Or perhaps you've been at school, sitting in assembly, and your head teacher announces that today, there's a special guest who's come to visit. We don't do it now, but in the olden days, a long time ago, when a king or queen died and a new king or queen succeeded them, an announcement would ring out throughout the land. [Make a trumpet blast or other appropriate sound.] "The king is dead. Long live the new King!" Even though that was a long time ago, announcements about people still happen today – someone's probably made one about you. Before you were born your parents would have made an important and exciting announcement. They would have told their family and friends that a baby was coming, that you were on your way. Then, when you arrived, when you were born, they would have announced it to all their friends and family: "Jonathan is born!" "Isabell has arrived!"

At the start of Mark's gospel we have four announcements, like four trumpet blasts. Four announcements announcing the arrival of God's king. The first announcement is from Mark himself. [Make a trumpet blast or other appropriate sound.] At the very beginning of his gospel Mark says this [read 1:1]. Mark has got some good news for us. He's written this good news in his book. Mark's good news, what Mark is announcing is about Jesus. That Jesus is God's promised-saving-king. Messiah means saviour. Son of God means king. Mark is saying that he's written some good news about God's promised-saving-king, Jesus. That's announcement number one.

[Make a trumpet blast or other appropriate sound.] Announcement number two comes from the Old Testament. In verse three Mark quotes from a book of the Old Testament called Isaiah. It says [read 1:3]. Isaiah is declaring the coming of the Lord. One day the Lord will come and visit his people. What an incredible announcement. God himself will come down to earth; but not before someone in the wilderness prepares his way.

[Make a trumpet blast or other appropriate sound.] Announcement number three comes from an important man called John the Baptist. If you had met John the Baptist he would have looked very funny. He wore clothes made of camel hair. He ate locusts and honey for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. And he lived in the wilderness. Although he would have looked funny, he is the one who prepares the way for the Lord. This is what John says, [read 1:7]. Someone will come, who has great power, and who is so important that even John isn't worthy to go near him and untie his shoelaces.

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Three announcements announcing that God's king is coming. Then Mark tells us that this King has arrived [\[read 1:9\]](#). Jesus of Nazareth is this king. He has arrived. God's king has finally come.

[\[Make a trumpet blast or other appropriate sound.\]](#) There's one last announcement. When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan river, as he was coming up out of the water, a voice from heaven declared "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." God himself made this announcement. Jesus is his Son, Jesus is the promised king who has come.

At the start of Marks gospel we have four announcements, like four trumpet blasts, announcing the arrival of God's king. He has arrived! And his name is Jesus. And even he has an announcement to make [\[read 1:14-15\]](#). Jesus is announcing that the kingdom of God is almost here. What everyone everywhere needs to do is to repent (turn back to God) and believe.

Our 1st story in Marks gospel is full of announcements. The king has arrived! Now let's take a look at what he will do.

Point 2.

Miracles

I'm going to need some volunteers to act out two miracles which Jesus performs. [\[Read out the following two miracles whilst leaders or children act them out: 1:21-28 & 1:29-34.\]](#)

Wow! What amazing miracles. Jesus has the power and authority to cast out evil and to heal the sick. God's kingdom is a wonderful place with no Satan, no sickness, and no sin. Perhaps he'll bring in God's kingdom now – he did say it was near. Perhaps he'll cast out all evil everywhere and heal everyone in the world who is sick. Wouldn't that be good! No more evil bullies or terrible nightmares. No more doctors' appointments or plasters, imagine that. Jesus is God's king who will bring about God's wonderful kingdom. But there's a twist.

Point 3.

The king's announcement

As I read what Jesus does next, I want you to spot what he says he's come to do. [\[Read 1:35-39\]](#) Jesus has come to preach. He's come to tell people the good news. He's not come to bring in his kingdom by casting out all evil and healing everyone. Now's not the time for the kingdom to come. The kingdom is near, but it's not here. Now is the time for the good news to be preached. This is what King Jesus has come to do. He's come to open his mouth and say some words. He's a king with an important announcement. Good news that he wants us to listen to and believe. We'll find out what his news is next week. And as we read through Marks gospel let's be those who listen to what the king has to say. Let's pray now and ask God to help us listen to Jesus.

Pray

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Materials

The sin Doctor

Big Idea | King Jesus came for sinners, but not everyone likes him.

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Last time we looked at the beginning of the gospel of Mark. We heard four announcements announcing that God's King had come. God's king, Jesus, had come to preach good news. This week we're going to hear what he's got to say, and we'll look at two scenes to see that he is like a magnet: some people will like what he says and are attracted to him, but others hate what he says and are repelled by him.

Scene 1.

Jesus meets a paralyzed man (2:1-12)

Jesus was in his house teaching. It was packed – there were so many people there that there was no more room. Everyone wanted to hear what he'd got to say. Then all of a sudden they could feel something falling on their heads. They look up and dust is coming down from the ceiling. Then a hole appears, and it grows bigger and bigger – someone is breaking in! And through this hole emerges a mat. It's lowered to the ground and there's a man lying on it. This man was paralysed, which means he could use his legs. Let's listen in to what Jesus says to the man. [Read Mark 2:5b]

his kingdom he's come to preach. Everything we've ever done wrong, which deserves to be punished, every evil thought or bad behaviour, will be forgiven. King Jesus is the sin doctor who has come for sinners. But there were some religious leaders there who said: 'How dare he!' [Have a speech bubble with the words 'How dare he!'] 'How dare he do what only God can do and forgive a man his sins!' Instead of being attracted to Jesus, the religious leaders were repelled by what he said.

To prove that he really could forgive sins, Jesus healed the paralysed man. The man got up, picked up his mat, and walked out. All in the house were amazed and praised God. King Jesus the sin Doctor was like a magnet: many people were attracted to what he had to say, but some people didn't want to listen.

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Scene 2.

Jesus eats with a tax collector (2:13-17)

Jesus was walking beside a lake. Lots of people came to hear what he'd got to say. As he was walking along he saw a man called Levi. Levi was collecting people's taxes. Tax collectors are people who work for rulers and governors. They take some of people's money as a tax to pay for things like armies and roads. But Levi took more than he should have and kept it for himself. Stealing people's money was sinful and the people didn't like him for it.

But when Jesus saw Levi the tax collector, he told Levi to come follow him. Levi did just that and invited Jesus to his house for dinner. Levi had also invited lots of other sinful people too.

Now when the religious leaders saw this they said: 'How dare he!' [Have a speech bubble with the words 'How dare he!'] 'How dare he eat with tax collectors and sinners!' But Jesus said to them, [read 2:17]. King Jesus has come for sinners. King Jesus is the sin Doctor. Some people like Levi are attracted to him. But some, like the religious leaders are repelled by him.

Conclusion

Our two scenes have shown us that King Jesus is the sin Doctor who has come for sinners, to tell them about the forgiveness of sins. And like a magnet, we've seen that for some people this is really amazing news. Some people like Levi are attracted to Jesus. Some people like our parents or friends at church want to listen to Jesus and follow him. But we've also seen that some people hate what he's got to say. Some people like the religious leaders are repelled by him. The more he did, the more they hated him. This is shocking. Everyone should repent and believe. But some people don't like being told that they are sinners. Some people don't like being told that they need to repent and say sorry for their sin. Maybe we know people at school or in our clubs who are repelled by Jesus, or even angry with him.

What about us? What will we be like? Will we admit that we're sinners. Will we listen to Jesus. Will we come to the sin Doctor for help. Some of us might find this hard. We don't want to admit that we do bad things. We don't want to admit that we've rebelled against God. We want to think we're good and don't need Jesus. Maybe we're angry that Jesus came to help bad people. But some of us might think this is really good news. You might know you're a sinner. So how wonderful it is that Jesus came for sinners, Jesus came for you. He's the sin Doctor who will solve your sin problem out.

