



Good morning  
everyone!



# Welcome

Today we hear about how Jesus was a great teacher.

Let's think about how important it is for everyone to get a chance to go to school and learn.

# Opening prayer



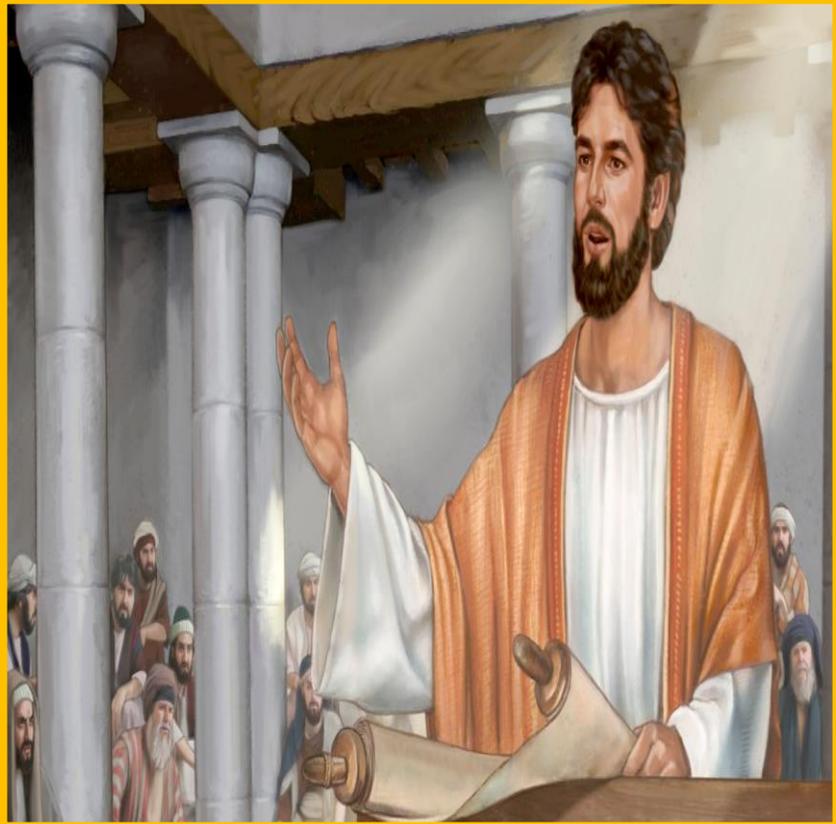
Dear Jesus Christ,  
Teach us how to be kind and generous, sharing  
what we have with our friends, family and people  
all over the world.

May we always listen to your word.

Amen.



# Mark 1:21-28



Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are — you are God's holy messenger!"

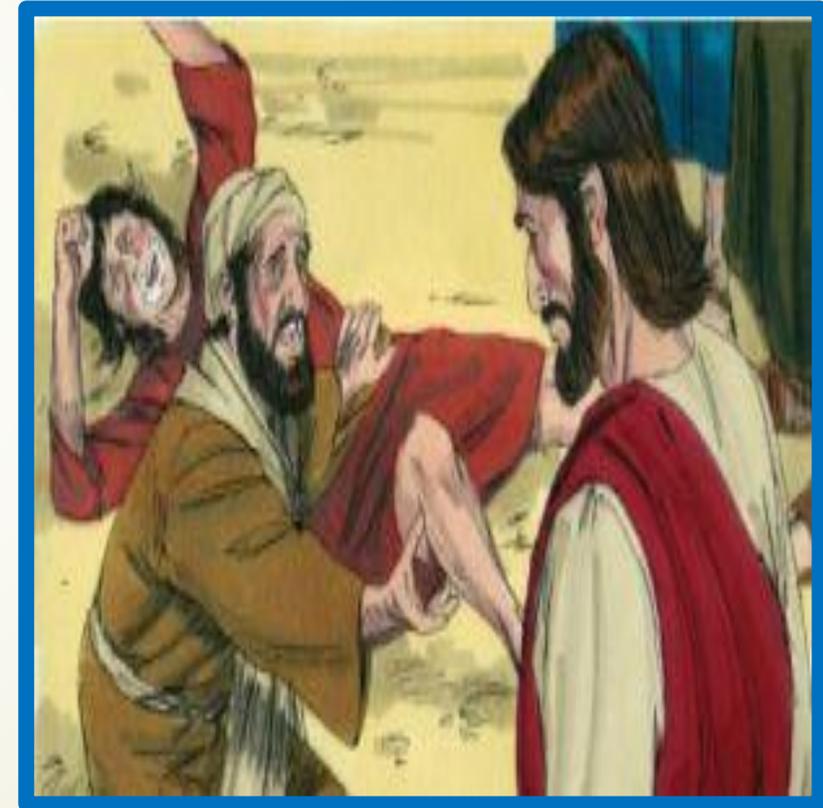
# Mark 1:21-28

Jesus ordered the spirit, “Be quiet, and come out of the man!”

The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, “What is this?

Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!”

