

The Gospel of Mark 26 Unforgettable Characters

"Powerful Life-changing Encounters With Jesus Christ."



Touched by the Master's Hand.

Tormented Kids

Mark 9:17-29, 36, 42, and Mark 10:13-16

17. A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. 18. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

36. He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me;

42. "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.

Tommy, The Terrible

Diagnosed with ADHD, hyperactive, aggressive, violent.



1. **A Tormented Kid** – Mark 9:17
2. **A Little Child** – Mark 9:36
3. **Offended Little Ones** – Mark 9:42
4. **Divorced Kids** – Mark 10:1-12
5. **Blessed Little Children** – 10:13

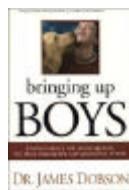
*Demonization doesn't just happen.
There are precipitating causes.*

Three Important Books

Bringing Up Boys

The Blessing

He-Motions



I. Bruised Kids – Wounded Hearts

40% of American children have no father at home.



Compare the Jukes and Edwards Families

Quote:
Masculinity is bestowed.
A boy learns who he is and
what he's got from a man (his dad).
He cannot learn it from another place.

Words Mean Things.
"Sticks and stones my break my bones
but words ... (will last forever)."

II. Blessed Kids

"He picked them up in his arms, laid hands on them and blessed them."

1. **A Meaningful Touch**
2. **Positive Spoken Words**
3. **Affirmed Value**
4. **Word Pictures of Hope**
5. **Promised Assistance**

Isaac blessed Jacob.
But Esau begged..
"Oh, Father bless me also."



Conclusion

"Hey Dad! Stop yelling and start telling."

"And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. — Mark 9:42