



22 November - Life of Jesus – HEALER

Point of the day: Jesus can heal anything, anyone, anywhere, anytime

Memory Verse: "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. The blind man said, "Lord, I want to see." Mark 10:51

PARENT'S/CARER'S NOTES

This session plan covers two miracles of healing that Jesus did: the paralysed man who was lowered through the roof, and healing a blind man.

I wonder what it was like to live in Jesus' time? What happened after these miracles – did the news of them spread like wildfire or were the people then as cautious and sceptical as we are today? A good question to think about it is: why did (and does) Jesus heal people? * to show love and kindness * to glorify God

THE PARALYSED MAN (Mark 2: 1-12)

Story:

The first story of healing is about a man who was paralyzed. Being paralyzed means that he couldn't walk and probably couldn't use his legs. He would've had to sit or lie down all the time.

Just think for a minute how hard it would be to do things if you couldn't walk around. How would you go to the bathroom? What kind of games would you play? How easy would it be to make friends?

This story actually took place a few days after Jesus had touched a man who had leprosy and made him better. Jesus was going from town to town performing miracles and everyone wanted to see Him.

When Jesus entered one of the homes in Capernaum, people quickly gathered around Him. So many people came that there was no room left, not even outside the door.

There were four men who heard that Jesus was in town who decided to carry their paralyzed friend on a mat to Him, to see if their friend could be healed. As soon as they got to the house where Jesus was, they realized that they wouldn't be able to get through to see Him.

The Bible says that, after digging through the roof, the men lowered the mat that the paralyzed man was lying on down to where Jesus was. These men were so sure that Jesus would be able to heal him; otherwise they wouldn't have gone to so much trouble.

The first thing Jesus said when He saw that they believed was, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Probably not what the man expected since he came to Jesus because he wanted to walk.

However, Jesus knew what this man needed most because he knew what was in his heart. Jesus knew that being paralyzed would be difficult but it was even worse not to be forgiven.

- **Why did Jesus forgive the man's sins first?** (Jesus wanted people to know that He could forgive their sins, not just heal the man's body. Jesus can do both. And just like God, Jesus can forgive our sins because Jesus is part of God)
- **Can you think of a time when you showed kindness like this to a friend?**



JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN (John 9:1-12)

ACTIVITY ONE

Make a mask: Cut out a simple mask with no holes for eyes (you can use the attached template as a guide) and put it on. Listen to the video, and put some 'mud' onto the mask when Jesus does it in the video. Use some wipes to wipe it off when the man washes his face.

Video story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB1yPN_gT8U

- **Was it easy listening, without seeing the video?**
- **Why do you think Jesus used mud?** (By making mud, He was technically doing "work", which was forbidden on a Sabbath day. Jesus was explaining to His disciples that He was the light of the world, and was better than the specifics of the law.)
- **Is it true that sin causes problems?** (*Yes, and all of us are sinners; however, people born with handicaps are not that way because of sin. They are just born that way.*)

Jesus is the light of the world, and our heart eyes should seek Him. Jesus sometimes said that people did not see things clearly, even if they could see with their physical eyes. That's how some people missed out on HIM and the amazing things He did! So let's keep our eyes open, spiritually and physically. We can look around to know what others need. We can keep our minds on God, and what He wants to do in our lives.

Dear God,

Thank you for your miraculous work

You do amazing things in the world and in our lives

Thank you for the TRUE stories of the Bible

Help me to open my eyes

So that I can love and serve those around me

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!

In Jesus name, Amen!

ACTIVITY TWO

PRAY: Ask your child if they've ever prayed for someone to be healed?

Tell them that at the end of a healing prayer, we usually say, 'in Jesus' name, amen'. Explain that Jesus' name is really powerful and amen just means, 'let this happen' or 'I agree'.

Ask them if they can think of anyone who needs healing, and if they'd like to pray for them.



