

Luke 8.22-39

Saving the lost!

LOST

It's no fun being lost!

But sometimes it happens.

When sheep get lost, the shepherd goes to look for them.

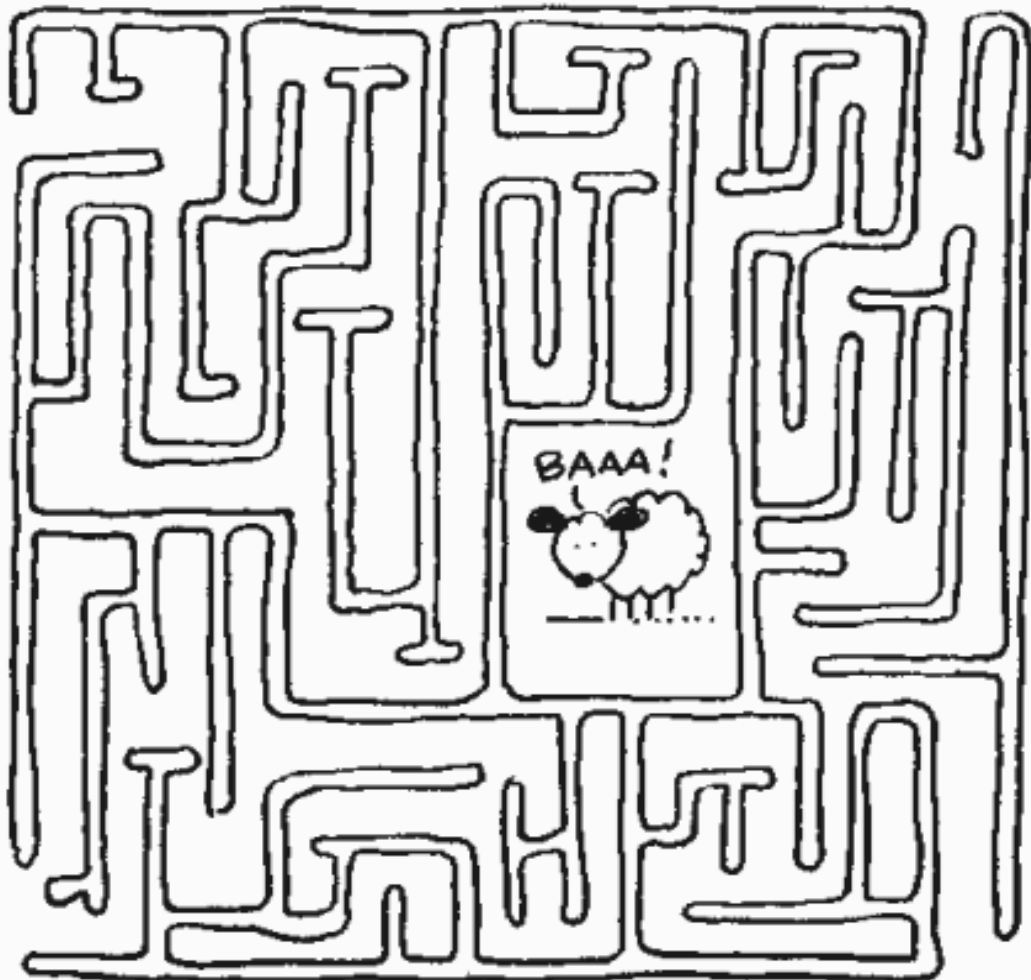
When we get lost in life, the Lord comes looking for us.

That's what today's passage is about.

**Try this
maze
to start
today's
worksheet**



BAAA!



HELP THE
SHEPHERD
FIND HIS
LOST SHEEP



The sheep won't find the shepherd!

The shepherd will have to go looking for the sheep!



Read

Luke 8.22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

today's passage

We looked at this part of the passage last week.

It tells us some important things about Jesus.

Why was He sleeping?

Because He's completely human: He became one of us: and we human beings get tired and need to sleep!

How could He sleep through a storm?

Because He knows that everything is completely under control: and He wants us to know that too!

Who is this?

That's the question the disciples asked one another. Answer – He's God, that's who!

But there's another questions worth asking –

Why was He crossing the lake?

That's what we're going to be looking at and thinking about this evening.

There was a man on the other side of the lake who was facing a very different sort of 'storm' in his life.

