

Adventures with GOD!

MARK SERVED GOD (A.3.FALL.10)

Biblical Reference	2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24
Key Verse	1 Corinthians 3: 9
Key Concept	I serve God joyfully by sharing.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how Mark served God. 2. Say the name of other people who served Mark. 3. Say the verse

LIFE APPLICATION

God's people serve with joy. Mark served God by writing the Gospels. Through what he wrote many people have put their faith in Jesus Christ. Mark served with other people sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. He did it with much joy but sometimes it was difficult. Children can also serve God by sharing with others the Good News of Jesus Christ. During the week the children will share about Jesus with a friend.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Bible	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible, Books	10 minutes
Game	Object	15 minutes
Craft	Drawing, crayons, socks, yarn, scissors	10 minutes
Prayer/Snack		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Introduction: Have on your table story books including the Bible. When students arrive, open a dialogue asking questions about the books. What are books? How are books made? Who writes the books? Ask children if they recognize a book from the pile. Point out the bible which you have been talking for a few weeks. Today we'll talk about someone was part of writing this wonderful book.

Bible Exploration: The Bible does say much about the biography of Mark, but have the children do a little research on their own or you can do that together.

What we know is that Mark was a companion of Paul and Barnabas. They got to know God through many people. Paul says that years later he sent for Mark to help him with preaching. Also mention that Mark is the author of a book of the Bible that bears his name and which recounts the life of Jesus. Open the Bible to the book of Mark. Emphasize how God had a plan for his life by using him as an instrument so that through him many others would know the message of salvation.

Game: Hot/Cold - Have one child turn around in a corner and while they are not looking hide an object anywhere. When you have hidden the object seek the help of children to guide you through loud and soft applause. Strong when the child is near the object and soft when they are away from the hidden object. Give each child the opportunity to seek the object.

Craft: Below you will find the picture for the sock puppet. The instructions are included.

Snack/Prayer: Thank God for Mark's life, because he was a servant of God who was ready to announce his message to others. Pray that God gives children to become messengers by sharing the message of salvation to all who do not know. Distribute a snack.

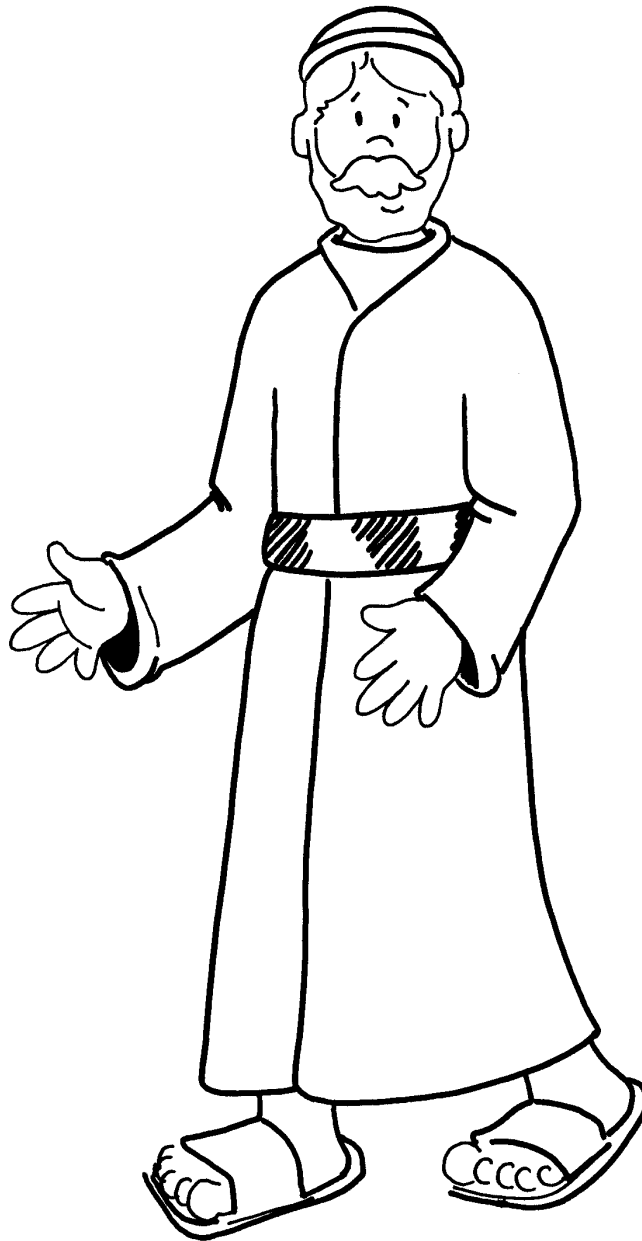
Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