As we read through Marks gospel this term, we should be like magnets which are attracted to Jesus. We should want to listen to him. We should want the forgiveness he offers. So as we hear about him and what he's got to say, let's not be like the religious leaders, but let's listen.

Pray

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Materials

Outside and inside

Big Idea | King Jesus welcomes anyone who listens to him into his kingdom

Introduction

[Use a visual of a house with people inside and Pharisees/family of Jesus outside that you add too as the story progresses]

Jesus' kingdom is a truly wonderful place. Jesus' kingdom is God's people, in God's place, under God's king. It was amazing to hear from chapter 1, Jesus saying that the Kingdom was near! Today we are going to learn more about the kingdom of God. Not everyone is in it, many people are outside the kingdom. We need to know who's in and who's out. Jesus includes some people and excludes others. This is a really important thing to think about. Are we in the kingdom or outside the kingdom?

Imagine someone thought they were in the kingdom of God. They were really looking forward to living forever in the perfect world to come. They longed to be part of the place where there would be no Satan, no sickness and no sin. But all along they were outside the kingdom and they didn't know it. That would be terrible. All of us need to know who Jesus includes in his kingdom and who he excludes. We need to know who is inside and who is outside.

The simple answer is this: Jesus excludes from his kingdom anyone who does not listen to his words. Jesus keeps out those who don't listen to him. But Jesus welcomes into his kingdom anyone who does listen to him. Insiders listen to Jesus, but those on the outside don't listen to Jesus. But we need to concentrate carefully now because the stories we look at today may surprise us.

Point 1.

Jesus excludes those who don't listen to him

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law thought they were inside the kingdom of God. They knew the Bible really well. They knew all about the law and the prophets. They knew all about what God had said in the Old Testament. They thought if anyone was inside the kingdom of God, it would be them. They were the Bible experts. They knew lots about the Bible, but they would not listen to Jesus' call to repent.

One day some teachers of the law came all the way from Jerusalem to where Jesus was teaching. Jesus was inside a house and lots of people were gathered around him. There were so many people there that Jesus and his disciples were not even able to eat. But the teachers of the law from Jerusalem did not come to join in with the crowd listening to Jesus. Instead they said something shocking about Jesus [Read 3:22]. The teachers of the Law did not want to listen to Jesus so they said that Jesus was working for 'Beelzebul'. Beelzebul is another name for Satan. 'Jesus is working for Satan,' is what they were saying. Working for Satan! Helping the devil. What a terrible thing to say about Jesus. Jesus is the King. Jesus was working for God, not for Satan. The teachers of the Law could not be in God's kingdom if they said this about Jesus.

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Knowing lots about the Bible is not how you get inside the kingdom of God. Being clever is not what's needed. These teachers of the law were outside Jesus' kingdom; these teachers of the law from Jerusalem were excluded by Jesus. But that's not all. At the same time as all this was happening with the teachers of the law another group of people came to Jesus. And that group was excluded by Jesus too. It was his own family!

Jesus' family thought Jesus had gone mad. They came to the house where Jesus was teaching and wanted to take him away. Just after Jesus had finished speaking to the teachers of the law, his mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and someone came in and told Jesus "your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." Jesus then said something very surprising. [Read 3:33-34]. Jesus was saying that people who listen to him are his real family.

Point 2.

Jesus includes those who listen to him

This whole story takes place in a house where Jesus was teaching. A large crowd had gathered around Jesus. The people in the crowd may not have known much about the Bible, they may not have come from good families. But this is what they did do [Read 3:34]. The large crowd were sitting around Jesus listening to Him. They listened to what Jesus said. And that is what matters. Those who listen to what Jesus says are welcomed into his kingdom. Those who listen to what Jesus says become part of his true family.

What about us? All of us should want to be in God's kingdom, part of Jesus' real family. But I need to be clear. The only way into God's kingdom is to listen to what Jesus says. He is the King. We must listen to his words. Some of you will know lots of Bible stories. Some of you might know lots of answers to questions about the Bible. But this does not mean you are in the kingdom. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were not in the kingdom and they knew more about the bible than any of us. Some of you come from good Christian families. Maybe your parents do lots to help out at church. But this does not mean you are in the kingdom. Jesus' mother and brothers were not in the kingdom and they had Jesus in their family, that's a better family than any of us. To be in the kingdom of God we must not rely on our family.

To be in the kingdom of God we must listen to what the King says. And if we really listen to what King Jesus says then we will do what he says. Remember from our first two sessions in Mark's gospel, Jesus commands us to repent of our sin and believe the good news. Jesus commands us to turn away from our sin and to turn to him as our king. Sometimes this won't be easy. Turning from our sin and turning to King Jesus may be hard. But Jesus is our King and if we listen to him and do what he says, Jesus welcomes us into his perfect kingdom. We are welcomed into his family forever.

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Materials

Listen to the king!

Big Idea | King Jesus blesses those who really listen to him.

Introduction

There are some people inside the kingdom of God and other people outside the kingdom. That's something we saw in our last session in Mark's gospel. Everyone who listens to Jesus is inside the kingdom. Everyone who does not listen to Jesus is outside. But what does it mean to listen? There is listening and there is really listening. Your mum might say to you, 'Everyday I want you to put your dirty socks in the washing basket.' You listen to what she says, you hear her. So, on the next day when getting ready for bed you put your dirty socks in the washing basket, just like your mum said. Great. The day after you do the same thing. Good. On the third day, you don't bother and leave your socks on the floor. Then you keep leaving your socks on the floor for the rest of the week. Have you listened to your mum? Have you really listened? Yes you did, at first. Then you didn't. At the end of the week would your mum think you had listened to her? Probably not. Do you get the difference between listening and really listening? Really listening means keeping on listening and acting like you've listened.

Point 1.

The Sower

[Read 4:3-9. Use visuals.]

Jesus doesn't tell this parable to teach his disciples about farming and sowing seeds. Jesus tells this parable because he wants them to listen to him. That's why Jesus says at the start, "Listen." And that's why he ends with, "Whoever has ears to hear let him hear." Listening to the words of Jesus is what the parable is all about. We know this because after Jesus finished telling the parable, he told his disciples what it means. Have a listen.

Point 2.

The word

[Read 4:14-20. Use visuals.]

Conclusion

Which soil are we going to be? Will we really listen to Jesus' words? Will we repent and believe.

Or will we be like the path? When we hear Jesus' words we start to daydream and they go in one ear and out the other. Maybe we'll put our fingers in our ears and refuse to listen.

Or will we be like the rocky ground? We like Jesus' words but when people make fun of us for listening, we stop.

Or will we be like the thorny ground? We listen to Jesus for a bit. But then get distracted. We start to spend more time doing our hobbies and getting rich, and we gradually stop listening to Jesus.

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Or will we be like the good soil. We listen to Jesus. We repent and believe. We bear fruit. We are a part of his kingdom.

Jesus the King says to us "listen!". That's what we need to do. And as we really listen, we will be good soil and be a part of his kingdom. So let's listen to Jesus, and keep on listening to him all of our lives.

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Great fears

Big Idea | King Jesus has power over our greatest fears, trust him.

Introduction

What makes you scared? What makes anyone scared? Have you heard the word 'phobias'? Things that make people really scared are called phobias. Phobias are given long names, which sound complicated. We're going to have a quick quiz to see if you can guess different phobias.

