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# FAITH @ HOME

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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Some ideas for continuing to reflect on the idea of Strategic Ministry.

Try reading Mark 1:14-28 in a few translations this week.

*Parents with littles – if you just need one or two ideas, the don't-miss ideas for young children are in green. Many of these are scalable for older and younger audiences by adjusting the language.*

*Black font is an all-play for children, teens, and adults.*

### **Most Important Matching Game**

Supplies – index cards, writing utensils

Give each child 4 index cards and something to write with. On each card, have them write one item/pet/person they would bring with them if they had to flee their home, and write their name. Collect all of the cards, mix them together, and lay them out face down on the table. Play a matching game to see what everyone thought was important, and what the most popular items are. A match consists of choosing two cards with the same item, or choosing two cards written by the same person. (Keep in mind that you may end up with unmatchable cards near the end.)

### **Feet Following Jesus**

Supplies – construction paper, pencils, markers, scissors, tape or wall putty

Give each child a piece of construction paper and a pencil. Have them stand on the paper and trace the shape of their foot. After cutting out the shape of their foot, have them write their name along with something they can do to follow Jesus. It could be something they give to make more time for Jesus, or correcting a bad behavior to be pleasing to God.

Once all of the feet are completed, mount them on the wall as a reminder. Once you reach that point, just turn over each additional card to see what is written.)

Check out these ideas for teaching Children about Mark 1:21-28

<https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-teaches-we-listen-lectionary-lesson-from-mark-121-28/>

Compare Mark 1:16-20 with Matthew 4:8-22

*Watch this video about Jesus Calling Peter*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIwTU9RbxY>

Try any or all of these craft ideas!

<https://sundayschool.works/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/craft-ideas-fishers-of-men.pdf>

## Focus on Strategy

What is a strategy?

Do you think God had a strategy for creating the world? Why or why not?

Who are some people that had a strategy in the Bible?

Activity: Create your own strategy to grow closer to God. It could include things like scheduled prayer times, devotionals, a plan for daily Bible reading, journaling, etc.

Listen to this song for children Jesus, the Game Changer. Try learning the actions!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqD13f\\_rIBc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqD13f_rIBc)

## Focus on Authority

### 3. Personal Pursuit (10 minutes)

Lead the children to sit on the floor on a soft blanket.

State: Everyone was amazed by Jesus, but they still did not know who He was. Who do we know Jesus is? (The Son of God, God!) Right! Jesus was showing them who He was by showing them His *authority*, but they did not understand.

Ask: Who do you know in your life who has authority? (may need to explain the term) If someone is in authority over you, that usually means we listen and obey them. (Show the pictures one at a time and discuss them.) Your parents have authority over you. When your mom or dad tell you to do something, you should obey. Your teachers have authority over you. Policemen have authority over many people. There are many people in the world who have authority, people who we need to *obey*.

State: Jesus could heal the sick and command evil because He has *ultimate* authority. That means no one on earth has authority over Jesus. In fact, He has authority over all of creation! Over you and me, over all the animals, and even the mountains and oceans. He is King over all! Jesus has authority because He is God. The Scripture we heard today reveals to us again that Jesus was not just a man who could do special things. He is God, and He has authority over all! We *obey* Jesus because of who He is. The people He taught and healed did not realize who Jesus truly was, but we do.

State: Jesus wants us to be amazed by Him too. We were pretending today to be His followers from the past, in Bible times. But we are also His real followers each and every day! Jesus wants us to be amazed by Him not just because of the wonderful things He did, but because He is God and He deserves our worship and praise. Let's sing to Jesus now and be amazed at who He is!

Worship through song: *You Are* by Mark Roach. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVMmWzr10xY>

### Children's Prayer (Have kids repeat each line)

Dear God,

We know that You have all power and authority

You are stronger than anything we can imagine

Help us to trust in You

And make you authority in our lives

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!

Thank you for Jesus

In His name, Amen!