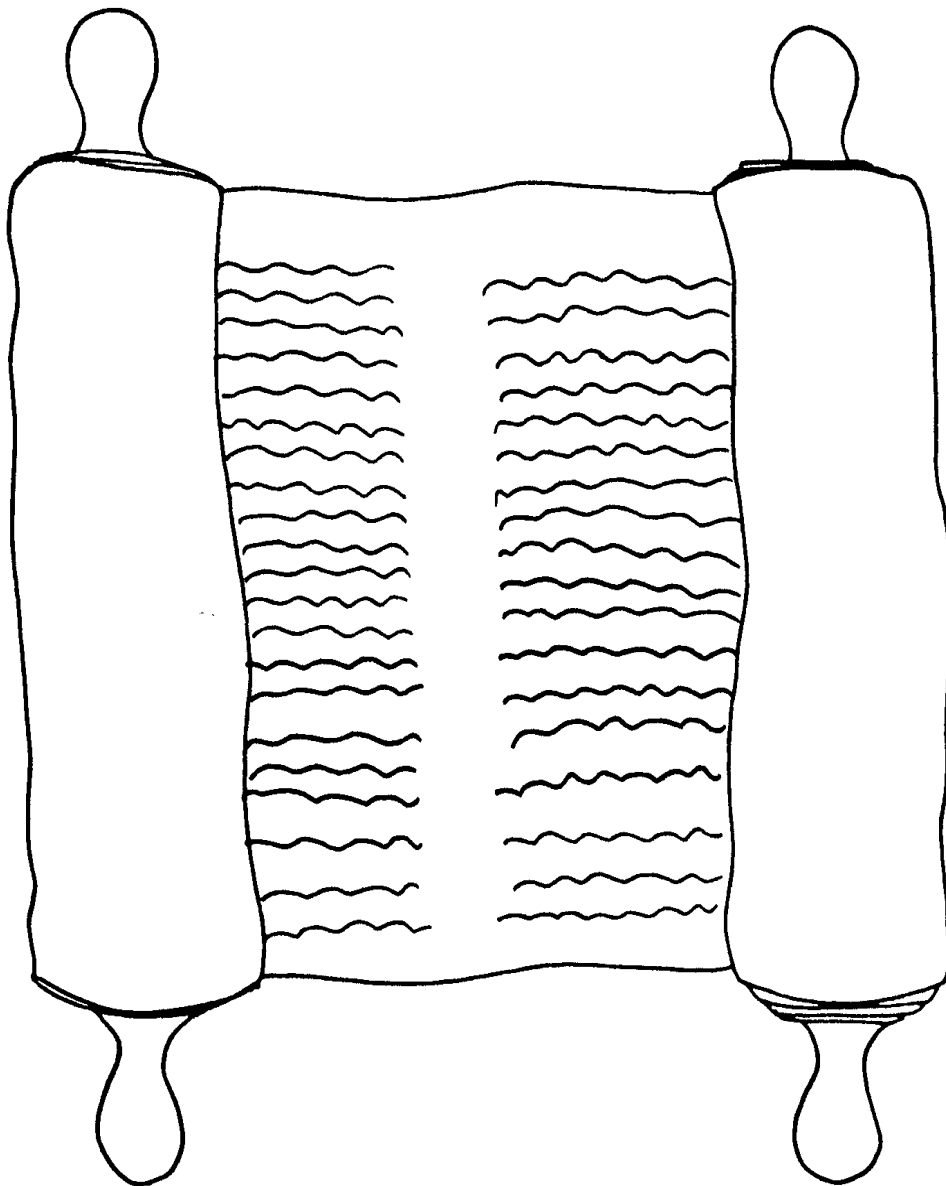
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ILLUSTRATION

People listening to the Gospel



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CRAFT

Create a puppet using a sock. To make the hair use yarn. Draw with a marker the mouth, nose, eyebrows and paste buttons for eyes. Then fill the sock with cotton and insert a stick to firm the puppet. Tie the sock on the bottom (as seen in the illustration). When you are finished, you can retell the story using the puppet as Mark.