Turophobia. Is Turophobia the fear of a) snakes, b) mice or c) cheese? Put your hand up if you think it is a) snakes, b) mice or c) cheese. The correct answer is c) cheese. Here's another phobia, Scoleciphobia. Is Scoleciphobia the fear of a) sharks b) worms or c) wasps. The answer is b) worms. Last one. Xanthophobia. Is xanthophobia the fear of a) the colour yellow, b) trees, or c) flying in an aeroplane? The answer is a) the colour yellow.

Being scared of cheese or worms or the colour yellow might seem quite funny to us. But there are some things that almost everyone is afraid of. In Mark's gospel, straight after Jesus had taught the parable of the Sower, Jesus came face to face with four great fears.

Point 1.

Great fears

Great fear #1: Uncontrollable nature, [4:35-41] Jesus was in a boat with his disciples, listen to how scary things became [Read Mark 4:37]. This was a proper storm. The disciples were fishermen who were used to sailing but even they were scared. Great fear #1: Uncontrollable nature.

Great fear #2: Powerful evil, [5:1-20] When the disciples got to the shore a man with an evil spirit came to meet them. This man was trapped by powerful evil, this is how Mark describes him [Read 5:3-4]. This was a scary man. He was trapped by powerful evil spirits, no one could control him, you would definitely have avoided him if you could. Great fear #2: powerful evil.

Great fear #3: Serious sickness, [5:24b-34] Jesus got back in the boat and went back across the sea. On the other side Jesus met two people, a man and a woman. The man was named Jairus and had a sick daughter, he came to Jesus and said [Read 5:23b]. We don't know the woman's name but this is what we know about her [Read 5:25-26]. Both Jairus' daughter and the woman were both seriously sick. Great fear #3: Serious sickness.

Great fear #4: Death, [5:21-24a, 35-43] Jesus had agreed to help Jairus' daughter and was on his way to see her when all of a sudden a messenger came to Jairus. [Read 5:35]. Death, the greatest fear of them all, had come to Jairus' daughter. She was only twelve years old and now she was dead. Great fear #4: Death.

4 Great fears. Nature, evil, sickness, death. These things really are scary. Storms and hurricanes and earthquakes still happen today. Just look at the news to see how evil and horrible people can be. People can become seriously sick very quickly and sadly we all one day will die. 4 great and terrifying and horrible fears. Wonderfully in each story, Jesus showed he was more powerful than each of these 4 great fears.

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Point 2.

Powerful king

Great fear #1: Uncontrollable nature. Listen to what Jesus did with the storm [Read 4:39]. All Jesus did was speak and straight away the wind and waves obeyed him and became completely still. The disciples in the boat with Jesus were so shocked at his power over the storm that they became afraid of him instead [Read 4:41]

Great fear #2: Powerful evil. Mark tells us that the man was possessed by 2000 demons, but they were no match for Jesus, listen to how the evil spirits beg Jesus [Read 5:12-13]. Jesus had power over the demons, he could tell them what to do and so straight away he sent them out of the man, leaving him completely restored, no longer scary and uncontrollable, but sitting calmly in his right mind.

Great fear #3: Serious sickness. The sick woman was confident that Jesus could heal her, so this is what she did [Read 5:27-29]. Jesus is so powerful that all she had to do was touch Jesus' clothes and he was able to heal her straight away.

Great fear #4: Death. When Jesus heard the messengers say that Jairus' daughter was dead, he turned to Jairus and said [Read 5:36b]. Jesus told Jairus not to fear, but believe that he could do something to save his daughter. Jesus then went to Jairus' house, and went in to see the dead girl and this is what he did. [Read 5:41-42]. Jesus the King just held the girl's hand and spoke, and a miracle happened, she breathed again, she came back to life, so alive that she was able to walk around straight away.

Conclusion

Jesus saved from these four great fears. Jesus the King is very powerful. Remember the disciples in the boat were even a bit scared of his power and asked, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!". But we don't need to be afraid of Jesus. These stories are here to show what great power Jesus has, so that we trust him. He saves his people from these great fears.

In this world, followers of Jesus will still get sick. Nature still might harm them. Bad things will still happen. But in the future all those who trust in Jesus will be with him in his kingdom. In Jesus' kingdom there is no uncontrollable nature, no sickness that can't be cured, no powerful evil, and no death. There will be nothing to fear. How amazing that will be, for all who trust Jesus! We can trust him that he powerfully deals with these great fears.

So the next time that you are afraid of something or something scares you, think about King Jesus, he is more powerful than whatever you are scared of. Think about Jesus' Kingdom and remember that whatever you are scared of won't be there. When you are afraid or scared you can talk to God, ask him to help you remember how powerful King Jesus is and how amazing his Kingdom will be. Let's try doing that now. Let's pray.

Pray

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Materials

Exodus miracles

Big Idea | King Jesus has come to rescue.

Introduction

As you know, the Bible has two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament was written before Jesus came to earth. The New Testament was written after Jesus came to earth. When you read the Bible lots you start to notice some interesting things. Especially with Jesus. The Old Testament and the New Testament are connected together. In the New Testament Jesus does many amazing things. Sometimes these things can make you say, “hang on, isn’t this like something that happened in the Old Testament?” What Jesus does in the New Testament reminds us of what God did in the Old Testament.

Our story today from the Gospel of Mark is one of those that should make us think about similar stories in the Old Testament. See if you can work out what is similar between what Jesus does in our story and what God did in the Old Testament. Don’t shout out; just see if you can notice the similarities as we go along. We’re going to hear about two more amazing miracles done by Jesus the King.

Point 1.

Feeding in the desert

We’re going to hear this story straight from the Bible. Jesus was travelling in a boat and lots of people were following him. [\[Read 6:34-36 – giving good emphases as you read.\]](#)

The disciples are hungry. It’s getting late. They’re in the middle of nowhere. They want Jesus to send the crowds of people away. But Jesus surprises them with what he says next. Let’s listen on:

[\[Read 37-38\]](#) The disciples don’t have enough money to buy bread for everyone there to eat. That doesn’t stop Jesus. They only have five loaves of bread and two fish. That doesn’t stop Jesus either. Let’s hear more:

[\[Read 39-44\]](#) So, here we have the amazing miracle. Jesus feeds thousands of people in a desert in an unusual way. From just 5 loaves and 2 fish Jesus feeds thousands. And they didn’t just get a few crumbs each, they all ate and were satisfied. There was even lots left over. I wonder whether you have noticed any connections with the Old Testament yet: Thousands of people in a desert. Plenty of food to eat. What Old Testament story does it remind you of? [\[Take answers\]](#)

What Jesus does here is just like what God does in the book of Exodus. Remember back in Exodus when the Israelites were wandering in the desert. They had no food. But God gave them bread from heaven. Thousands of people in the middle of nowhere had bread to eat.

Point 2.

What does it mean?

So there we have it. What God did back in Exodus and what Jesus does here in Mark are very similar. But what does it mean? The answer is simple. Jesus is the God of the Exodus who has

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come to rescue his people. Let me say that again: Jesus is the God of the Exodus who has come to rescue his people. That's what this miracle of Jesus shows us. In the book of Exodus, God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt. Jesus is showing us that he too has come to rescue. He is going to use all that power we saw last week to do something very special. He is going to use his power to save us from the most terrifying thing ever: [\[a leader could shout out the following false ideas\]](#) Dinosaurs! No it's not Dinosaurs. Volcanoes! No it's not that either. Egypt! No, people today do not have to be rescued from Egypt like back in the Exodus. So what has Jesus come to rescue people from?

