

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Four writers tell the good news about Jesus. Mark, the shortest gospel, reveals Jesus as the servant-king who came to suffer and die, but rise triumphantly over the grave. The Gospel of Mark is a call to action—for all people to understand Jesus' identity and surrender to his royal authority over their lives.

Complete this discipleship challenge by **August 23, 2020** to receive **15 tokens**.

There are several ways to return your completed discipleship challenge.

Pick the one that works best for your family:

1. Bring the completed discipleship challenge to the KidPix store.
2. Complete the discipleship challenge electronically and email it to KidPix@wearecentral.org.
3. Have a parent sign this page and email a picture of this page to KidPix@wearecentral.org.

Parent signature: _____

(My child has completed the Summer 2020 discipleship challenge.)

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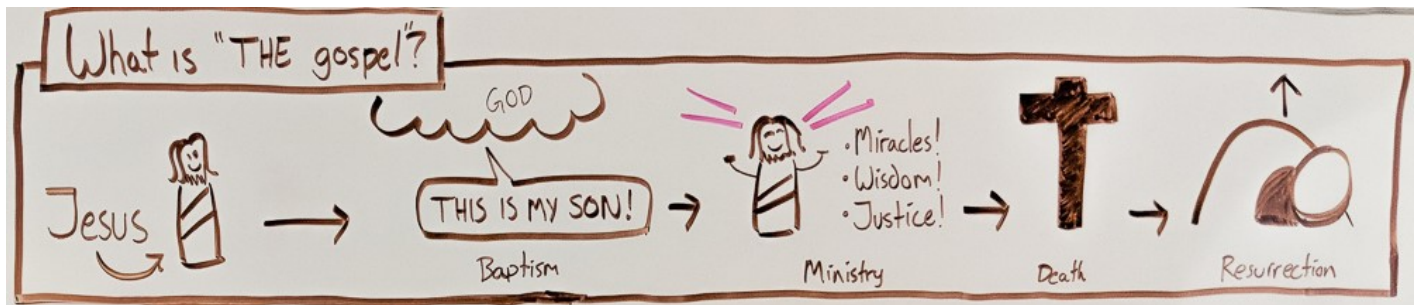


THE GOSPELS

The Bible is the holy Word of God. It was given to man from God to reveal Jesus Christ as our Savior. The words in the Bible are called “Scripture” and they come directly from God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). They were written down by men, but those words were not their own thoughts—they were given to the writers from God through His Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21). The Bible is divided into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The first four books in the New Testament of the Bible are called the Gospels. We are going to dive deeper into one of them—the Gospel of Mark.



When people say “*THE* Gospel” they are talking about the story of Jesus. Jesus was a man who was also the Son of God. He came to earth and shared His wisdom, performed miracles, and stood for justice. He lived a sinless life. Most importantly, He died on the cross to take the penalty for our sins and make us right with God. Three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death!



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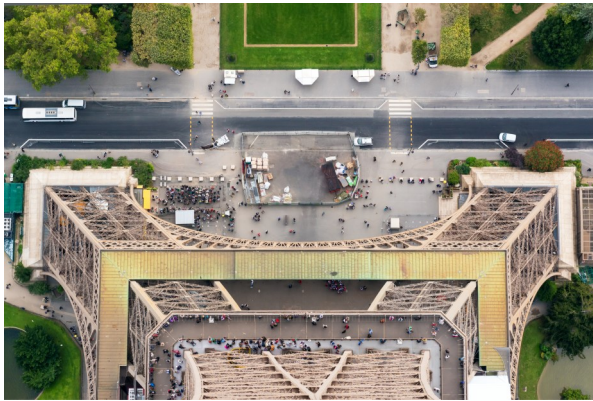
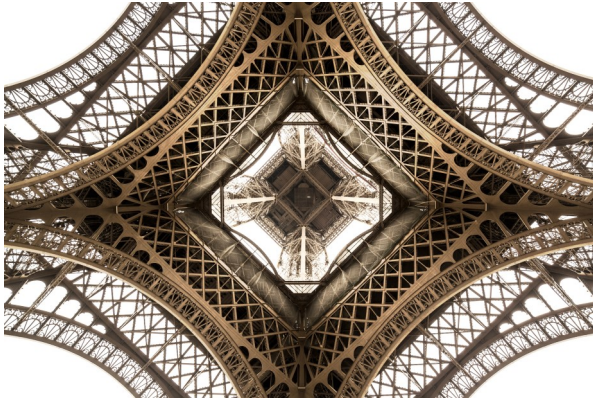
Each book tells about the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus (*THE* Gospel).

THE Gospel is not one of the four Gospels of the Bible. Rather, the four Gospels are telling *THE* Gospel of Jesus.

WHY DO WE NEED FOUR GOSPELS?

