

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Date: April 5 | Text: Luke 8:26-39

Parents,

This week's message in Luke 8:26-39 is a story that may be challenging for children to understand. Explain to your child that we will look at a story that involves a topic that may be a bit frightening to them. Have the discussion below before you watch our online service tomorrow. Then read the passage of text together.

1. Ask your child about things that seem scary to them. What do they do when they feel scared? Let your child know it's okay to be afraid sometimes.
2. This passage includes a frightening thing called demons. Demons are Satan's helpers and enemies of God. But guess what? They are scared of Jesus! They want nothing to do with Christians because they know we are filled with His Spirit.

For Sunday: This note section is for your children to use to follow along with Pastor Tim's message. Print it out ahead of time or write out your own notes on a small whiteboard or piece of paper.

Conversation Starters | Family Talk

As a family, talk about your response to today's message.

1. What stood out to you from today's message?
2. **Receive** God's peace: spend time alone praying about your worry and fears. Parents, talk to your child about your feelings and where you have seen your trust in God deepen. Have a family prayer time.
3. **Extend** gratitude to God and others. If you haven't already, begin a daily rhythm of gratitude. Think about and share with each other all that God has done for your family and our church.
4. **Celebrate** Jesus. Write a letter or call someone this week to share Jesus' love for us during this time. Share how you have hope and thankfulness to God during this difficult season.
5. Additional resource: [An article](#) from Sally Lloyd Jones about talking through fears with kids.



Listen to Pastor Tim's message and fill in the blanks below:

1. Our world is in _____.
2. Jesus is on the _____.
He might already have _____.
3. How am I responding to Jesus?
 - _____-Leave me
 - Faith- _____ me