Jesus has come to rescue us from God's punishment, come to rescue us and bring us into his kingdom. Let me explain - The problem with humans is that we are all sinful. We all turn away from God. This sin keeps us outside of Jesus's amazing kingdom. We've heard lots about Jesus' Kingdom as we have been reading through Mark's gospel. The Kingdom is where Jesus lives, a place of no sickness, no sadness, no fears, no Satan and *no sin*. That means sinners can't go there. You and me and your mums and dads are all sinners, none of us deserves to be in Jesus' kingdom. Instead God should punish us for our sin. The bible calls this punishment hell. Hell is a real place. Hell is where God isn't. Hell is where God punishes people for sinning. Hell is a lonely place, where there is sickness, pain, death and Satan that will last forever and ever. Because God is good, he must punish bad. We are bad. We must be punished. This punishment is what we need rescuing from. This really is our biggest problem. Being rescued from hell is more important than how well we do at school or how many friends we have or how much Lego we can build. We desperately need a rescuer!

Wonderfully, Jesus is our rescuer. Mark is showing us that Jesus has come to rescue people. Jesus is the Exodus God who will rescue his people. Jesus will rescue us from the punishment we each deserve. He will rescue us from God's anger against our sin and from Hell. This is the rescue we all need. This rescue is so wonderful. Being rescued from hell is far better than getting the best marks in school or having the coolest friends or having the latest Lego, being rescued by Jesus lasts forever. Those who have said sorry to God for their sin and who believe that Jesus is the rescuer are safe. Instead of being shut out of God's kingdom, we can enter into it. God will not punish anyone in his kingdom. God will not punish anyone who trusts that Jesus is the rescuer. All who trust him have been rescued by him.

We'll learn how Jesus rescues us later on in Marks gospel. But for now, let's thank God the Father for being a rescuing God who sent his rescuing son Jesus to rescue his people from the punishment of sin.

Pray

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Materials

Defiled

Big Idea | King Jesus cleans sin sick hearts.

Introduction

Who has had a bath or shower this week? We have baths or showers to clean ourselves when we're dirty. If we don't clean ourselves then we will smell. And if we smell people won't want to come near us. Imagine you hadn't showered in a whole year. Your hair would be greasy, your armpits would stink, your fingernails would be black, and a foul stench would follow you everywhere. You would be dirty. You would be unclean. It wouldn't be nice. What would your friends think? They would think you were disgusting. They would not want to hang around with you. They would be repelled by you and would stay well clear. If we want to be friends with people, it's much better to be clean than unclean.

In the Old Testament God had told his people that they were unclean. [\[Get a volunteer to wear a white T-shirt with a black heart drawn on.\]](#) But they weren't unclean on the outside, they were unclean on the inside; they were spiritually dirty. Another word for this is defiled. Defiled is when something that is good becomes spoilt. God's people were defiled because of their sin. When God looked at them, he saw their sinful hearts and the spiritual mess that came from them and it was disgusting to him. And because they were defiled, God had to stay well away from his people. God is clean, and he could not be around people who were unclean.

Point 1.

Dirt from the outside

In today's story Jesus is talking with some religious leaders about what makes them spiritually defiled. They knew that God expected them to be spiritually clean. If they weren't clean, then they would have to stay well away from God. The Pharisees thought there were many things in their daily life that defiled them. They thought that things outside of them defiled them. [\[With the following list dab a wet tea bag or sauce onto the white t-shirt to indicate being 'defiled' by the things outside.\]](#) Going to the market defiled them. Eating without washing their hands defiled them. Seeing certain people. Touching certain animals. The Pharisees thought that there were lots of things out there that defiled them and made them spiritually unclean.

And so, the Pharisees thought that they could stop getting defiled by cleaning things that might defile them. And they thought that if they did become defiled they could clean themselves. Listen to what Mark tells us about them. [\[Read 7:3-4. Whilst slowly reading, get the volunteer to do the washing described in the verses.\]](#) The Pharisees tried very hard to prevent themselves from becoming defiled and to clean themselves when they did. They were so desperate to be clean that they even made up lots of extra rules to help them.

Many people in the world think like this and you might have friends or know people at school who do this. Jews won't touch or eat pig because they think it'll defile them. Muslims think that going to the toilet defiles them and so if they've been to the toilet they'll wash themselves before they pray. Hindu's will bathe in a river to clean themselves of defilement after someone they know dies. Many people think like the Pharisees; they think that it is the things outside of them that defile them. And they think they can clean themselves.

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Point 2.

Dirt from the inside

But Jesus said, [\[read 7:14b-15, 21-23\]](#). Jesus says people's dirt comes from inside, not outside. Going to certain places, or eating certain foods, or seeing certain people, none of these things make people spiritually dirty. What does Jesus say defiles someone? [\[Take answers\]](#) People's hearts produce all kinds of evil. This is what defiles them. This is what God is disgusted by. God looks at the heart and he's repelled by the stench of sin.

All people are defiled because of their sin sick hearts. Jews, Muslims, old people, young people, black people, white people, rich people, poor people. All people are defiled because of their sin sick hearts – it's as if everyone is wearing this t-shirt. Because people are defiled God cannot be friends with them.

And trying to clean the outside isn't going to help when the problem is on the inside. No matter how much rubbing and scrubbing, or washing and bathing. Nothing is going to clean off the dirt because the dirt comes from inside, from the heart. And try cleaning your heart. It's impossible. Do you realise how impossible it is. People can't give their hearts a shower. People cannot clean their dirty heart. People can't do anything to fix this problem. So what will help?

Point 3.

Help!

Before Jesus had been talking to the Pharisees, he'd travelled by boat to a region called Gennesaret. The people living in Gennesaret were so desperate to see him that when they found out he was there they ran to see him. And wherever he went – into villages, towns, or the countryside – they carried those who were sick to him, and they placed these people in the market-places. Do you remember that the Pharisees thought that going to the market was what defiled them? These sick people in the markets are a picture of what everyone is like –everyone is sick with a sinful heart, everyone is defiled.

These sick people knew they were sick. They knew they needed help. And so they desperately begged Jesus to make them well. They wanted to touch even the very edge of his cloak so that they might be made well. Listen to what happens [\[read 6:56\]](#). When these sick people came to Jesus, he healed them. This is a picture of what Jesus does to peoples' sin sick hearts [\[take off the t-shirt with a black heart on and put on a clean white t-shirt with a red heart on\]](#). Jesus heals sin sick hearts. Cleaning defiled people is part of his Exodus rescue.

To be friends with God we need to ask Jesus to clean our hearts. Only he can make them well. If we are already following King Jesus, he has already cleaned our hearts and we can be confident that we are friends with God. This is something we can thank Jesus for. If we aren't already following King Jesus, we can ask him to give us clean hearts so that we can be friends with God. Let's do this now.

Pray

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Blind

Big Idea | King Jesus opens our eyes to see who he is.

Introduction

I want to introduce you to a strange phrase that people sometimes use. The phrase is this: 'I see what you mean'. Have you ever heard someone say 'I see what you mean'? I say it's a strange phrase because normally when people say it they don't see anything with their eyes. What people mean is that they understand. When someone understands an explanation they say, 'I see.' Do you *see* what I mean now? If you understand, then that means you do *see* what I mean. But you don't actually see anything different with your eyes. It's in your head. You understand. Do you understand what I mean? Do you *see* what I am talking about?

Well in the gospel of Mark this is an important thing to remember. When Jesus came down to earth he did and taught many amazing things. But people didn't understand who Jesus was. In other words, people didn't *see* who Jesus was. In today's story we find a group of people who don't see what Jesus means. Let's find out what happens in the first part of our story.

Point 1.

