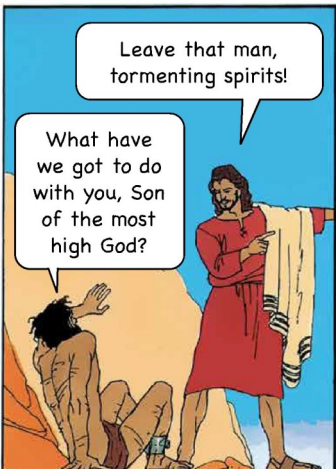
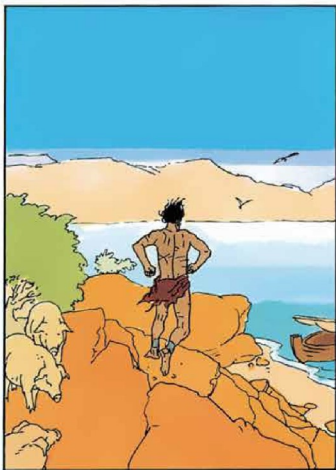
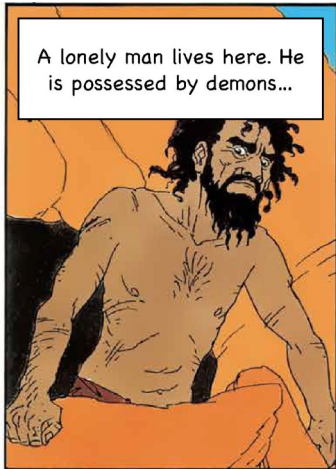
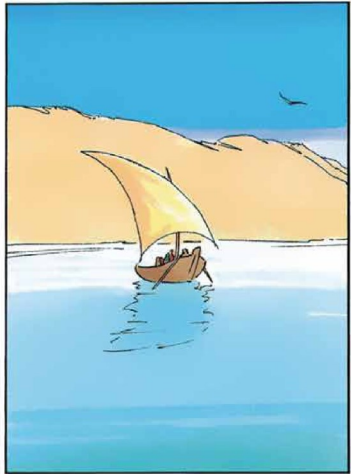
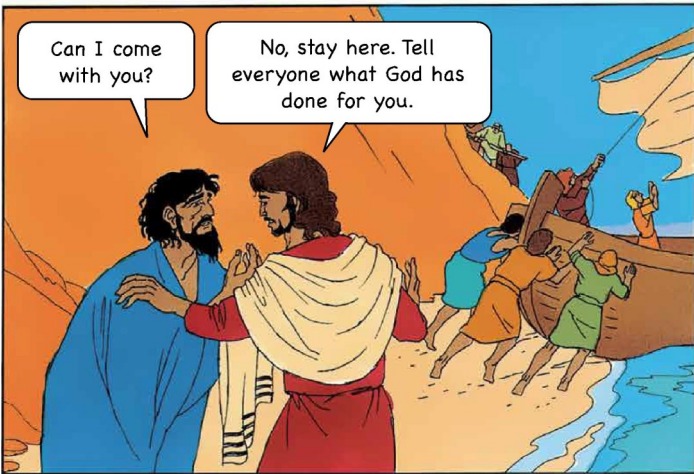
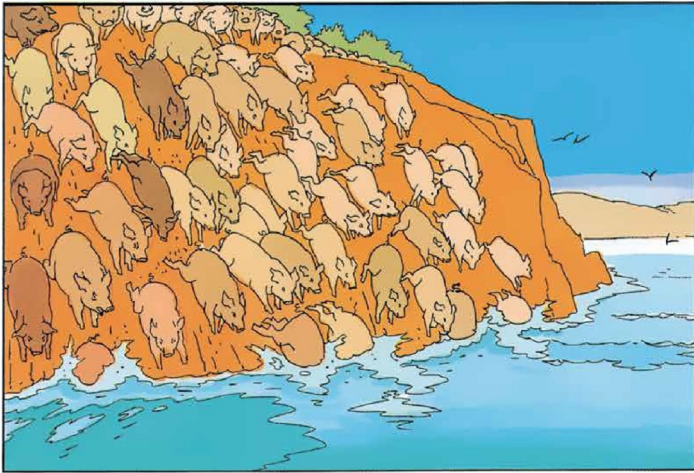
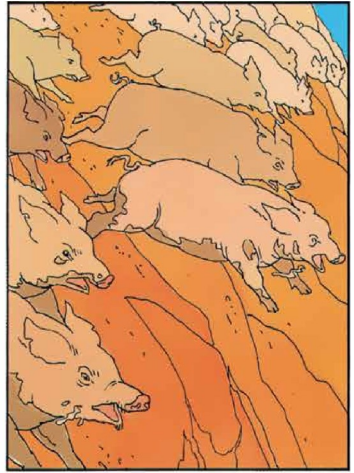
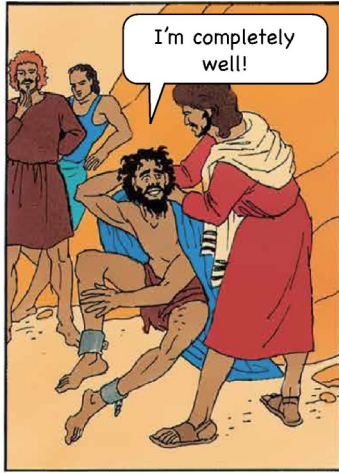


