

The JC Hospital Bible Teaching Script

Learning aim: Jesus has authority over everything

Bible reading: Mark 1:21-28

Props needed: A white coat, stethoscope or similar medical equipment, "Doctor" badge + week 1 Powerpoint slides or prints

It's great to be looking at the healings of Jesus this term and we're going to be having great fun at the JC Hospital. *[If you saw the drama ask the children what Dr Wright thought the JC in JC Hospital stood for – invite responses – Jelly and Custard, Jaffa Cake, Julius Caesar but what did it really stand for?]* Of course, JC stands for Jesus Christ and one of the books in the Bible that tells us about Jesus is Mark's gospel which is the second book in the New Testament.

There's something really important that we need to understand about Jesus before we look at his healings. To help you with this I want you to look at these 3 images *[show Powerpoint or sheets with the images of Tomato Ketchup, Jam and Washing up Liquid]*. Can anyone tell me what connects these things? Look closely, is there some logo on each of these products? Does anyone know what it means?

It's called the Royal Warrant and it means that the Queen or King and other members of the Royal Family have used these products for at least 5 years. Can you see what it says on the washing up liquid "By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen, manufacturers of soap and detergents, Squeezy Clean, Newcastle upon Tyne". It basically means that the Queen or King approves of washing up liquid. That's pretty good if you make washing up liquid isn't it – to know that the Queen or King washes up the dishes with your product.....well maybe they gets someone else to do it!

At the beginning of Mark's gospel we see John the Baptist baptising Jesus. When Jesus comes out of the water a voice from heaven (God) says "You are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased". So that's like God saying Jesus has come to earth by royal appointment from him, he has been approved by God, just like the Queen has said that Tomato Ketchup is by royal appointment from her. What's more, God has made it clear that Jesus is His son and that is why he is able to do the amazing things we are going to learn about this session. He has been given authority (or power) by God himself.

In our story today Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and the people were amazed at what he said. He spoke so much better than all the other speakers because he had "authority". But what is "authority" – that's a funny word isn't it? It kind of means that you have the power to sort out a particular situation. Let's have a look at some situations and see if we can understand a bit more about authority.

So if you had a traffic jam *[show slide/sheet]* who would you want to sort it out?

How about a cleaner? *[show slide/sheet and invite responses]* Well, she could sweep up the roads a bit to make it tidier for the cars to drive along, couldn't she, but she wouldn't have authority over the car drivers.

So if you didn't want a cleaner, who would have authority to sort out a traffic jam? *[invite responses]*.

Yes, a policeman or traffic warden *[show slide/sheet]*. He looks fierce enough to sort it out doesn't he?

OK, what about if there was a fire *[show slide/sheet]* – who would you want to sort that out?

How about a butcher? *[show slide/sheet and invite responses]*

Well, he could cook some nice burgers on the fire but he wouldn't have authority to put the fire out! You would need someone else *[invite responses]*. Yes, a fireman *[show slide/sheet]* because he's got the hoses and the water and the fire engine and he knows how to put out fires. He would have authority over the fire because he knows what to do and has the power to do it.

In our story today a man with an evil spirit shouts out to Jesus:

Mark 1:24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God"

Now an evil spirit is something we will probably never see but the Devil, who is God's enemy, sometimes takes control of a person so that they don't know what they are doing. So it wasn't the man calling out but the evil spirit inside him.

The man says that he knows who Jesus is. Can you



remember who that was? *[read the verse above again if necessary]*. Yes, the Holy One of God. Do you think it's just a lucky guess or does he actually know who Jesus is? How would you know if someone had authority? Let's see.

[Ask for a volunteer - put them in white coat or some other uniform but the example assumes a doctor]. OK, x has got a white coat - does that make them a doctor? No. I know, we need to give them some equipment *[a stethoscope, syringe or some other equipment relevant to their job]*. Now, that must make them a doctor because they've got the equipment to do the job *[invite responses]*. Still no, oh dear.