You might be asking yourself, “Why do we need four gospels?” Why didn’t God tell the story of Jesus in just one Gospel? That’s a good question. While each of the four Gospels tells about the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, each does so with a different perspective. Each of the four Gospels shows us something different about Jesus.

LOOK AT THE FOUR PICTURES BELOW:



- Can you identify the famous landmark in these four pictures?
- Do these four pictures look identical?
- What do they have in common?
- What makes them different?
- For each picture, list a unique feature of the landmark that you can see:

Different perspectives (view points) can bring out and highlight different characteristics of something or someone. Each of the four Gospels reveal something different about Jesus. While the events in each Gospel may occur in different order and some of the wording may be different, all four are still telling the good news of *THE* Gospel of Jesus!

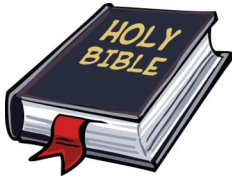
TRY IT!

Take a picture of an object from 4 different angles. Try to capture different and unique features of the object in each picture. Send your pictures to KidPix@wearecentral.org for **2 extra tokens!**



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels. Some think it may have been written first. Mark was not a close follower of Jesus. Rather, he took notes from Peter and wrote this Gospel based on Peter's memories and experiences. Mark wrote this Gospel primarily for Gentiles (people who were not Jewish). Mark's perspective (view) of Jesus was as the Suffering Servant—someone who suffered for the benefit of all mankind.



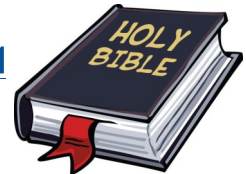
READ [MARK 1:1-8](#)

- In verse 1, how does Mark describe Jesus?
- What was John doing in the desert?
- Describe John's clothes?
- What did John eat?
- What was John's important message (v 7)?

John and Jesus were related (some say cousins). John's mother, Elizabeth, was Mary's (Jesus' mother) relative. You can read more about their special relationship in the Gospel of Luke ([Luke 1:39-60](#)).

John baptized a lot of people—that's why he is often called "John the Baptist." He even baptized Jesus! His job was to prepare the way for Jesus to come ([Mark 1:2-3](#)). John was great, but he wanted to make Jesus greater.

READ [MARK 1:9-11](#)



- When Jesus was being baptized, what came down upon Him?
- Who did God declare Jesus to be?
- What did He say about Jesus?
- Have you ever watched someone get baptized? Where were you and what did you notice?
- Read [Romans 6:4](#). What does baptism symbolize?
- Have you thought about getting baptized? If you already have been, share about your experience.

HIDDEN PICTURES: JESUS' BAPTISM

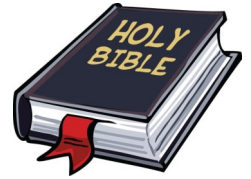
Find these objects hidden in the picture below:
book, clown's hat, fork, leaf, needle and thread, ring, plate, snail, star.



COME FOLLOW ME!

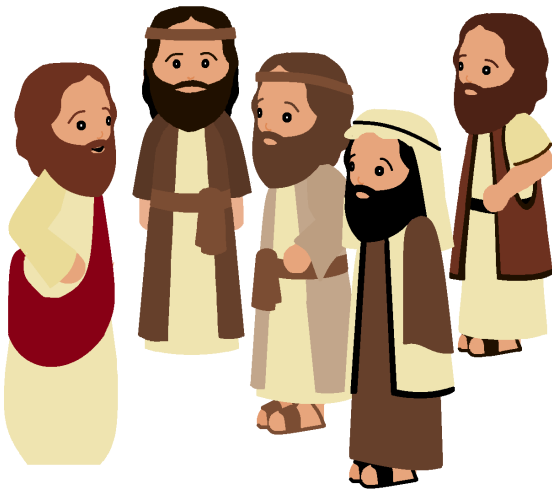
Jesus calls people to follow Him. When we choose to follow Him, we become living examples of His love and can help others to learn to know Him.

READ [MARK 1:14-20](#)



- Who did Jesus pick to be His first followers?
- What was their job?
- Why do you think He chose regular people instead of important people?
- What did Jesus tell the disciples He would help them to do?
- What do you think it means to fish for people?