Blind in the mind people

The disciples are in a boat with Jesus, they have just seen Jesus feed 4000 people from just 7 loaves of bread. But now they are hungry and realise that they don't have any bread with them. They were discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. [\[Read Mark 8:17-21\]](#) The disciples, the people who have seen all the amazing miracles that Jesus has done, don't understand Jesus. How stupid are they? By this point they have seen Jesus feed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread. Twice! But somehow their biggest worry now is that they have no bread. Obviously Jesus can make bread for them out of thin air. But they don't seem to realise this. Do the disciples even know who Jesus is? Do they know Jesus is this powerful? They don't seem to understand that Jesus is the rescuing King sent by God. They could not work it out. You might say that they were blind. They weren't blind in their eyes. But they were blind in their mind. They saw with their eyes all the amazing miracles Jesus did, but they still did not see with their minds who Jesus was. They did not understand who Jesus was. They knew Jesus' name. But they didn't know that Jesus was the king sent from God to rescue them. They didn't know that the kingdom of God was near. They were blind. They weren't blind in the eyes but blind in the mind.

Uh oh! If the disciples can't understand after being with Jesus for all this time then who can? We heard last time that we have a sinful hearts and need to ask King Jesus for help to rescue us. So that means to ask Jesus to rescue us, we need to know who he is. But if we don't know who he is then we won't ask him to rescue us. We need help. We all need help to see who Jesus is. We need our blind minds to see who Jesus is. Let's read on in our story and see if Jesus can help us.

Point 1.

Jesus can heal blindness

[\[Read 8:22-25\]](#) This is an amazing miracle. The man was blind but then he could see. When you

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are blind in the eyes there is nothing you can do. But Jesus is so powerful that he can make a blind person see. Aha! This might be what we are looking for! Someone who can make a blind person see. Jesus can heal blind eyes but can he heal blind minds? Let's read on and see.

[Read 8:27] Jesus is asking the disciples who they think he is. Are they going to get it right? Do they still have blind minds, like they did when they were in the boat and were worried about bread? They're going to get it wrong again aren't they? Let's find out by reading their answer.

[Read 8:28-29] Wow! Peter got it right! Peter understands who Jesus is. Peter has had his mind unblinded. His blind mind can now see who Jesus is. Peter can now see that Jesus is God's king. The king of God's kingdom. The king come to rescue. That's what Mark has been showing us all through his gospel. Previously Peter didn't understand this. But now Peter understands, Peter sees who Jesus is because Jesus has made him see. Jesus has healed his blind mind.

Conclusion

It's just like this for us. Everyone has minds that are blind, minds that don't understand who Jesus is and why he's such a big deal. Everyone is naturally as blind as the disciples were. We are all blind. We cannot make ourselves see. Only Jesus can change our mind. Only Jesus can help us see who he is.

If you already know Jesus then this is because Jesus has done a miracle in you. He has made your blind mind see. Just like Peter. Everyone who is in the kingdom has had this miracle done to them. Only Jesus gives us the mind to see who he is. You haven't done anything. Jesus has opened your mind. It's not about being clever, people inside the kingdom should never boast about knowing who Jesus is because it is not us that makes us see. It's not even about how good your parents are at opening up the Bible with you, although that is very good. It's not even about how good we are as Sunday School teachers. We could teach the most amazing, brilliant, awesome, spectacular, great, outstanding, impressive, fantastic, wonderful lesson with the most breathtakingly beautiful visuals, but without Jesus opening your blind minds, you still wouldn't be able to understand it. Instead we all need Jesus to open our blind minds to understand who he is. If you have understood who Jesus is, then you should be full of thanks for Jesus. It's only Jesus who makes us see.

But, many of you might have heard lots about Jesus and wondered what the big deal is. Many of our friends and family might also not be sure about Jesus. Lots of people still don't understand that they need to repent and believe in Jesus. They don't understand that he is God's king who has come to rescue us from our bad hearts. They don't understand because they are blind. They need Jesus to make their minds see. If that's you or if you want your friends and family to repent and believe then we need to pray for them. Let's pray now and give thanks that we know who Jesus is and pray that more people will have their minds unblinded.

Pray

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Materials

Saving your life and losing your life

Big Idea | King Jesus loses his life now to gain it forever, follow him.

Introduction

I am going to start by giving you two options and I want you to tell me which one you would choose. Would you rather eat 1 sweet now, or wait until tomorrow and have a whole box of sweets. [\[Get children to vote by putting their hands up.\]](#) It makes sense to wait doesn't it. It's better to deny yourself and not eat 1 sweet now knowing that you'll receive a whole box tomorrow. Losing out now can be the right thing to do. In today's bible story Jesus says something very similar.

Point 1.

King Jesus will lose his life

Last time in Mark's gospel we finished the story on a high. One of Jesus' friends called Peter had finally realised who Jesus is. "You are the Messiah." He said. Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is God's special king, who God promised would come down to earth to rescue his people. Peter thought this was brilliant. Maybe King Jesus would suddenly bring his kingdom right now. Maybe King Jesus would rescue his people and gloriously take his place as ruler of the world right now. But Peter was in for a big surprise. As soon as Peter answered, "You are the Messiah," Jesus began to teach Peter and his friends something very strange. Jesus began to teach them that he had come to die. What?! That doesn't seem right. Great kings don't come to die. Great kings are meant to be powerful and to do away with their enemies. But, Jesus even said that before he died he would suffer many things and be rejected by all the important religious leaders. What?! Great kings don't come to suffer. Great kings don't come to be rejected. This did not make any sense to Peter. This seemed all the wrong way round, Kings were meant to be mighty and victorious, not dead. What was going on? Peter took Jesus aside and tried to tell him off. But Jesus replied very strongly, [\[read 8:33\]](#). You've got it all wrong said Jesus. God has a bigger and better plan than you think.

Jesus gathered Peter and the disciples and some other people to explain God's better plan. This time Jesus told them how to be his followers. What Jesus told them was very strange too. This is what Jesus said, [\[read Mark 8:34-36\]](#). Jesus had said that he would lose his life now but gain it in the future. Now Jesus was saying that his followers had to do the same. This all seems very strange. But this is what Jesus said and if we think about it, what Jesus says isn't so strange.

Point 2.

Saving life forever

What Jesus says is only strange if you think there is only life in this world. Here is a diagram to help us understand what Jesus said. [\[Show left hand side of box diagram \(see 'Notes'\).\]](#) If you think that there is only life here on this earth, if you think there is no life after death then all you will think about is this half of the diagram. Doing what Jesus says will seem very strange. Why lose your life for Jesus' sake if there is nothing else. If there is only this life, then we should get as

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rich and happy as we can now, we should try and gain the whole world. But, if you trust what Jesus says about life after death and believe that people who trust in Jesus will one day live forever, then what Jesus says isn't strange at all. [\[Show right hand-side of the diagram.\]](#) Jesus says that people who lose their life for him in this life, will gain it in the future. If you follow Jesus and let him be king of your life now, then Jesus promises that when you die he will give you eternal life. Even though you lose your life now, you will gain an even better life in the future. But if you don't follow Jesus, if you don't let him be king of your life, if you make yourself king and get as much as you can for yourself here and now, then after you die you will lose your life forever. What Jesus says is a bit like the sweet question I started with. When you think about it, it would be silly to be ignore Jesus to gain 1 little life here, if you lose never ending life in the future. Much better to deny yourself and follow Jesus to eternal life.

Conclusion

To help us think about this a bit more I want you to tell you about two people. [\[Make up your own examples as suits the children you teach. Have a timeline including words/visuals for this life and life to come.\]](#) The first is a made-up boy, let's call him Arthur. Arthur thought that this life was it. So he did his best to have as much fun as possible. He played video games and sports and did hobbies. And when he grew up he got rich and had lots of friends. And all this time he ignored King Jesus. He wanted to live for himself. He wanted to gain life now.

