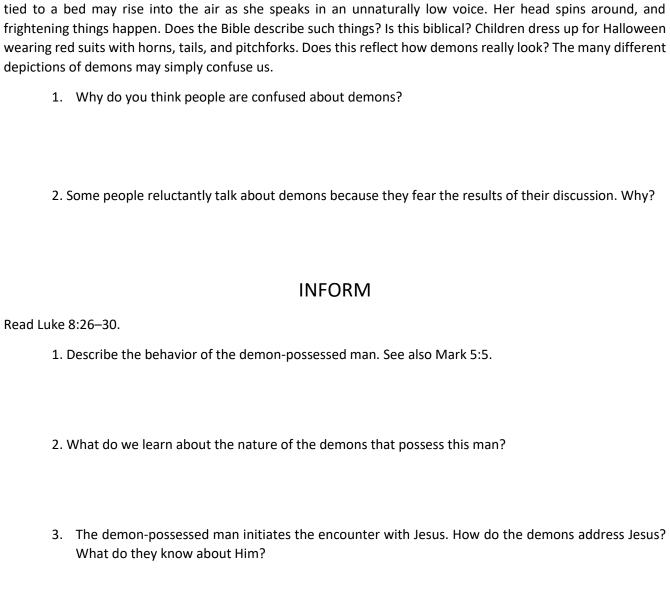
POWER OVER DEMONS

(Luke 8:26-39)

FOCUS

We read in the Bible about demons and about God's power over them, but what are they? In a movie, a woman



Read Luke 8:31-33.

4. What miracle did Jesus do for this man? How did he carry it out? Why do you think it is done in this way?

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Read Luke 8:34–36. 5. What was the result of the miracle that Jesus performed? Read Luke 8:37-39. 6. How do the people react to Jesus' miracle? 7. How did the man who was cured respond to Jesus' gift? Connect 1. We live in a world that is skeptical about the existence of spiritual beings. What does this miracle show us about demons? 2. This miracle shows us Jesus' power not only over natural forces but over spiritual forces as well. Where do we see the ultimate manifestation of His power over Satan? See also Colossians 2:13-15. 3. When they saw Jesus' power, the townspeople reacted in fear. Are we ever tempted to be afraid of Jesus? How can we avoid this?

Vision

Once he was cured, this formerly demon-possessed man wanted to go with Jesus. Surprisingly, Jesus tells him to stay and directs him to tell other people the good news. Perhaps the man was disappointed when Jesus went away, but he followed Jesus' instructions. He told others what Jesus had done. How are we like this man?