

## Assembly (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class)

### Based on Term 2 Lesson 8 On Line

#### More stories from Mark

This assembly uses the plan from the lesson which uses the analogy of a street to introduce people that Jesus met. You could use one visit each assembly - then you have material for 3 assemblies or you could use two or three for the one assembly.

**Songs:** Jesus hands were kind hands, Tell me the stories of Jesus, Will you come and follow me or any stories about the life and ministry of Jesus.

Narrator 1	You have travelled back in time over 2000 years. Welcome to Mark Street
Narrator 2	It's not a real street but behind each of these doors are interesting people.
Narrator 1	The stories of all these people and so many more stories are in a book written by Mark.
Narrator 2	And they are all in the Bible.
Narrator 1	Let's start by meeting Mark. Our reporter Sarah has been finding out about him.
Sarah	Mark, good to meet you. You are a famous writer. Tell us what inspired you to become an author.
Mark	Thanks Sarah. Well I always loved writing stories but not very successfully until I decided to write down the most amazing stories about Jesus. My stories are called the Gospel which means good news as the stories tell the good news about Jesus.
Sarah	Where did you hear about these stories?
Mark	I have been travelling with some of Jesus' followers- Peter and Paul. They spent lots of time with Jesus and they tell everyone they meet about him. I have written down some of these amazing stories so more people can hear about Jesus.
Sarah	Thank you for talking to us Mark. ( <i>Turns away from him</i> ) And these stories - the Gospel of Mark is in the Bible which is the best selling book of all time. So he really is a successful writer.

Narrator 2	So we are going to meet some of the people from the Gospel of Mark and hear their stories. It's a Friday evening and Emma has gone to meet Levi at his house.
Emma	Good evening Levi. Will you tell me your story, about how you met Jesus.
Levi	Well, just quickly because I am eating dinner. It reminds me of the dinner I had with Jesus all those years ago. It all happened one morning. (Tell the story or act it out with cast of Levi, Jesus, friends) p. 145.
Emma	Thank you Levi, I will let you get back to your friends and dinner.
Narrator 1	Levi certainly had a surprising day. He was unpopular but Jesus cared about him.
Narrator 2	Let's see who else met Jesus in Mark's gospel. Here we are at the next house. Jairus lives here with his family and our reporter David has gone to meet Jairus and one of Jesus' closest friends Peter is there too.
David	Jairus and Peter, thank you for taking the time to talk to me.
Jairus, Peter	You are welcome. It's a very special story.
David	Peter, bring us back to the beginning of the day. Was it a normal day?
Peter	Well yes, as normal as any day was travelling with Jesus. We got here to the town and there were crowds of people waiting to see Jesus . He was just beginning to speak to them..
Jairus	I arrived and pushed my way through the crowds with my elbows. I needed to talk to Jesus urgently. I told him my daughter was dying and begged him to come.
Peter	Jesus was very busy but the look on Jairus's face was enough and we started, very slowly, to walk to his house. Jesus stopped and helped an old woman as we went.
Jairus	I waited as patiently as I could but I knew time was running out.
Peter	Then Jairus's servant arrived and told him his daughter had died.
Jairus	I went to tell Jesus not to bother coming that it was too late but..
Peter	Jesus did what he always did and we walked on to the house. When we got there we could hear the women crying but Jesus went straight to the girl's room and told her to get up.

Jairus	I couldn't believe it when she got up and was alive. I tried to thank Jesus but he told us to get some food for her and not to tell everyone about what had happened.
Peter	Jesus always said that - he just liked helping people. But now, so many years later it's great to share the good news.
Narrator 1	That was an amazing day for Jairus and his family. They would always remember meeting Jesus.
Narrator 2	Have we one more house to visit?
Narrator 1	Yes, and Sam has gone to meet John.
Sam	Hi John. Thanks for talking to us. I know this story was a while ago when you were a child, but you remember it well.
John	Yes, like it was yesterday. I was really lucky. Jesus and his friends were relaxing in our home one evening.
Sam	What were they talking about?
John	I don't remember much , about the day they had, their plans for the next day, just like adults do in the evening time.
Sam	Were you listening?
John	To tell you the truth, I was staying quiet so I wouldn't be sent to bed. But then Jesus asked some of the men what they had been arguing about that day. They didn't want to answer him
Sam	Why not?
John	I found out afterwards they had been arguing about who was the greatest. But no one knew then. Then Jesus turned around and brought me in front of the group. He said that children like me were as important as adults and that everyone is an equal in God's eyes.
Sam	How did you feel?
John	Proud... it was a special night that I won't forget.
Sam	Thanks for talking to us John.
Narrator 1	The people we met are all characters from Mark's book.
Narrator 2	There are lots of other characters to meet too.
Prayer	Day by day prayer (p. xx) Lord's Prayer