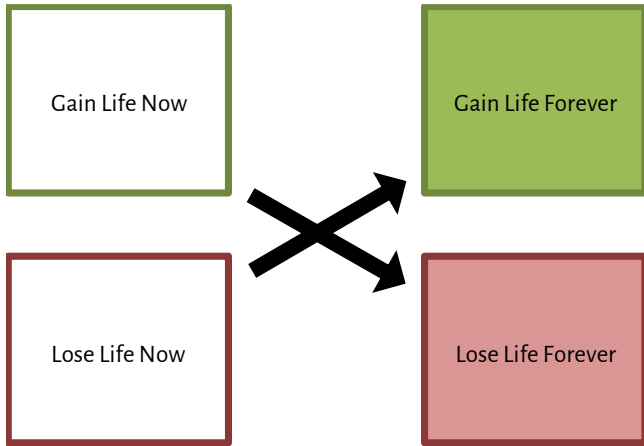
Now let me tell you about a man called Thomas Cranmer. Thomas lived in England 500 years ago. Thomas followed Jesus and loved to read the Bible. But Queen Mary didn't and she didn't like Thomas teaching people from the Bible so put him in prison. Mary gave him a choice: If he agreed to stop teaching people the truth about Jesus he could go free. If not, he would be executed. Should he save his life now, or should he lose his life now? Thomas stuck with Jesus. Queen Mary ordered that Thomas should be killed. His punishment was to be burnt to death.

Think about Arthur and Thomas. One gained the whole world and was rich and famous. The other ended up dying because he followed Jesus. Which of these would you prefer to be? If we think only about this life then all of us would want to be like Arthur. But this is not the whole story. Imagine what would happen to Arthur and Thomas when they died. Arthur when he dies, Jesus will say to him you did not follow me, you cannot enter my kingdom. But Thomas, even though he was killed for following Jesus, when he died Jesus would have said to him, "Welcome into my kingdom. Come and enjoy this wonderful place."

Thinking about what happens to us after we die makes a big difference to what we should do before we die. Following Jesus as your King is not easy. We won't have to choose exactly like Thomas did. But all of us will face hard choices. If you follow Jesus as your king, people at school might tease you. The easy thing to do is to turn away from Jesus. But Jesus wants us to know that following him is worth it in the end. Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us deny ourselves and follow him as our king.

Pray

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10:45

Big Idea | King Jesus will give his life for us.

Introduction

Imagine you were king for a day, imagine you were in charge, what would you say to people; what things would you tell people to do for you? What nice things would you tell people to bring for you? What lovely places would you tell people to take you to? Put your hand up if you would like to share with everyone what you would say if you were king for a day [get another leader to write on speech bubbles what people say and keep them for later].

If I was king I would... [list lots of selfish things]. If I was king I would get lots of people to serve me. The verse we're looking at today tells us what Jesus does as king.

Point 1.

10:45

[Read 10:45 (Son of Man means God's king, which is Jesus.) What a surprise! Jesus doesn't... [list some of the self-serving things previously mentioned]. It would be so easy for him to have a good time and get people to do lots of nice things for him. But Jesus didn't come to be served, he came to serve.

Did you spot how he will serve others? [Take answers] King Jesus, the king of the universe will give his life, he will die, to serve people. He really, really wants to help. He really, really is servant hearted. He is going to die for people. He is going to die for you and me.

And the word ransom helps us understand why he will die for you and me. We've heard before that we are sinful and our hearts are defiled. Because we have rebelled against God and don't live for him and do the things he tells us to do he is rightly angry with us. The punishment for rebelling against the creator God is death. We all deserve death. But Jesus will be the ransom. He will put himself forward. He will take the punishment we deserve. He will die in our place. And although we might still physically die, we will be raised to life again and live with God forever. This is truly amazing. Our king came to serve us.

[Read 10:45]

Conclusion

If we want to be a part of that many then all we need to do is say sorry for our sin and trust that Jesus has paid our ransom. And if we have done that then we know that our king has died for us. King Jesus could have come to earth to... [list some of the self-serving things previously mentioned]. But he didn't. He came to serve us. And that makes me very, very grateful. What a kind and loving king we have.

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Materials

Keep watch!

Big Idea | King Jesus will return, keep watch!

Introduction

[Use the following or tell your own similar story.] When I was your age, I used to wait for my dad to come back from work. I would look out of my window and try to spot his car. I would wait for him and keep my eye out. You see, when my dad would return home he would give me a big hug. But not only this, sometimes he would bring me back some Pokémon cards or football cards that he had bought for me. Other times he would bring back some chocolate. Then once he had changed out of his suit and had said hello to my mum we would play a game. It might have been a board game like monopoly or risk, it might have been football in the garden. It was great to have my dad back from work! I would wait and wait and wait for him to get home. I never knew exactly when he would return, but I would always keep my eye out. I would always have monopoly ready or my football boots ready by the door. I knew he was going to return so I would keep a look out for him.

This morning we're learning that king Jesus will return to earth. It's a little like with my dad. Just as my dad was going to come back from work, Jesus is going to come back to earth. Like my dad's return was really, really great, Jesus' return will be really, really great (even better). Like I was ready for my dad to come home, we need to be ready for when king Jesus comes back. This morning we're learning that Jesus will return to earth.

Point 1.

Jesus will return

I'm going to read some verses from Marks gospel that will describe what Jesus' return will look like. Try to picture it in your minds. Jesus says... [read 13:24b-26]. Wow, isn't that so dramatic!! You're not going to miss it. Did you hear what happened to the sun and the moon? They will turn off, like light bulbs. And the stars, they will vanish and disappear out of existence. Can you picture everything going dark. [Turn off lights.] But then, everyone will see the Son of Man (that's Jesus) coming in clouds with great power and glory. Suddenly there will be a great light! [Turn on lights.] Not from the sun or the moon or the stars, but from Jesus. He will come surrounded by clouds, his glory will be so bright it'll be difficult to look, and we will see that he is very, very powerful- he is the king after all. Whatever you are doing you won't miss it. Whether you're at school doing maths, you won't miss it. Whether you're at the park playing games, you won't miss it. Whether you're at home in your bed, you won't miss it. When Jesus comes back it will be very dramatic.

Point 1.

Jesus will gather his people

Jesus then tells us what will happen to his people. What happens to those who have repented of their sin and trust in him? When he returns, he will collect his people. [Read 13:27] When Jesus says elect, he means Christians. Jesus' angels will gather up all the Christians in the world. If a Christian is at school doing maths they will be gathered. If a Christian is playing in the park, they

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will be gathered. If a Christian is in bed they will be gathered. Jesus has come to collect all his people.

Jesus will take his people to the kingdom of God. Can you remember what we learned about the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God was a place where there is no sickness, no Satan, and no sin. God will be with there and live with his people and care for them. I can't wait to be there! I can't wait for Jesus to return!

Point 3.

Keep watch

But when will that be? When will he come back to earth to take his people to the kingdom of God? When I was younger, I knew that my dad would come home, but I didn't know when. He didn't give me the exact time. He didn't say "when the sun sets, I'll be home". I knew that he would return, but I didn't know when. It's like this with Jesus. We know that Jesus will return, but we don't know when. This is what Jesus says, [\[read 13:32\]](#). Nobody knows when Jesus will return. Nobody on earth knows. His angels don't know. Even Jesus doesn't know. Only God knows. We don't know when Jesus will return but he says this to us, [\[read 13:33\]](#). We must be alert and ready. Knowing that my dad was going to come home do you remember I was keeping an eye out and had got myself ready. I had got the board games out, I had put my football boots by the door, and I was looking out the window waiting. Jesus will come back and we need to be ready for him. We must be ready in two ways.

