

# Jesus and the Desperate Father

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Mark 9:14-29

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the crowd doing when Jesus came down from the mountain? (they were arguing)
- What weren't the disciples able to do for the father? (cast out the unclean spirit from his son)
- What did Jesus tell the people they needed? (faith (or trust) in God)
- Can you remember what the father yelled in excitement? ("I believe, I believe! Help me to trust and believe in God's power.")
- Why couldn't the disciples help the boy? (they needed to pray and ask God for help)
- When was the last time you needed help because you couldn't do something on your own?
- How can we ask God for His help? (by praying)
- Do you trust Jesus? How can you show that you trust in Him?
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?

## BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### \*Recall the Bible Story

*Things you need: "I Believe" Coloring Page and Crayons*

As your child colors, talk about today's Bible story. Use this time to talk through the discussion questions and make sure they learn something new about Jesus and who He is.

### \*God is Bigger!!

*Things you need: a device with YouTube*

Search "Veggie Tales God is Bigger than the Boogie Man". Watch the video together and sing the song with your child. Remind them that God is bigger and stronger than ANYTHING!

### \*Superheroes

*Things you need: Pictures of Superheroes or Superhero Action Figures*

Bring pictures or toys of different superheroes (Superman, Batman, Spiderman, etc.). Ask your child if they think God is stronger than these characters. Teach them some of the attributes of God. He is strong, all-knowing, able to be with everyone at the same time, He knows all things, and He is real!

### \*Jesus Heals a Boy

*Things you need: Word Search Printout and a pencil*

Have your child find all of the words that have to do with today's lesson. When they find the words, they will circle them. As they search, talk about each word's significance in today's Bible story.

### \*Pray

*Things you need: Nothing*

Talk about some things that change. Examples may include forms of water, caterpillar to a butterfly, tadpole to a frog, seed to a plant, etc. Let them come up with some ideas. Share how Jesus has changed your life and how glad you are for Him. Tell them that God never changes, He is constant and always there for us. Spend time praying together, thanking God for the ways He has changed your lives and for the way He never changes.

"...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

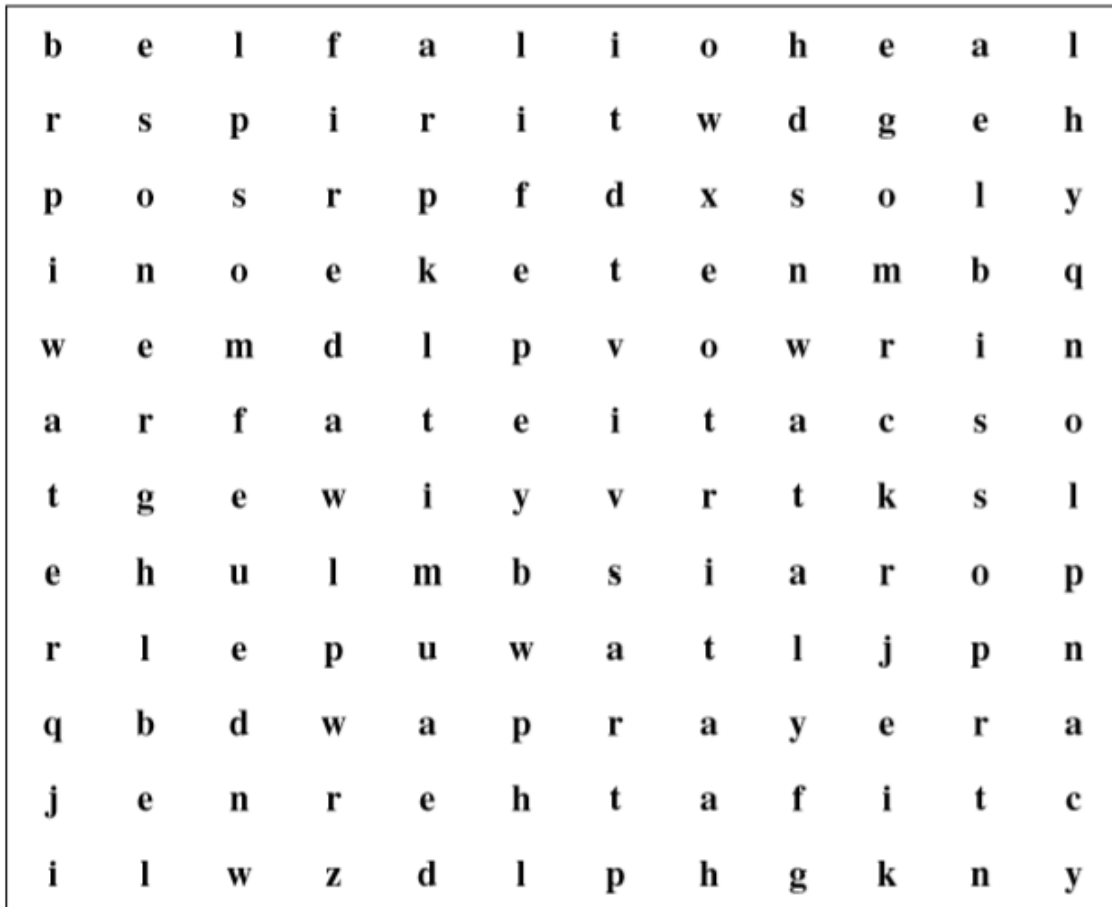
"'If you Can'!  
All things are possible for one who believes."

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"I believe; help my unbelief!"

# Word Search

## Jesus Heals a Boy with an Evil Spirit



spirit	father	son
evil	fire	water
possible	believes	prayer
healed		