

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE BOY WITH A WICKED SPIRIT

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MARK 9:14–29

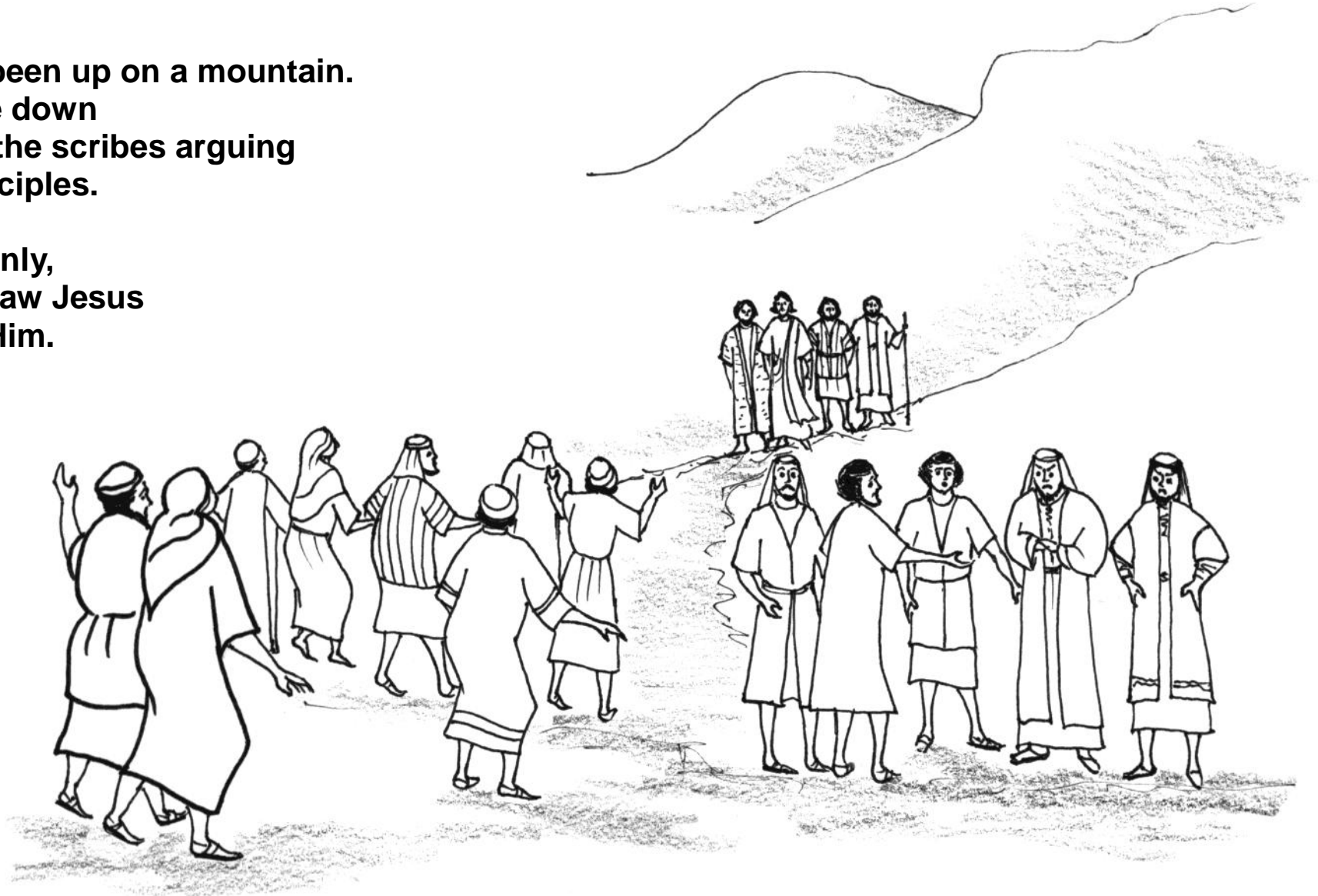
Matthew 17:14–21; Luke 9:37–43

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**Jesus had been up on a mountain.
As He came down
He noticed the scribes arguing
with the disciples.**

**Then suddenly,
the crowd saw Jesus
and ran to Him.**



**Jesus asked,
'What are you arguing about?'**

**A man shouted,
'Teacher, I brought my son to You.
He has a spirit
from the devil in him.
It stops him talking
and throws him on the ground.
He grinds his teeth,
becomes stiff
and foams at the mouth.
I asked your disciples
to get rid of this wicked spirit,
but they couldn't.'**

**Jesus answered.
'How long do I have to wait
for you to believe?
Bring the boy to Me.'**



**When the wicked spirit saw Jesus,
it threw the boy on the ground.
The boy rolled around,
grinding his teeth.**

**Jesus asked the father,
'How long has he been like
this?'**

**'Since he was a child,'
answered the father.
'Sometimes the spirit
throws him into the water
and the fire to kill him.
If you can do anything,
please help us.'**



**'You ask Me "If I can?"'
answered Jesus.
'All things are possible
for those who believe.'**

**The father cried out,
'Lord, I do believe.
Help me to believe more.'**

**Jesus, looked at the boy
and commanded,
'Spirit, that stops this boy
speaking and hearing,
come out of him.
Never go into him again!'**



**The wicked spirit made the boy
twist and shout,
then came out.
The boy lay very still.**

**The people said,
'He's dead!'**



**Jesus took the boy's hand,
helped him up
and gave him to his father.**

Everyone was amazed.



Later, the disciples asked,
'Lord, why couldn't we
cast out the wicked spirit?'

Jesus said,
'This kind of spirit
can only come out by prayer.'

*Jesus showed
His Father's mercy and power
in the things He did,
even though the disciples
and the sick boy's father
were slow to believe in Him.*

