



January 21, 2024, Gerasene Demoniac

Mark 5:1-12

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful God, your steadfast love endures forever, through all generations. Inspire us through your word and meal to share this love with our neighbors near and far. in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

And when [Jesus] had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. Mark 5:2



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The demons possessing a man recognize Jesus as the son of God and have the audacity to ask him a favor. Jesus does as the demons ask, simultaneously freeing them and the possessed man.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Where do you see the influence of evil? What does it look like? Do demons exist, or is that a metaphor for folks who make greedy choices?
- Have you experienced something that was evil? What did you do to fight it? How do you focus on the good from God?
- For the littles: Can Jesus love us if we make mistakes? Of course!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you feel the light and love of Christ protecting you from all evil. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Help advocate for those who are in need. Post signs with information for help in your church bathroom. For example, the Suicide Hotline, or your local domestic violence support shelter.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Sunday	Mark 5:1-20	Talk of the Decapolis
Monday	Psalm 103:1-5	Bless the LORD, O My Soul
Tuesday	Psalm 103:6-14	The LORD's Steadfast Love
Wednesday	Psalm 103:15-22	The Everlasting Love of God
Thursday	Psalm 23	The LORD is My Shepherd
Friday	Psalm 1	The Righteous Way
Saturday	Mark 5:21-34	A Woman Healed
Sunday	Mark 5:35-43	A Girl Raised