

Adventure Club

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Some Leadership Lessons of Jesus

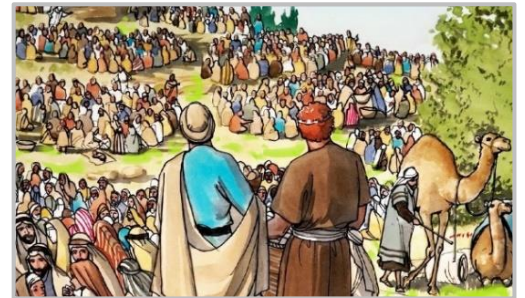


'When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd [waiting], and He was moved with compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.' Mark 6:34, *Amp.*

Lesson:
Be compassionate.

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'Then Jesus commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties [so that the crowd resembled an orderly arrangement of colourful garden plots].' Mark 6:39-40, *Amp.*



Lesson: Be orderly.

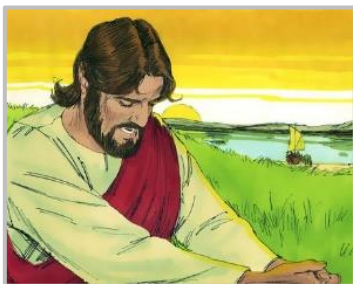
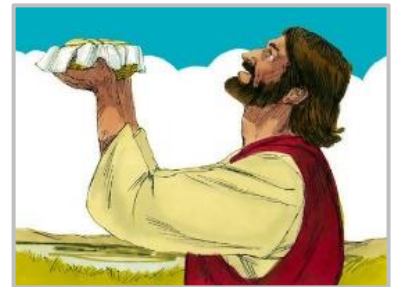
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Jesus 'took the seven loaves and gave thanks'. Mark 8:6, *NKJV*

Lesson: Be thankful.

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'Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to Heaven, thanked God, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. Everybody ate and was satisfied. Afterwards they collected twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and fish that were left over. There were five thousand men who ate the loaves. Directly after this, Jesus made his disciples get aboard the boat and go on ahead to Bethsaida on the other side of the lake, while he himself sent the crowds home. And when he had sent them all on their way, he went off to the hill-side to pray.' Mark 6:41-46, *Phillips*



Lesson: Pray.

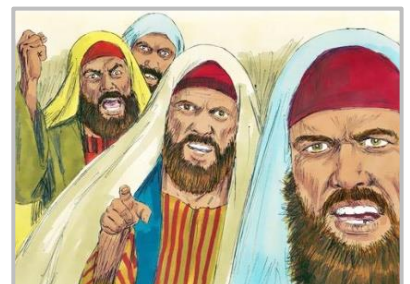
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'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.' Mark 1:35, *NIV*

Lesson: Be disciplined.

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'Jesus left Capernaum and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. On the Sabbath, he went to teach in the synagogue. Everyone who heard his teaching was overwhelmed with astonishment. They said among themselves, "What incredible wisdom has been given to him! Where did he receive such profound insights? And what mighty miracles flow through his hands! Isn't this Mary's son, the carpenter, the brother of Jacob, Joseph, Judah, and Simon? And don't his sisters all live here in Nazareth?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is treated with honour everywhere except in his own hometown, among his relatives, and in his own house." He was unable to do any great miracle in Nazareth, except to heal a few sick people by laying his hands upon them. He was amazed at the depth of their unbelief!' Mark 6:1-6, *TPT*



Lesson: Don't be an unbeliever.

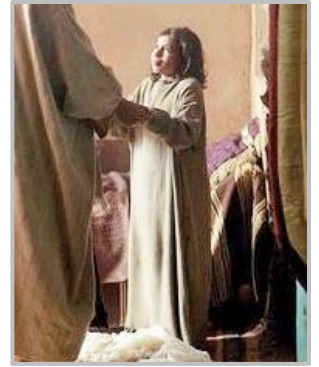


'Then came a man called Jairus, one of the synagogue presidents. And when he saw Jesus, he knelt before him, pleading desperately for his help. "My little girl is dying," he said. "Will you come and put your hands on her — then she will get better and live." Jesus went off with him.' Mark 5:22-24, *Phillips*

Lesson: There are times to take decisive action.