He was 'lost' in many ways.

Jesus was going across the lake to find him and to 'save' him.



Here's the rest of the passage

(It's a long passage as you can see!)



the man

Write down all the things which are highlighted in red about the man when Jesus first met him.

He was **O** _____

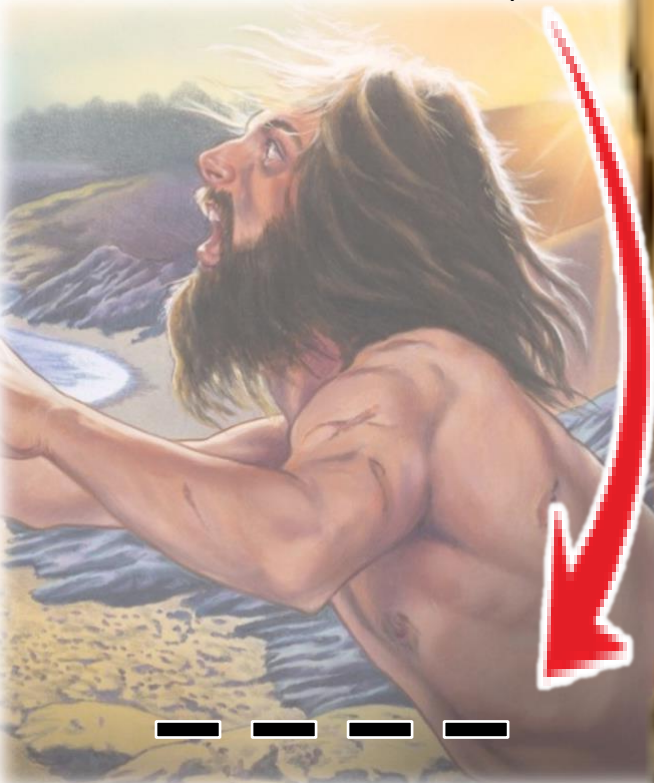
He had _____ **L** _____

He _____ **S** _____

He was _____

He was **T** _____

What word do the four letters spell?



Read

Luke 8.22-25

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a **demon-possessed** man from the town. For a long time this man had **not worn clothes** or lived in a house, but had **lived in the tombs**. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he ~~was~~ **chained** hand and foot and **kept under guard**, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³²A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.



Jesus

Like all the rest of the Bible, this story, too, was written to help you see who Jesus is and why we need to trust Him.

but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(John 20:31 ESV)

The Bible makes it clear that God **does** things. He does for us what needs to be done, things which we can't do for ourselves.

That's what was happening here. Jesus was doing what needed to be done.

3 things Jesus did



Try writing in below the 3 things which the passage tells us Jesus did.

1. He C _ _ _
to the man



Read Your Bible



Look up

Luke 19.10

and see what Jesus said about Himself

1 Timothy 1.15

and see what Paul had to say about Jesus

2. He C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

the impure spirit (check out v.29)



In the same way as Jesus had been able to deal with the storm on the Sea of Galilee, so here He 'stilled the storm' which was destroying this man: He rebuked the winds and waves and spoke in the same way here.





3. He C _ A _ G _ D

the man (look at v.35)




Can you see how different the man was after Jesus had 'cured' him (that's the word used about him in v.36).

Write down in the boxes below the three things we're told about the man after Jesus had set him free.

The man was -

S _ _ _ _ _ ,
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Read Your Bible  Look up **Luke 10.38-39**
 and see what Mary was doing in a very similar situation. This is what we start doing when Jesus 'saves' us

God 'covers' over our sin – all the things which have stained our lives: He 'clothes' with Jesus' righteousness

D _ _ _ _ _



_ _
 _ _ _ _ _
M _ _ _

Read Your Bible  Look up **Romans 12.2**
 and see how God's Spirit helps us to think straight and 'keep the head'!

A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



You do the most wonderful things, Lord Jesus!

