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**MARK 2:1-12**

## FRIENDSHIP + FAITH = FORGIVENESS + FREEDOM

A paralysed man had 4 friends who carried him in the midst of a crowd to seek Jesus to heal him. Not only that, his friends went further to the extent of climbing up onto the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching, made a hole on it and lowered him through it. The effort and faith of his friends paid off. Jesus rewarded the paralysed man with forgiveness and freedom from his illness.

A true friend is someone who is willing to make a sacrifice for his friend. A true friend really wishes for the best for his friend. When you sacrifice your “me-time” to listen to your friend’s problem, you are being a true friend. When you miss out on your favourite movie because you need to be with your friend for an urgent matter, you are being a true friend.

Above all, a true friendship is about bringing people to Jesus. Bringing our friends to know Jesus will bring something that the world cannot offer, forgiveness and freedom. You can do it, kids!

**Key verse:**

*Mark 2:5  
When Jesus saw how much faith they had, He said to the paralysed man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, thank You for the forgiveness and freedom You have given me. I also want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (mention your friends’ name) so that they can come to know about You. Amen.*





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**MARK 3:31-35**

## WE ARE JESUS' FAMILY

A family is a unit of very closely related people. It usually consists of parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, who are blood related.

However, Jesus taught another fascinating thing again! He didn't limit the meaning of "family" only to His own blood family. Jesus says that His true brother and sister and mother are those who do what God wants.

As long as we obey God's word and have Jesus in our heart, we are called God's beloved children. It is God's assurance that even though there are times when a misunderstanding or disagreement happens between His people, we are all connected to one another. We are all called Jesus' family. It means we are never alone. What a glorious hopeful way to live!

**Key verse:**

*Mark 3:35  
My true brother  
and sister and  
mother are those  
who do what  
God wants.*

**Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, I  
thank You for  
my family at  
home and for my  
family in You. I  
praise You for  
the wonderful  
revelation. Amen!*





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**MARK 4:13-20**

## WHICH SEED ARE YOU?

Some people are like the seed that fell on the path and was eaten by the birds. These people do not really pay attention to God's words. They physically attend the service at church, listening to the sermon, but as soon as the sermon or service ends, they easily forget all they have heard.

Some people are like the seed that fell on rocky ground. These people receive God's word with joy but it is not deeply rooted inside their heart. When they face some problems, they easily turn away from the truth and turn to the world for help.

Some people are like the seed that fell among the thorny weeds. They listen to the word of God and put it inside their heart. However, God's word does not become the centre of their lives and they do not apply God's word in their lives. Instead, worldly pleasure and worries become the centre of their lives.

Some people are like the seed that fell on the good soil. They listen to God's word, read the word of God and pray daily. They take the time to nurture their faith and put God's word into practice. They spread His word to the world. This is where God wants us to be.

Which seed are you?

**Key verse:**

*Matthew 13:37  
And He said,  
"The one who  
sows the good  
seed is the Son  
of Man"*

**Prayer**

*Dear God, I want  
to be the seed  
that fell on the  
good soil. Not  
only will I read  
the Bible and  
pray everyday, I  
will also do Your  
word and share  
Your word with  
my friends. Amen.*





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**MARK 6:1-6**

## SIMPLE BUT SIGNIFICANT

Jesus grew up in a town called Nazareth and after He had grown up, He went to other places as well to teach and do miracles. One day, He came back to His hometown to minister there. However, the people of Nazareth rejected Him. They could not accept the fact that Jesus, a carpenter's son, could teach them about God's kingdom!

They might be expecting Jesus to come as a King with a big crown, fancy clothes and many horses and soldiers who guarded Him. But Jesus wasn't like that. He came to earth as a baby and He grew up just like an ordinary person like you and me. He wanted people to know Him and walk with Him and learn from Him.

Jesus lived a simple and humble life and He came for the sick, the broken-hearted, the left-out and hopeless people and for all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Despite His simple life, Jesus did magnificent miracles for those who came to Him with faith. He wanted to teach everyone about the kingdom of God and His teaching is more valuable than anything in the world!

As His disciples, let us live like Jesus lived. Let our humble life make a significant impact on others.

### Key verse:

*1 John 2:6  
If we say we live  
in God, we must  
live the way  
Jesus lived.*

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus, I  
want to be like  
You. I want to  
be humble and  
yet become a  
blessing to the  
people around  
me. Amen.*





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**MARK 9:17-27**

## EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

A man had a son who was possessed by an evil spirit since his childhood. He went to Jesus' disciples for help but the son was still not healed. It seemed impossible for his son to be healed until he met Jesus. After meeting Jesus, his son was fully healed and freed from the evil spirit and he could overcome his unbelief in God.

This healing and freedom is also applicable to you and me. Everything Jesus says is the truth and it is powerful. It only takes our faith to activate Jesus' powerful promises. We only need to believe to experience what Jesus has said.

Jesus' simple yet powerful reply was, "Everything is possible for one who believes". It means we just need to believe in God.

If we believe, God is able to do miracles according to His plan.

If we believe, God will answer our prayer in His time according to His purpose.

If we believe, His power will be released into our lives.

If we believe, all the impossible will be possible.

**Key verse:**

*Mark 9:23  
Everything is possible for one who believes*

**Prayer**

*Dear Jesus,  
there is power in Your name and there is nothing impossible as long as I believe in You. Amen.*





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**MARK 10:41-45**

## GOD COMES TO SERVE

Who doesn't like to be served? It feels so good when your mum serves your breakfast ready on the dining table right after you finish your shower. It feels good when your sister gets your luggage ready before flying off on your vacation! When someone serves you, you feel great and special.

Jesus would love you and me to happily serve others too. Jesus says, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

Jesus is the King of kings yet He came to earth not to be served, but to serve. He wanted to teach the world about righteousness, to show us how to live a fruitful life and to show us how much He loves us all. His mission was to give His life so that whoever believes in Him will be saved.

We're also called to serve others. Be a friend to the lonely new student in your class and help him or her to adapt. Be the first to help your parents when they need help!

### Key verse:

*Mark 10:45  
For even the  
Son of Man did  
not come to be  
served, but to  
serve, and to  
give His life as a  
ransom for many*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank  
You for the  
reminder so  
that I won't live  
selfishly. Give me  
a selfless heart  
to serve other  
people. Amen.*





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**MARK 12:41-44**

## GOD SEES OUR HEART

Once, Jesus sat near the Temple offering box where people put their offering. While there were many rich people who gave large sums of money, one poor widow caught His eyes. She put two very small copper coins into the box. Jesus praised her for what she did. Those two small copper coins were all that she had and yet she gave it all with a thankful heart.

Jesus teaches us that God looks deep inside our hearts, not the outer appearance that people will usually look at. God knows what might seem very little or unvaluable to others might be a significant sacrifice for us and He really appreciates it. He always values whatever offering we bring, as long as it comes from a grateful heart for what He has done in our lives.

God has always blessed us and provided us with everything we need. We bring our offering as a way to show our thankfulness and to give back from the abundant blessings He has given us.

**Key verse:**  
*Proverbs 16:2  
All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.*

**Prayer**  
*Dear God,  
thank You for  
Your abundant  
blessing in my  
life. I want to  
bring my offering  
with a grateful  
heart to You.  
Amen.*