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'Messengers arrived from the synagogue president's house, saying, "Your daughter is dead — there is no need to bother the master any further." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "Now don't be afraid, just go on believing!" Then he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John, James's brother. They arrived at the president's house and Jesus noticed the hubbub and all the weeping and wailing, and as he went in, he said to the people in the house, "Why are you making such a noise with your crying? The child is not dead; she is fast asleep." They greeted this with a scornful laugh. But Jesus turned them all out, and taking only the father and mother and his own companions with him, went into the room where the child was. Then he took the little girl's hand and said to her in Aramaic, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!" At once she jumped to her feet and walked around the room, for she was twelve years old. This sight sent the others nearly out their minds with joy. But Jesus gave them strict instructions not to let anyone know what had happened — and ordered food to be given to the little girl.' Mark 5:35-43, *Phillips*



Lesson: Look for opportunities to fulfil the needs of others (as Jesus did for this girl who needed to eat.)

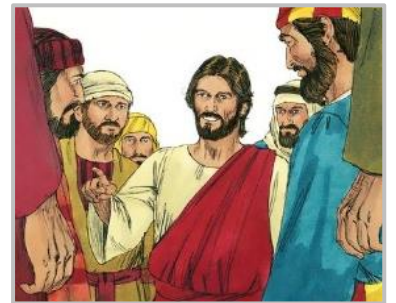
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'They began discussing this with one another, saying, "It is because we have no bread [that He said this]." Jesus, aware of this [discussion], said to them, "Why are you discussing [the fact] that you have no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Though you have eyes, do you not see? And though you have ears, do you not hear and listen [to what I have said]? And do you not remember?' Mark 8:16-18, *Amp.*

Lesson: Listen and remember.

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Jesus 'posed this question to his disciples: "Who do the people say that I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptizer, others say Elijah the prophet, and still others say you must be one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter spoke up, saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" ' Mark 8:27-29, *TPT*



Lesson: Know who Jesus is.

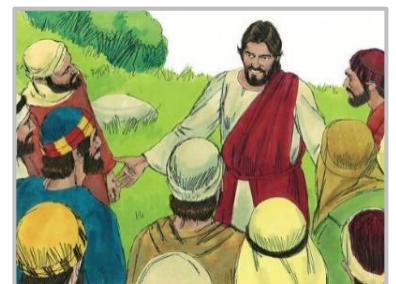
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'Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." . . . When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." ' Mark 9:17-18, 25-29, *NKJV*

Lesson: Learn from failures.

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'Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. They went into a house, and Jesus said to them, "I heard you arguing on the way here today. What were you arguing about?" But the followers did not answer, because their argument on the road was about which one of them was the greatest. Jesus sat down and called the twelve apostles to him. He said, "Whoever wants to be the most important must make others more important than themselves. They must serve everyone else." ' Mark 9:33-35, *ERV*



Lesson: Make others more important than yourself.

'They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." ' Mark 5:1-19, NKJV



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Lesson: Let your friends know the great things God has done and about His compassion.

'When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.' Mark 4:10, NIV

Lesson: Be selective in who you talk to about certain things, and when.

'Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me" ' Mark 1:17, NKJV

Lesson: Follow Jesus.

Then they came to Jesus, 'bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. . . . He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" ' Mark 2:3-4, 10-12, NKJV



Lesson: Expect and capitalise on the unexpected.

'Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her.' Mark 1:30-31, NIV

Lesson: Give a helping hand.



'Jesus completely amazed the people. They said, "He has done everything well." ' Mark 7:37, GW

Lesson: Do everything well.

'A fierce windstorm began to blow, and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep [with His head] on the [sailor's leather] cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are about to die?" And He got up and [sternly] rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still (muzzled)!" And the wind died down [as if it had grown weary] and there was [at once] a great calm [a perfect peacefulness]. Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith and confidence [in Me]?" ' Mark 4:37-40, *Amp.*



Lesson: In life's storms, don't be afraid, have faith and confidence in Jesus.

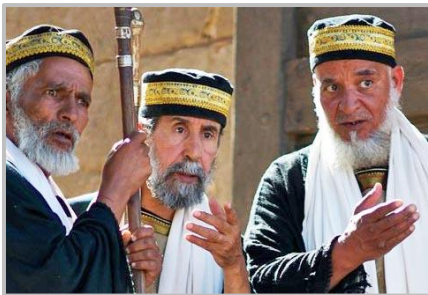
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Then Jesus 'said to them, "Take heed what you hear" ' . Mark 4:24, *NKJV*

Lesson: Take heed what you hear.