LIST THE NAMES OF THE 12 APOSTLES FOUND IN [MARK 3:13-19](#):



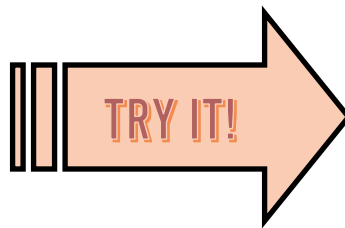
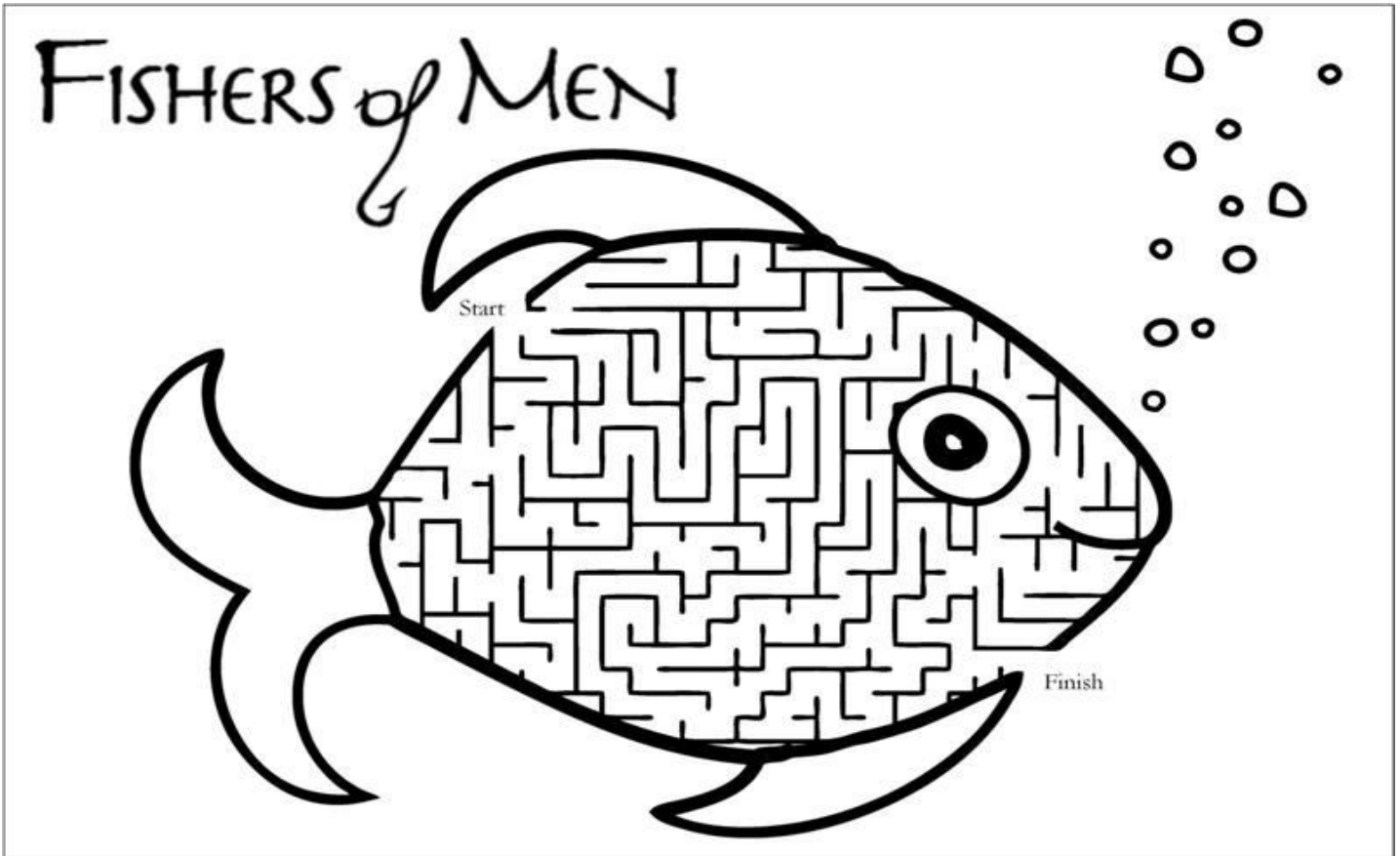
In your own words, write how *you* are following Jesus:

In Bible times, when a rabbi (teacher) asked someone to follow him, it was a very big deal. This invitation allowed a follower (student) unlimited access to the teacher. Not only could the student ask the teacher all kinds of questions, but they also lived alongside him, experiencing firsthand how the Scriptures should be lived out. Students went where their teacher went, slept where their teacher slept, and ate what their teacher ate. Becoming a follower meant dropping everything else in your life, and dedicating yourself completely to your teacher.

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FISHERS OF MEN

God wants us to love others and introduce them to Jesus.
People are drawn to Jesus when we share God's love with them!



Make your own fish!