FREE OF SATAN'S POWER

READ FOR YOURSELF: Mark 5:1-20







FREE OF SATAN'S POWER

Beware! The devil is strong. But ... Jesus is stronger! That is why you do not need to be afraid of the devil. He has to leave you alone; he has no right to bother you.

The devil (Satan) is invisible. But he is there. And sometimes you can see his influence in people. He is determined to overpower people. The minute you give in to Him, he grabs hold of you, so that you do not anymore do what you yourself want. You become addicted to ugly things and habits. You lose control of yourself. You become lonely. And you start hating yourself. Until Jesus comes along ...

The Lord Jesus goes with His disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. There in the mountains outside of Israel a collision takes place between two worlds: between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness: Jesus against the powers of the devil. There is a possessed man, kept prisoner by evil spirits. They make him very strong, but also terribly unhappy.

Then Jesus comes! And where Jesus comes the devil flees. Jesus frees people from the devil's influence, because He is much stronger!

MEMORY VERSE

*"The Son of God appeared for this very reason, to destroy what the Devil had done."
(1 John 3:8b)*

WHO IS JESUS?

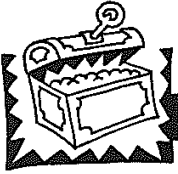
Deliverer

*"You are my help and my deliverer; O my God."
(Psalm 40:17 NIV)*

Jesus is stronger than all the powers of Satan. He is even stronger than death. Jesus entered death. But He also rose from death. And because He was victorious He is able to deliver people from their sickness, addiction or fear. He is the Deliverer!

*"Only that way could He deliver people, who had feared death their whole life long, out of bondage".
(Hebrews 2:15).*

*That is why Jesus says:
"If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free."
(John 8:36)*



OLD TREASURES

Isaiah was born about 770 B.C. and lived in Jerusalem. He wrote the longest book in the Old Testament (66 chapters). No other prophet wrote as clearly about Jesus as did Isaiah. When Jesus reads a passage from Isaiah in the synagogue, He says that this is talking about Himself (Luke 4:16-21).

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent Me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners” (Isaiah 61:1).



EXTRA INFORMATION

Satan

In the Bible Satan has a number of names. These names reveal clearly that he is God's enemy and that he desires to destroy people:

- devil (Ephesians 4:27);
- evil one (1 John 2:14);
- chief of the demons (Mark 3:22);
- accuser (Revelation 12:10);
- father of all lies (John 8:44);
- ancient serpent (Revelation 12:9);

Satan also has helpers: demons, evil spirits, fallen angels. But Jesus has defeated all these powers!

WITHSTAND SATAN

Are you afraid of the devil? Are you afraid of death? Or are you bound to ugly habits?

If you belong to the Lord Jesus the devil has no say over you. Jesus wants to take all your fears away. He wants to free you from every kind of addiction. He fills you with his peace. By simply trusting Jesus you withstand Satan. Listen to Him!

TIP

Whenever you are afraid, you can say: “But with Jesus I am more than conqueror!” The devil can not argue with this at all.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. Where did the possessed man live?

2. 'Possessed' means:

- a) That you are doing well.
- b) That evil spirits are living in someone.
- c) That you are very strong.

3. How do the people know that the possessed man is healed?

4. What does Jesus tell the healed man to do?

5. With what are people doing that are being influenced by the devil?

6. Why does God not approve of consulting with spirits and practising divination (Deuteronomy 18:12)?

7. Why is the Lord Jesus called Deliverer?

BIBLE READING

Sun	1 John 3:8
Mon	Mark 5:1-20
Tue	Deuteronomy 18:9-15
Wed	Psalms 40:14-18
Thu	Luke 4:16-21
Fri	Hebrews 2:14-15
Sat	Colossians 2:13-15



ACTION POINT!

This time: Don't do it!
Never do it! Never do what? Never look for 'power' to get special advantage, other than from Jesus.

It seems fun at first, advantageous, but you quickly get attached to it. And it gets you into all sorts of new problems. Gambling. Drinking. Smoking. Using drugs. Occult games. Spin glass. Reading horoscope. Calling up spirits. Fortune telling. Divination. Spells. Paranormal healing.

By doing these things you are opening a door for satanic powers. Say no to anything of which Jesus is not the boss. Don't do it!