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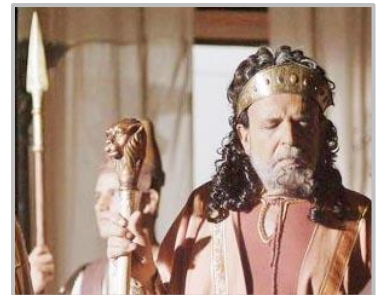
'Then he gave them strict orders: "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." ' Mark 8:15, *CSB*



Lesson: Watch out and beware.

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'The Pharisees and the teachers of the law said to Jesus, "Why don't your followers obey the unwritten laws which have been handed down to us? Why do your followers eat their food with hands that are not clean?" Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right when he spoke about you hypocrites. He wrote, 'These people show honour to me with words, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is worthless. The things they teach are nothing but human rules.' You have stopped following the commands of God, and you follow only human teachings." Then Jesus said to them, "You cleverly ignore the commands of God so you can follow your own teachings." ' Mark 7:5-9, *NCV*



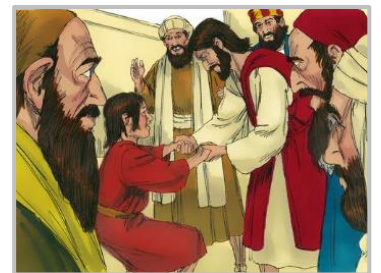
Lesson: Follow the commands of God.

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'Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me." ' Mark 9:36-37, *GNT*

Lesson: Welcome children.

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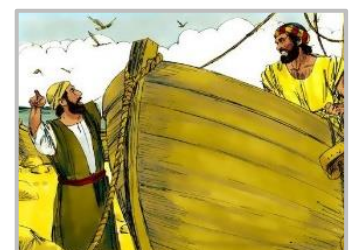
'Jesus called all the followers together. He said, "The non-Jewish people have men they call rulers. You know that those rulers love to show their power over the people. And their important leaders love to use all their authority over the people. But it should not be that way with you. Whoever wants to be your leader must be your servant. Whoever wants to be first must serve the rest of you like a slave. Follow my example: Even the Son of Man did not come for people to serve him. He came to serve others and to give his life to save many people." ' Mark 10:42-45, *ERV*

Lesson: Follow the example of Jesus by serving others.

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'Jesus now retired to the lake-side with his disciples. A huge crowd of people followed him, not only from Galilee, but from Judea, Jerusalem and Idumea, some from the district beyond the Jordan and from the neighbourhood of Tyre and Sidon. This vast crowd came to him because they had heard about the sort of things he was doing. So Jesus told his disciples to have a small boat kept in readiness for him, in case the people should crowd him too closely.' Mark 3:7-9, *Phillips*

Lesson: Plan ahead.



‘ “Now come along to some quiet place by yourselves, and rest for a little while,” said Jesus, for there were people coming and going incessantly so that they had not even time for meals. They went off in the boat to a quiet place by themselves.’ Mark 6:31-32, *Phillips*

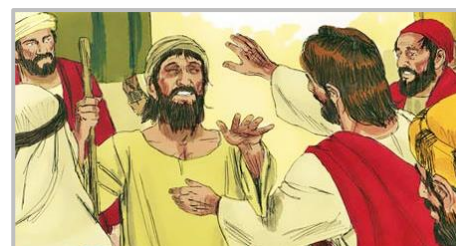


**Lesson: Occasionally,
find a quiet place and rest.**

‘Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.’ Mark 3:13, *NIV*

Lesson: Choose places carefully.
(For example, mountains have stunning views.)

‘You must know the story of Jesus of Nazareth — why, it has spread through the whole of Judea, beginning with Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed. You must have heard how God anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit, of how he went about doing good.’ Acts 10: 37-38, *Phillips*



Lesson: Do good.

See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words: ‘Jesus went everywhere doing good.’ Acts 10:38, *ICB*

Word Search

LESSON	COMPASSION
TAKE	ORDERLY
HEED	THANKFUL
WATCH	PRAY
OUT	DISCIPLINE
DO	BELIEVE
GOOD	LISTEN
BEWARE	REMEMBER
SERVE	LEARN
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