Materials:

- Water bottle
- Scissors
- Clear tape
- Craft paint & brushes
- Glue
- Large google eye (or eye made of paper)
- Construction paper
- Pen

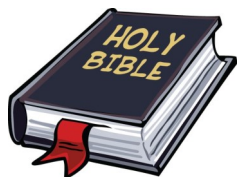
Instructions:

1. Remove lid from an empty water bottle. Squish the bottle flat from about the middle of the bottle all the way to the bottom. Leave the front part puffy.
2. Cut off the bottom of the bottle about an inch up.
3. Cut triangular notches in the side of the bottle to differentiate the back fin from the rest of the fish body.
4. Tape the triangle cut outs with clear tape so there is no longer exposed holes. This will make a more finished look and add a layer of protection from the sharp edges.
5. Paint a design onto your fish.
6. Once dry, add a large google eye with a glue dot.
7. Write "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men" on a slip of construction paper and add it to your fish.



THROUGH THE ROOF!

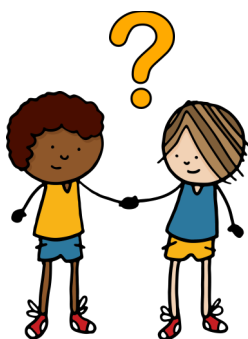
In today's age we have videos that go viral (spread widely and quickly). The life of Jesus and what He was doing early in His ministry was going "viral" in His day. So many people wanted to be close to Him that there was often not even room to see Jesus.



READ [MARK 2:1-12](#)



- Why were the men so desperate to get their friend to Jesus?
- Why couldn't they get close to Jesus?
- How did the man's friends get him close to Jesus?
- What two things did Jesus do for the man?
- Why were some people confused by what Jesus said?



What are ways you are helping your friends get closer to Jesus?

BLANKET RACE!



Gather a few friends or family members and have a blanket race!

Using a blanket or sheet, have one person sit on the blanket, and the other team members carry the person "riding" in the blanket.

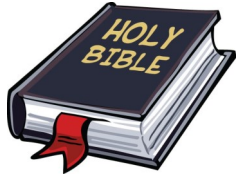
Start at a line, and race around a certain point and back.

Go down and back several times with a different person riding each time.



JESUS' AUTHORITY

Everyone was amazed by Jesus, but they still did not know who He was. Jesus was showing them who He was by showing them His authority, but they did not understand.

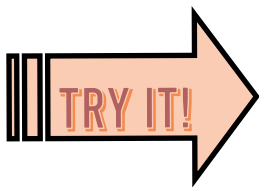


READ [MARK 1:21-28](#)

- What was Jesus doing in the synagogue?
- What was the reaction of people who heard His teaching?
- What name (identity) did the possessed man call Jesus?
- What does Jesus say to the impure spirit? What happens?

If someone has authority over you, that usually means you listen and obey them.

- Who are people with authority in your life?
- Why do these people have authority in your life?
- What are some things that they tell you to do that are hard to follow?
- Does Jesus have authority in your life?
- Who gives Jesus His authority?
- List ways you listen and obey Jesus' authority:



Instructions:

Place a tablespoon of jelly and a tablespoon of cream cheese on a plate and mix the ingredients together.

Materials:

- jelly
- softened cream cheese
- 2 spoons
- plate
- Bagel/toast/crackers (your choice)
- Can you make the jelly and cream cheese separate again?
- Why is it hard to separate the two?
- What do you think about Jesus being able to separate the evil spirit from the man?

Other people may have tried to help the man, but only Jesus could heal the man and separate the evil spirit from him. For anyone else it would have been like trying to separate the jelly from the cream cheese. Jesus has authority and power to do things that none of us could do no matter how hard we try.

Spread your cream cheese and jelly mixture on a bagel, toast, or cracker and enjoy!



WORD SEARCH:

JESUS DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT

Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words.

This puzzle is based on Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

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PSALM 34:1-5

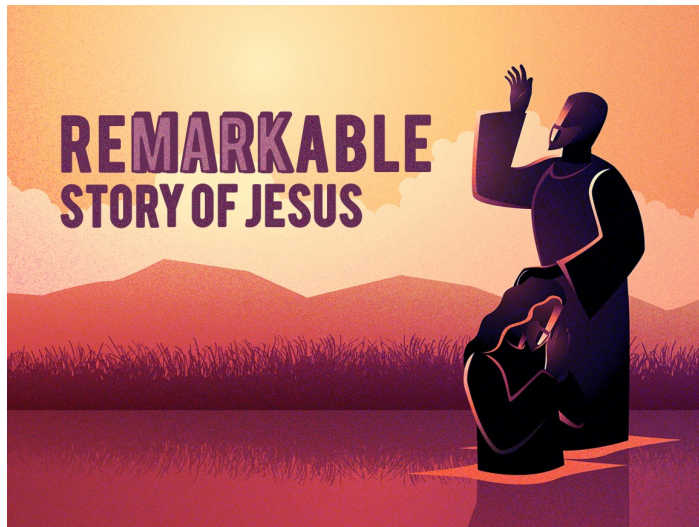
I will extol the Lord at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.



THINGS I AM LEARNING...
