

**TO HELP US STUDY**

1. When Jesus and the three apostles came down from the mountain, what were the other apostles doing? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the father, what was wrong with his son? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long had the boy been this way? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the evil spirit make the boy do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Could the apostles cast out the spirit? \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said to them, "O \_\_\_\_\_ generation. Bring the boy to me."
5. What happened as the boy was coming to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. The father begged, "If you can \_\_\_\_\_, take \_\_\_\_\_ on us and \_\_\_\_\_ us."
7. Jesus replied, "Everything is possible for him who \_\_\_\_\_."
8. When Jesus commanded the spirit to come out of the boy, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Jesus do then? \_\_\_\_\_
10. According to Jesus, what strong power had to be used to cast out a spirit like this one? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are some things we can do with prayer today? \_\_\_\_\_

**TO HELP US REMEMBER:** *Young ones*—Mark 9:23, "Everything is possible for him who believes."  
*Older ones*—Mark 9:23-24

**TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT**

Notice in Matthew's record of this event that he calls the spirit-possessed boy an epileptic (17:15). The demons in New Testament days caused the symptoms of many physical diseases in their victims. What other diseases did they cause? List the diseases and the scriptures that mention them.

**TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS**

We are not telling our children these stories just because the stories are interesting or entertaining. Almost every story has within it a practical lesson that can be used to mold young lives. This week's story, for example, is a forceful lesson about the power of prayer. It clearly shows how little we humans can do without the help of the Lord.

So don't just tell a story this week. Teach your children to pray. If they do not know how or if they have not yet developed regular prayer habits, use this story as a chance to help them start. Assist your children in wording simple prayers. Teach them to pray at certain times such as meal time and bedtime. Not only will we give our kids a lifelong blessing, but we will probably find our own prayer habits becoming healthier as well.

Remember: don't just tell stories. Mold lives.

**FOR ADULT STUDY:** Mt 7:7-12; Lk 11:1-12; 18:1-8; Phil 4:6-8; 1 Thes 5:17; Jas 5:13-18.