Firstly: we must be on guard. This means we must keep on following Jesus. There are lots of things that will try to stop us from following Jesus. Other people might tell us to stop. They might hurt us and make us feel very sad. They might try to force us to stop following Jesus. But Jesus says, [\[read 13:13\]](#). We must keep on following Jesus. Jesus also says people will pretend to be him. [\[Read 13:21, 22\]](#) Even if people pretend to be him, we must not follow them. If we're following them then we're not following Jesus. And if Jesus were to return, he then won't gather us, we must be on our guard.

To be ready for Jesus' return we must also be alert. This means we must keep on waiting for his return. It's very easy to be distracted and to forget that Jesus will come back. We sometimes think that he won't return. Or that he won't return during our lifetime. But we should always remember that he is coming back. And he might even come back today. Like I would look out of the window and wait for my dad, we must wait for Jesus always knowing that he is coming, and ready for when he gets here.

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Materials

The Passover lamb

Big Idea | King Jesus dies as your substitute.

Introduction

This is Bobby [\[picture of a child\]](#). Bobby is quite a naughty child. One day, without asking, he ate 3 huge bars of chocolate. Then, after he ate them, Bobby's mum discovered that all the chocolate has disappeared from the kitchen! She calls Bobby and Bobby's big brother Larry into the Kitchen. Bobby has chocolate all around his face and all down his t-shirt. Straight away, Bobby's mum can see that it was Bobby and not Larry who took and ate the chocolate. She tells Bobby his punishment. Even though it's the school holidays, he's not allowed to eat chocolate or play outside or stay up late for 2 whole weeks.

But then Bobby's big brother Larry does something amazing. He offers to take the punishment himself. Larry offers to be punished instead of Bobby. Even though Larry didn't do anything wrong, he will take the punishment that Bobby should take. Larry will be punished instead of Bobby, so that Bobby can still eat chocolate, play outside and stay up late. A word to describe what Larry did for Bobby is 'substitution'. This is when you swap one thing for another thing. In the story, when Larry swapped places with Bobby, Larry was a 'substitute'.

In our story today, Jesus hints to his disciples about a swap that is going to happen, a substitution.

Point 1.

Jesus is the Passover lamb

I'm going to read from Mark chapter 14. [\[Read 14:12\]](#) It's the time of the Passover. The Passover was a festival when the Jews remembered God's amazing rescue of his people in Egypt. Remember, the Israelites were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. God sent lots of plagues on Egypt and the last plague was that every oldest son in every house in Egypt had to die – including the Israelite houses. But God said that to spare the oldest son in the Israelites houses, the Israelites should kill a lamb and put the blood on the doorway. When God came to kill all the oldest sons he would get to an Israelites house, see the blood on the door, see that a death had already taken place, and he would pass-over that house and not kill the oldest son. The Passover lamb was a substitute. The lamb died instead of the firstborn son. It was a swap.

In the next part of the story, Jesus is in a room with his disciples having a special dinner to celebrate the Passover festival. People would eat together and remember how God had given his people a lamb substitute for their firstborn sons, and how he had saved them from slavery in Egypt. Let's read what happens: [\[read 14:22-24\]](#).

Jesus words sound a bit odd don't they – his body being bread, his blood being wine, what on earth does he mean? Well, remember that at the Passover meal they were celebrating the substitution of the lamb, how the lamb died instead of the firstborn son, how the body of a lamb was broken and its blood poured out instead of the body and blood of the firstborn Israelite sons in Exodus. Jesus is saying that like the lamb was broken and its blood poured out, he was going to be broken and his blood was going to be poured out. Just like the lamb Jesus was going to be a

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substitute, he was going to die in place of someone else.

Point 2.

Jesus will die as a substitute for many

But who would he die for? When the lamb was killed at the first Passover when God's people were slaves in Egypt, it was the substitute for just one family. Every family had to kill a lamb. One per family. Jesus says his death will be a substitute for many.

We know that everyone sins. Everyone says yes to sin and no to God. Our friends at school say yes to sin and no to God. Our mums and dads say yes to sin and no to God. We say yes to sin and no to God. We sin. All of us are spiritually dirty. We have defiled hearts. When we want to do what we want to do instead of what God wants us to do this is sin. Because we sin, and because our mums' and dads' sin, and because our friends sin we all deserve to be punished. The punishment for sin is death, and eternal separation from God. We don't get to go to the kingdom of God. Instead of being in a place where there is no sickness and no Satan and no sin, we will be in hell where there is sickness, and where there is Satan, and where there is sin, forever.

But Jesus explains to his disciples that he is going to die in the place of many people. Just like the Passover lamb, he will be the substitute. He's going to do a swap and take God's punishment. This is the greatest swapy ever. Instead of people being punished for their sin. Instead of our friends being punished for their sin. Instead of our parents being punished for their sin. Instead of us being punished for our sin. Jesus will swap himself with us. Like the lamb in Egypt was substituted for the oldest son so that the oldest son didn't die. Like Larry substituted himself for Bobby so that Bobby wasn't punished. Jesus substitutes himself for us. Jesus will die in our place.

Conclusion

Let me tell you the story of a woman. This woman is from Mark's gospel; this woman knows that Jesus will die in her place; and this woman met Jesus just before the Passover festival. I'll read it straight from the bible, listen carefully to what the woman does [\[read 14:3-9\]](#). This woman is a sinner who deserves to be punished. But she knows that Jesus has come to swap places for her – Jesus is her substitute. So she is incredibly thankful. She loves Jesus because of what he will do for her. She does what she can for Jesus because he did something amazing for her.

We heard about Bobby earlier, who ate all the chocolate and deserved to be punished. But Bobby had a substitute - Larry. The woman from our story was a sinner who deserved to be punished. But she had a substitute too – Jesus. We know that each of us is a sinner, and we deserve to be punished. Who will be our substitute? If we have accepted Jesus as our substitute, let's be like the woman and thank him for swapping places with us and dying in our place.

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Victory!

Big Idea | King Jesus dies to save his people.

Introduction

I am going to show you some pictures, you have decide if the person in the picture looks like a criminal or a king. [Show 5-6 pictures; e.g. a king on a throne, a king winning a battle, a king with people bowing, a criminal in prison, a criminal in an electric chair (clipart), a criminal stealing.]

Mark's gospel has been all about a king, God's special king, King Jesus. Jesus looked a lot like he was God's special king. Lots of people followed him, he was able to calm a storm, cast out evil spirits and heal people of sickness. He was powerful and was able to save his people. Jesus looked like he was God's special king. It looked like he belongs on this side (with the king pictures from above). But in today's story everything seems to have changed, in today's story Jesus doesn't look much like a king at all. Let's have a look at what happened and see if Jesus really is God's special king or not.

Point 1.

When Jesus died he looked like a criminal

Jesus has been in Jerusalem. He has been teaching the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem that God's judgement is coming. After that things did not go very well. Jesus was arrested, put on trial and even sentenced to death. He is starting to look a little less like a king and more like a criminal. [Move Jesus visual closer to criminal side.] After Jesus was sentenced to death he was led away by some soldiers, listen to what happened: [read 15:19-20]. The soldiers didn't treat Jesus like a king, they treated him like a criminal.

After that the soldiers led Jesus out to be crucified, they nailed him to a wooden cross and left him there to die. Above his head there was a sign, this is what it said: 'The King of the Jews'. Jesus certainly didn't look like much of a king, he didn't look very powerful anymore, it didn't look like he was able to save anyone. The people watching him didn't seem to think he was a king anymore either. Listen to what the people said to him while he hung on the cross, [read 15:29-30].