Oh, silly me, they can't be a doctor because they haven't got a badge *[puts badge on doctor]* Now that must make x a doctor seeing as we know what they are called *[invite responses]*.

No, they're still not a doctor. There must be something missing. What is it? *[invite responses]* Oh, so they're not a doctor because they haven't been trained as one so they don't know what to do. Someone important must give a doctor authority to treat patients and they will only get that authority when they have been trained and passed their exams. You can't just give someone a doctor's uniform and a badge and say that they have the authority to look after patients. They won't be able to heal you because they don't know what to do.

But the evil spirit recognised that Jesus had authority over him because he knew he was the son of God. Jesus's authority came from God as we saw earlier:

Mark 1:11 – "You are my son who I love."

You couldn't have anyone more important than God giving you authority, could you?

And then Jesus proved he had authority over the evil spirit:

Mark 1:25-26 – "Be quiet! said Jesus sternly. Come out of him!. The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek"

If you saw someone do something amazing right in front of you, what would you think? *[invite responses encouraging the children to say that it would prove that they are who they say they are]*

Yes, it's no good someone just saying they can do amazing things, they need to prove it. Jesus driving out the evil spirit was proof that Jesus had power over even evil spirits. In fact he had power over everything. It was proof that when God said that Jesus was His son it was really true.

Listen to what the people at the time said:

Mark 1:27-28 – "The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching-and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him".

There are lots of people who have authority in our lives. Can you name some? *[invite responses]*. Yes, teachers, parents, policemen, children's group leaders *[+ others named by children]* are people we should listen to and respect but do they always get everything right? No, just like us, sometimes, people in authority get things wrong. Maybe a teacher punishes the wrong child at school – that happened to me! Maybe a policeman arrests someone who didn't commit a crime. Maybe even a children's group leader gets something wrong in a talk!

But we are looking this term at someone who never got anything wrong. Someone who had power over every situation, who could heal people of all sorts of illnesses, who had power even over the Devil and evil spirits. That's what the JC Hospital is all about. Anyone can come to Jesus and ask him for help, including us, 2,000 years after he lived. He will answer our prayers in the way that is best for us. So, I hope you are going to come along every week to our group to find out more about the amazing healings that Jesus made as we look at Mark's gospel.

Dear God,

We thank you that You gave Jesus authority over everything because he was your son.

Please help us to trust You in every situation in our lives and we are sorry for the times when we haven't done that and have tried to sort things out ourselves.

Amen



The JC Hospital Drama Script

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Based on Mark 1:21-28

DR: Oh, hello there. Welcome to JC Hospital, we've been expecting you. It's great to have visitors to the hospital who aren't in need of medical attention! I'm sorry to have kept you. I hope you haven't been waiting too long, we're so busy here today.

My name's Doctor Wright

Nurse: Doctor who?

DR: No that's someone else, I'm Doctor Wright.

Nurse: Right.

DR: Yes?

Nurse: No, I was just saying alright.

DR: Right.

Nurse: Anyway, my name is Nurse Left. *[pause]* Well it's better than being Nurse Wrong isn't it?

Now, DR, why don't you tell our visitors what the JC in JC Hospital stands for.

DR: Um, is it Jelly and Custard?

Nurse: Don't be silly.

DR: Jaffa Cake?

Nurse: No, it's a person from a long time ago.

DR: Julius Caesar.

Nurse: Do you mean you really don't know how the hospital you have worked in for 6 years gets its name? It's from the greatest healer who ever lived, the great Doctor before hospitals had even began. Jesus Christ.

DR: Oh all right Nurse Know It All.

Nurse: No, it's Nurse Left, remember?

DR: Ok, Nurse Left, could you send in my first patient please?

Nurse: OK.

Patient 1 enters

DR: Now, how can I help you?

Patient 1 looks nervous

DR: Yes, what's the problem?

Patient 1: Well, it's a bit embarrassing really. I don't like to say in public.

Patient 1 goes up to Doctor and whispers in his ear for quite a while

DR: Ah yes, I see.

Patient 1: Oh, there's something else. I nearly forgot.