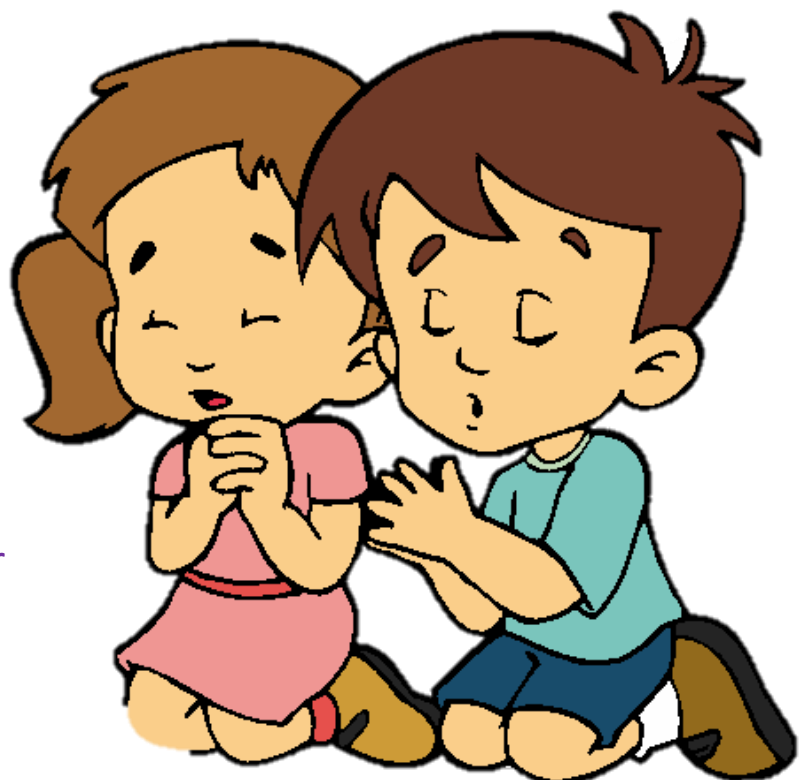
I love the way You went across the sea and through the storm – just to help this person whom no one else could help!

That helps me to understand better what You've done for *me*.

You crossed the 'sea' from heaven to earth because all of us were like the man in the story – really lost and needing to be saved.

Thank You, Jesus, that You were willing to endure the 'storms' of the judgment of God on our sin, so that we would no longer have to face that 'storm' ourselves.

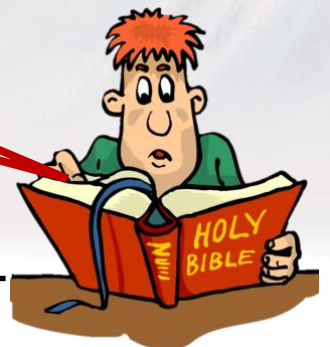
Thank You that You've covered over all our sins, and help us to think straight now! You're the best!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

".. sitting at Jesus'
feet, dressed and in
his right mind .."

Luke 8.35



A WORDSEARCH

Here's a Wordsearch all about the story in today's passage

M L

O V

W U

T L N D W D G

W S V D E M O N S A Y

P H E A L E D C T M D U C

E D P R M G V C B G A P K

S B U W B S W I N E O R W U T

T M C Q L Y J M F A P E S J O

E B D E M O N I A C Y N Q E M

W C P B O A T I A L L E Q S B

L U X G A L I L E E Z Z U

Q O O F C L O T H E S B S

A F R A I D V M H B X

F Q I B Q L K

WORD LIST:

GADARENE

GALILEE

JESUS

DEMONS

DEMONIAC

CLOTHES

TOMB

SWINE

HEALED

AFRAID

BOAT

Another WORDSEARCH

from the story in today's passage

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
Luke 8:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 8:26-39 (NIV).

A E E X A M N L A T G T R L J
C U U K V F V U V E V I L E J
D R E P O R T E D C I U T U Z
R S P I G S B I I C I K N G B
O D F D Y Z S R M C J E S U S
W H O Q B L F C O Q U W M A U
N A O N L P Y G H K K R G R R
E N T I B L E D A A E N E D N
D D H M E F A O P L I N G D D
J S D Z G S N K P D I N K E I
X M E R G P H W E L J L S C E
F X M X E I N E E H E S E J W
F W O R D R F X P T E G P E E
C F N E O I Y W T R J G Y P U
F P N O O T Y M D U P U N O B

FOOT	BEGGED	PEOPLE	HAND	CHAINS
PIGS	BROKEN	REPORTED	DROWNED	CURED
GUARD	GALILEE	HILLSIDE	DRESSED	JESUS
DEMON	FEEDING	SPIRIT	LAKE	EVIL

COLOUR in the pictures on these



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