A little while later Jesus died, Mark records it like this. [Read 15:37] The sign above Jesus had said he was 'King of the Jews', God's special king. But was the sign right? Did he die a king or a criminal? Kings are normally powerful and win battles to save their people. Jesus didn't look like a king, he was being killed like a criminal while the people around him mocked him. Surely it would be silly for us to have Jesus as our king, to follow a man who was mocked and killed as a criminal, that doesn't sound like a very good idea.

Point 2.

But Jesus' death was a victory

But things are not always as they seem. Jesus was really being God's special King. God's special king was meant to come and die. In fact, I have got something a bit strange to tell you about King Jesus dying on the cross. Listen carefully. Jesus' death was his best moment. Let me say that again. Jesus' death was his best moment. That is a bit strange isn't it? Death isn't normally a good

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thing. But Jesus' death on the cross was no ordinary death.

Two very odd things happened when Jesus died. These two odd things help us understand why Jesus' death was his best moment.

Odd thing #1 - it became dark in the middle of the day. [\[Read 15:33\]](#) Just imagine that you were eating your lunch at 12noon and then all of a sudden it got dark like it was night time, in the middle of the day for 3 whole hours. How odd. But how does this odd thing help us to understand Jesus death? Odd thing #1 helps us understand why Jesus was dying. Jesus was dying to save his people. Darkness in the bible is a sign of God's judgement. The darkness shows us that when Jesus died on the cross he was taking the judgment of God that we deserve because of our sinful hearts. King Jesus was perfect and didn't deserve any of God's judgement. When Jesus died on the cross he took the judgement for the sin of anyone who repents and believes in him. Jesus was saving his people. Jesus was being God's special King.

Odd thing #2 - the big curtain in the temple was torn into two pieces, right down the middle. [\[Read 15:38\]](#) All on it's own the curtain was torn into these two parts, how odd. But how does this odd thing help us to understand Jesus death? Well, the temple was where God's people could come and meet with him and ask God to forgive them. The Temple was where God lived on earth. The curtain in the temple was there to separate people and God. God is so good and people are so bad that they couldn't be in the same place otherwise God would have to judge them straight away. God and his people couldn't be together. But when Jesus died on the cross he took away God's judgement and so there was no longer any need for the curtain. Anyone who repents and believes can be with God in Jesus' Kingdom. Jesus was giving his people a place in his kingdom, Jesus was being God's special King.

When Jesus died it might have looked like his worst moment, but actually it was his best. Jesus was saving people in a way that only he could, by swapping places with his people, saving them from God's judgement. This is why Jesus' death was his best moment. This is why Jesus' death was his most kingly moment.

Kings are supposed to be powerful and save their people – when Jesus died on the cross it didn't look like his death was powerful or saving anyone. But King Jesus' death was the most powerful and saving thing that any king has ever done. The sign above Jesus' head was right. He really is a King. The best King that has ever lived. This should make us very proud of Jesus our king. This should help us want to thank Jesus our King for dying in our place. This should help us want to tell other people how amazing Jesus our King is.

Let's thank God for Jesus our King, the best King who has ever lived.

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Materials

He is risen!

Big Idea | King Jesus rises from the dead; how will you respond?

Introduction

I am going to introduce you to some key characters from our story today. First we meet a group of women; Mary, Mary and Salome. These women had been following Jesus since he was in Galilee and looked after him. They had even come all the way up to Jerusalem with him. They had seen Jesus heal the sick. They had seen Jesus cast out Demons. They had seen Jesus amaze the crowds with his teaching. But these women had also been in Jerusalem when Jesus was arrested, when Jesus was sentenced to death. Mary, Mary and Salome had seen Jesus be nailed to a cross and die. The first characters of our story are the women.

Secondly, let me introduce Joseph of Arimathea. Joseph was a member of the Jewish council, he was one of the Jewish leaders. Joseph was actually quite an important Jewish leader. Joseph was an important member of the same group of Jewish leaders that had arrested Jesus, the same leaders who had really wanted Jesus dead. The same leaders who had mocked and insulted Jesus when he was dying on the cross. The Jewish leaders have been the baddies in Mark's gospel. We are not meant to like them. But Joseph is a little bit different. He was a follower of Jesus.

These key characters are going to help us see what happened to Jesus after he died on a cross and will help us see how we should respond to Jesus. So let's get going. First we start with Joseph.

[\[Read 15:43-44\]](#)

Point 1.

Jesus was dead

Joseph was a follower of Jesus. Joseph went and asked Pilate for Jesus' body so that he could go and bury Jesus properly now that he was dead. So Pilate gave Joseph the dead body of Jesus. Joseph wrapped the body in some special linen cloth and buried him in a tomb cut out of the rock. Then a stone was rolled over the entrance to the tomb.

King Jesus had died, but as we saw in our last session this wasn't as bad as it looked. Although the death of King Jesus had looked like a big failure, Jesus' death on the cross was really the biggest triumph. Jesus had saved his people from God's judgement. King Jesus had won access for his people in to his perfect, forever kingdom. But what would happen now? Jesus had said 3 times to his disciples that he would die *and then rise again*. But was it true, would it really happen. Was Jesus the king he said he was? Had he really saved his people from their sin. Did his people really have a place in Jesus' perfect forever Kingdom?

Point 1.

Jesus was alive

Well, to find out we need to look at what happened to the women. I need 4 volunteers to act out this next bit of the story, 3 girls and 1 boy.

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[Get the children to act out the story in 16:1-8 while you narrate by reading the passage out. Write out verse 3 for the girls to read and verses 6-7 for the boy to read. You could provide props e.g. jars of spice mix, a white bath robe, a tomb made out of chairs, a stone made by cutting out and painting a large bit of cardboard.]

What amazing news the man in the white robe had. Jesus had risen from the dead. He was no longer a lifeless body in a tomb, but now he was alive. Jesus was back from the dead. A real person who was going to meet the disciples and the women. King Jesus had risen from the dead just as he said he would. King Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again.

Point 3.

How will we respond?

But our characters from the story responded to Jesus differently. Joseph of Arimathea was very bold, but the women were very afraid.

Remember, Joseph was one of the Jewish leaders, the rest of the Jewish leaders had hated Jesus, but Joseph had decided to be bold for Jesus. The other Jewish leaders would not have liked it that Joseph went to bury Jesus. The other Jewish leaders might have been mean to him, they might have even wanted to hurt Joseph. But Joseph didn't mind, he wanted to stick with Jesus, Joseph was looking forward to Jesus' perfect forever Kingdom. Joseph didn't mind losing his life now if that meant he got to save it forever with Jesus.

The women were a bit different though. Do you remember what happened in the drama, the women heard the best news in the world, King Jesus had risen from the dead. But they didn't celebrate as if they had heard the best news in the world, instead they were afraid. Rather than telling lots of people the amazing news they didn't tell anyone. They were worried what might happen to them if they spoke up about Jesus, so they stayed silent. They had decided to save their life now, even if that meant risking losing a place in Jesus' perfect forever Kingdom.

Mark ends his gospel looking at these characters because he wants us to choose who we are going to be like. Are we going to be more like the women who were too afraid to speak up about Jesus, worried that people might not be very nice to them. Or are we going to be more like Joseph who was bold for Jesus even though it was dangerous. Bold because he was looking forward to being in Jesus' perfect forever kingdom. King Jesus definitely died and definitely rose from the dead. He is the king who rules God's kingdom. Are we going to be bold for Jesus or afraid?

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