Patient 1 goes up to Doctor and whispers again in his ear

DR: Is that it then?

Patient 1 nods and goes to sit down but immediately comes back to whisper some more

DR: *[looking exasperated]* Have you finished yet? I think this is a severe case of NothingWrongWithYouItis. *[Gives some pills to Patient 1].* Take one of these twice a day and don't come back. Next!

Patient 1 leaves – DR and Nurse turn when they hear noise



Clutz: Boil on the bottom be gone! Disappear! Vamoose!

DR: What on earth is that shouting about?

Nurse: It sounds like Consultant Clutz. We'd better have a look.

[Nurse and DR pull back the cubicle curtain to see Consultant Clutz. Patient 2 is still standing, bending over slightly, with Consultant Clutz staring at his bottom]

Clutz: *[commanding]* Flee from here, boil. Leave this man alone.

DR: What's going on here?

Clutz: *[Looking at the Nurse]* Ah, DR Wright, right?

Nurse: *[Sarcastic]* Right.

DR: Wrong. I'm Dr Wright.

Clutz: Are you trying to confuse me?

Nurse: *[Aside to audience]* Who put this man in charge?

Patient 2: Well Doctor. I have a boil on my bottom and it's very painful.

DR: When does it hurt?

Patient 2 goes to sit down absentmindedly

Patient 2: When I sit down. Ahhhhh.....

Patient 2 jumps up and hops around in pain.

DR: I see.

Clutz: Yes, and I've told the boil to go away, but it's not listening to me at all.

Nurse: *[Sarcastically]* Well, that usually works.

DR: I think you'll find it needs a cream, Sir. Shouting at a boil doesn't make it go away.

Clutz: Well, I've been working on my authoritative voice.

Nurse: I had been thinking that.

Clutz: And so, I've been doing just what Jesus did. He simply spoke, and he could heal people.

Nurse: Well, you're not quite Jesus though, are you, if you don't mind me saying, Sir.

DR: You're right though, Sir.

Clutz: No. I thought you're DR Wright.

DR: Yes, Yes. I mean you're right about Jesus. Everyone could see His authority. That means they could see he was in charge of everything. Even the demons knew who Jesus was and listened to him.

Patient 2: Are you saying my bottom has a demon on it?

DR: No, no, no! This is serious stuff. In the Bible, in Mark's gospel, there was a man who came to Jesus and started shouting at him saying that Jesus had come to destroy him. He knew that Jesus was the Son of God and had great power. But, you know, it wasn't really the man talking but an evil spirit living inside him. Jesus realised that his problem wasn't a problem with his body like a boil on the bottom but it was the spirit living in him that was the problem. He told the evil spirit to come out of the man and he was healed. Even the evil spirit had to obey Jesus. And Jesus has authority over everything, even today.

Patient 2: Speaking of which, is anyone going to take charge of sorting my bottom out.

Nurse: Ah, yes, leave it with me.

[close curtain]



The JC Hospital – Younger Children

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Jesus heals a man with an impure spirit

Open up your Bible at Mark 1:21-28

We are learning today: Jesus has authority over everything



Which people are in charge who we listen to (we say they have authority)?

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In today's story, what do the people think and say about Jesus' teaching? (see verse 22)

They were a _____. He taught them as one who had a _____.

The evil spirit living inside this man knows things humans might not know. What does the spirit call Jesus – who does he say Jesus is? (see verse 24)

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In verse 25, Jesus tells the spirit to leave the man alone. How do we know who is in charge and is more powerful? Tick the right answer.

- Jesus is more powerful because the evil spirit obeys him
- The spirit is more powerful because he scares Jesus

Today, Jesus is like a king in charge of everything. How should we treat someone who is powerful and important?



Even though there are bad and powerful people in the world, who has even more power and who should we trust? What difference will it make if we trust Jesus?

