

## GRAMMAR

The Past Simple tense is used to describe:

Repeated actions which happened in the past - e.g. Jesus went to the synagogue every week when he was a boy.

Actions which were completed at a specific point in time in the past - e.g. Jesus stayed in Capernaum for a few days during his journey.

Completed periods in the past - e.g. Jesus was very obedient as a child.

A list of things in the past, where one thing happened after another - e.g. Jesus went to Capernaum, stayed there some days, the people came to him, he healed a man.

4 Fill in the gaps, using the past simple of the verbs in the brackets:  
Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ [enter] Capernaum. After a few days, people \_\_\_\_\_ [come] to see him. So many people \_\_\_\_\_ [gather], that the sick man couldn't meet Jesus. So his friends \_\_\_\_\_ [break] the roof. The Scribes \_\_\_\_\_ [hate] Jesus. They \_\_\_\_\_ [argue] with him. They were jealous. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ [forgive] the man, and \_\_\_\_\_ [heal] him. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ [do] what only God can do.

5 In Mark 2:1-10, underline some examples of the past simple

6 With a partner, make a list of questions using the past simple, and answer them.

E.g. Where / Jesus / visit?

Where did Jesus visit? He visited the town of Capernaum.

A) What / things / do there? \_\_\_\_\_

B) Why / Scribes / hate him? \_\_\_\_\_

C) Who / Jesus / eat with? \_\_\_\_\_

D) Who / need / Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

7 Interview your partner. Ask them what they did last year - e.g. Go on holiday? Did you go on holiday last year?

Yes, I went on holiday to Spain.

Go to the cinema?

Go to the church?

Read the Bible much?

Travel to another country?

8 Now ask your partner for more information.

The main question words are:

How long...? How...? Who...? Why...? Where...? When...? What...? Which...?