And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.



## Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches.



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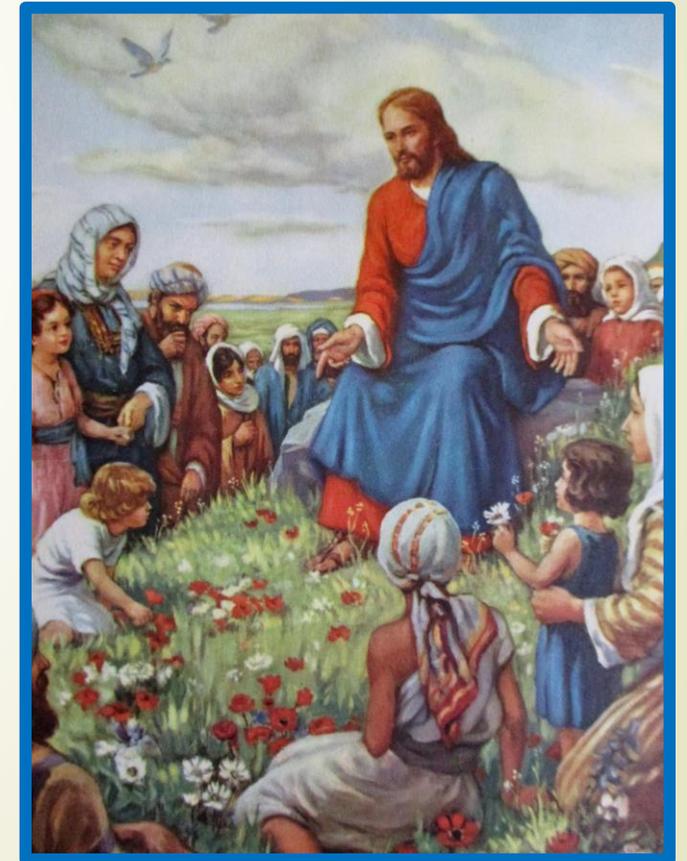
Why did they see Jesus as special?

Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does.

He lives out what he is teaching.

Can you think of an example when Jesus teaches us through his actions?

What does he want us to learn?

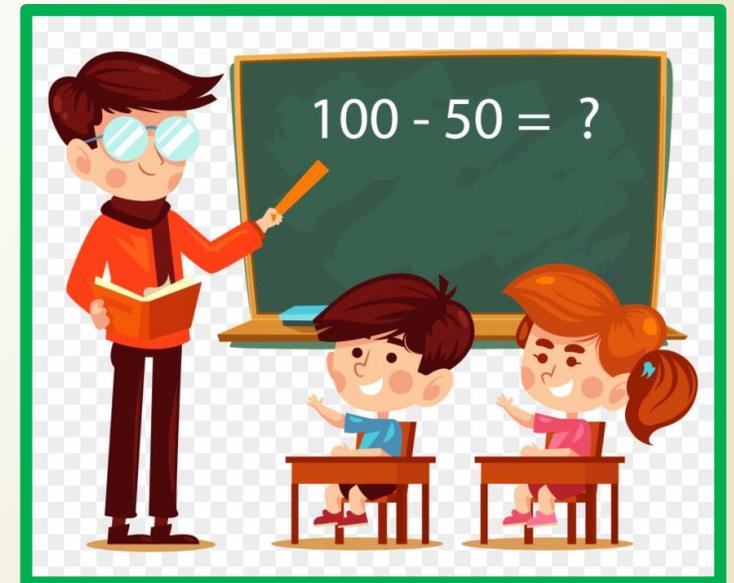


# Teachers are very important

They help us to learn about all sorts of things.

What do they help you to learn?

Who else helps you to learn? Family or friends perhaps?



Many of us are not able to go to school at the moment because of coronavirus.

How does that make you feel?



Some children who live in poorer countries around the world do not have the chance to go to school even when coronavirus isn't here.

Can you think of reasons why that might be?

Some children live in places where it isn't safe for them to travel to school or the school is too far away.

# What I want to see you do this week

Try your  
best.  
Do not give up!



Let's try this week to do our best to learn.  
To listen to our teachers, our parents, and all those  
who try to teach us the way.

And let us try to listen to Jesus and to what  
he is teaching us too, so that together we  
may love one another as he asks us to.



# Let us Pray



We pray and hope that all we say and do shows that we are trying to be more like Jesus, our teacher.

Lord in your mercy;

**All Response : Hear our prayers**

We pray for children in the poorest countries: that they may have the chance to go to school, to learn and ask questions, and have a brighter future.

Lord, in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**

We pray for teachers: that they may help children learn all kinds of interesting things at school that will help them as they grow up.

Lord, in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**



THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO TRY YOUR VERY  
BEST AND DON'T GIVE UP!





Dear God of hope,  
through your Son Jesus you teach us to love and care for all our  
brothers and sisters wherever they are in the world.

Help us to work together with others to make sure that all  
children have a chance to go to school and dream of a brighter  
future.  
Amen.