Memory verse

'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'
(Mark 2:17)

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The JC Hospital – Older Children

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We are learning today: Jesus has authority over everything



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The evil spirit living inside this man knows things humans might not know. What does the spirit call Jesus – who does he say Jesus is? (see verses 23 & 24)

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In verse 25, Jesus tells the spirit to leave the man alone. Is Jesus afraid of the evil spirit? How do we know who is in charge and is more powerful?

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The JC Hospital Parents Notes

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Summary

After recruiting his disciples, this is the first time in Mark's gospel we see Jesus teaching or healing. This is the beginning of Jesus's public ministry. This episode at the beginning of Mark's account sets up, for the rest of his book, the authority of Jesus. Most new teachers on the block would take a while to build up a reputation of authority, but Jesus wows the crowd instantly. First the crowd recognise that he teaches with authority unlike the teachers of the law (v22); then the evil spirit recognises his authority as 'God's Holy One' (v24); by his own authority Jesus is able to heal the man (v25-26); then the crowd affirms his authority having seen all he has done (v27).

This has two implications for us today – we recognise Jesus's authority over us, and also we know he has authority over everything so, if we are on his side, we don't need to fear. We should listen to Jesus because his words have power to change our lives & to cast out evil. If anyone was going to be lacking in submission and obedience it would be an evil spirit –

and yet he obeys Jesus. As a supernatural being, the evil spirit may recognise things that we are blind to, like who Jesus is. Well, if an evil spirit submits to Jesus, how much more should we? It's not enough to believe in Jesus, he should be Lord of our lives.

Questions for home

- Who is the person we trust the most or think has the most power?
- Who do we normally turn to first when there's a problem or something we need? Why?
- Do we sometimes think our opinion has more authority than what Jesus says in the Bible?
- What would it look like to live with Jesus as your king?

Jesus is stronger than a bully, he is more powerful than a storm, Jesus can make even the worst of things better. Is there something that you want to ask Jesus to help you with?

You can pray now and ask him.

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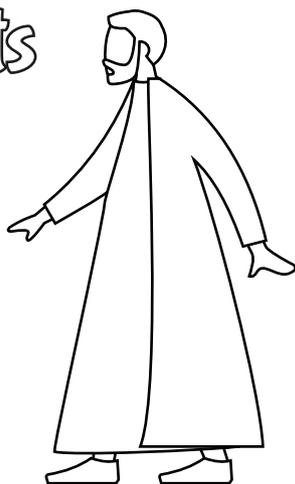


The JC Hospital Craft – Door Hanger

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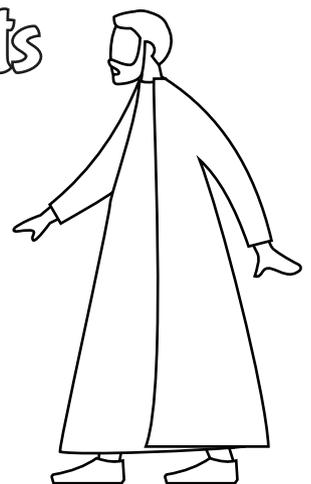
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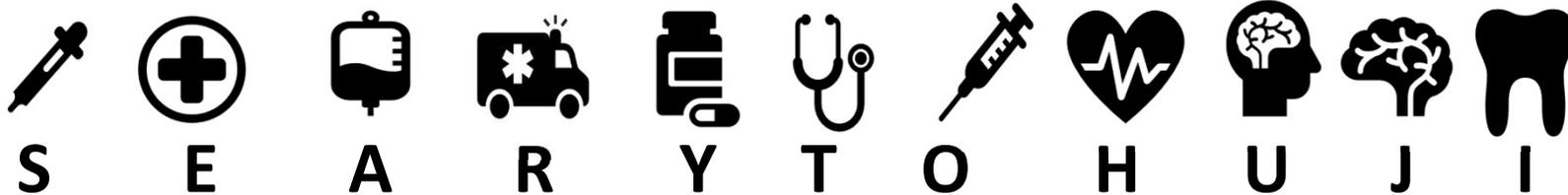


The JC Hospital activity - week 1
Find out what we are learning today by cracking the code



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