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Mark 7:31-37 Jesus Has Power to Heal

Campaigners Help Sheet

CAMPAIGNER TIPS

Leaders will not always have answers to all the questions kids might have. It is important to let kids know they don't have to have all the answers in order to have a deep faith.

Mark 7:31-37

7:31-37 - ³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Intro questions:

- When is it inappropriate to have a conversation with someone in front of a lot of people?
- Who do you know that is a great listener?

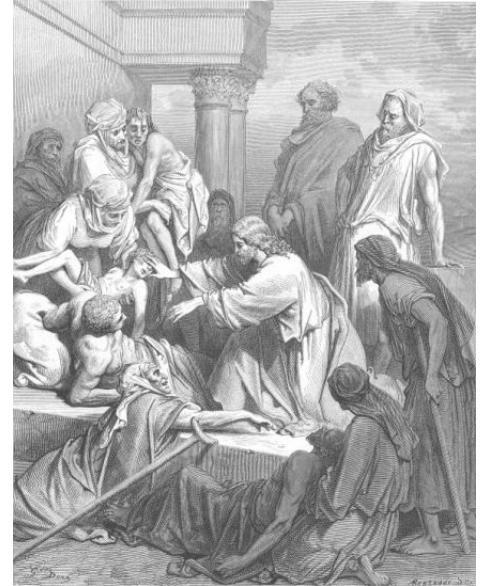
Intro Activity:

Bring up a student to read the Mark 7 passage, but have five other students surrounding the student trying to read the scripture, distracting him by telling him a story or jokes, or singing, or whatever. The game is to distract the person reading well enough that he messes up in the reading or when he is finished he can't remember what he read. Use this as example of how confusion sets in with lots of people and how important it is to be alone with Jesus and read His word alone.

Read Mark 7:31-37

Questions about the scripture

- Who are the people in this story and what is each person's role?
- **When Jesus heals the deaf man, Jesus takes the deaf man away from the crowd and why** does he do that?
- Why do you think Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what He had done?



- If you were going to give your friend advice on how to spend time alone with Jesus, what would that advice be?
- Why do you think some people don't spend time alone with Jesus?

Questions for application

- Is there something that you think God is trying to tell you but you aren't listening?
- What was the most memorable thing we discussed today?
- Write down one hurt or stress in your life that you would like Jesus to heal. Talk to Him about it tonight before you go to bed.