

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 6

Jesus, the Healer

Luke 4:31-44

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### Younger Verse

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### Older Verse

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### Bible Story



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*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last time, we learned that the people in Jesus' hometown did not believe that He was the Messiah. Jesus left Nazareth and headed to Capernaum. Just as He had done in Nazareth, Jesus went to the synagogue and taught on the Sabbath. The people there were amazed because He spoke with authority.

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After Jesus left the synagogue that day, He went to Simon's house. (This is the Simon who is also known as Peter.) Simon's mother-in-law was very sick with a high fever. Back then, people did not have medicine to bring down the fevers, so they were very dangerous. Everyone begged Jesus to heal the woman.

Jesus went over to the woman's bedside and He told the fever to leave her. Immediately, the woman got up and felt fine! Not only that, but she felt well enough to cook and serve the people!

Later that evening after the sun went down, many people came to see Jesus. They brought sick family members to Jesus so He could heal them, and He did! He healed those with evil spirits and many other diseases. Anyone who Jesus touched was healed!

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### Lesson Goals

**Learn that Jesus taught with authority**

**Learn that Jesus has the power to heal**

**Understand that Jesus followed God's will**

been tired. But early the next morning, Jesus left the house where He was staying and went outside to be alone with God. He knew He needed God's strength to keep doing the work God wanted Him to do.

When everyone else woke up, they began searching for Jesus! Finally, they found Him praying alone. They didn't want Jesus to leave them and go somewhere else. But Jesus knew that God wanted Him to go help other people, too. Jesus told them that He needed to preach the Good News about God to other people. So He traveled to many towns and preached in synagogues.

Jesus knew that His Father's will was for all people to know Him. He followed God's plan for Him all the way to the cross, where He died for the sins of all people. Then three days later, He rose from the dead. He lives today, and He wants to be in your life and mine. Once we invite Him into our life, He will never leave us. His Holy Spirit will guide us and show us how to live. He will help us understand the Bible when we read it. And He will give us strength to share the Good News with others!

#### Review Questions

1. Why were the people amazed at Jesus' teaching in the synagogue? (He preached with authority.)
2. What did Jesus do for the man with the evil spirit? (He commanded the evil spirit to leave the man, and immediately the man was healed.)
3. Who did Jesus heal at Simon's house? (Simon's mother-in-law)
4. What did the crowd find Jesus doing early in the morning? (Praying)

#### Life Application

Jesus had a purpose for everything He did. He traveled to different areas so that more people could hear His message about God. He healed people so that all would know that His power came from God. He prayed to gain strength from His Father and to set an example for His followers.

Are you following Jesus' example? Do you spend time with God in prayer? Prayer is very important. It is the way to stay connected to God. We cannot do what God wants us to do without spending time listening and talking with Him.

What can you do to spend time with God? Maybe it means getting up a little earlier or turning off the TV or video games. It will be worth it when you see what God will do through your life!

Planning for Lesson 7  
Jesus Chooses Followers  
Luke 5:1-11; 27-32; 6:12-16

## Preschool Lesson for Jesus, the Healer

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No matter what time of the day it was, Jesus was always ready to show people how much God loved them!

Sing the song “Jesus in the Morning.”



**Hands-on Activities  
for  
Jesus, the Healer**

Simon's mother-in-law got better when Jesus healed her. She served the people. Let the kids serve each other the snacks today. Talk about other ways they can serve their parents, teachers, etc.

Let the kids have fun being waiters and waitresses. Bring playdough and as the kids take the orders, they can make the food with the playdough!

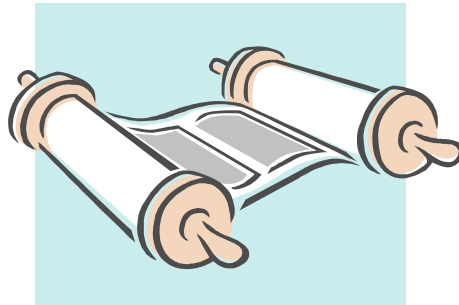
Bring a first aid kit. As you hold up each object, ask children if they know how the item is used. Discuss how Jesus is better than a first aid kit. He didn't even need one to heal all those people!

Bring a thermometer and take the kids' temperature. Be sure to sterilize the thermometer after each child!

Make a thermometer out of a craft stick. Write a digital read-out on the end of the stick.

For younger kids, make a doctor kit. Fold a piece of paper in half and tape useful things like cotton swabs, bandages, and cotton balls in the "bag." Share how doctors help people feel better. Remind the children that God can use doctors to heal us.

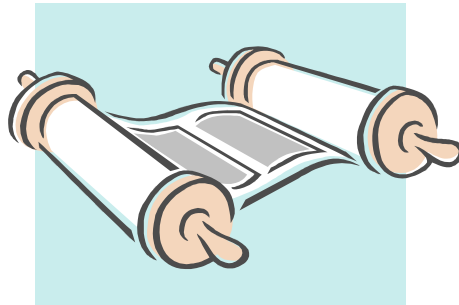
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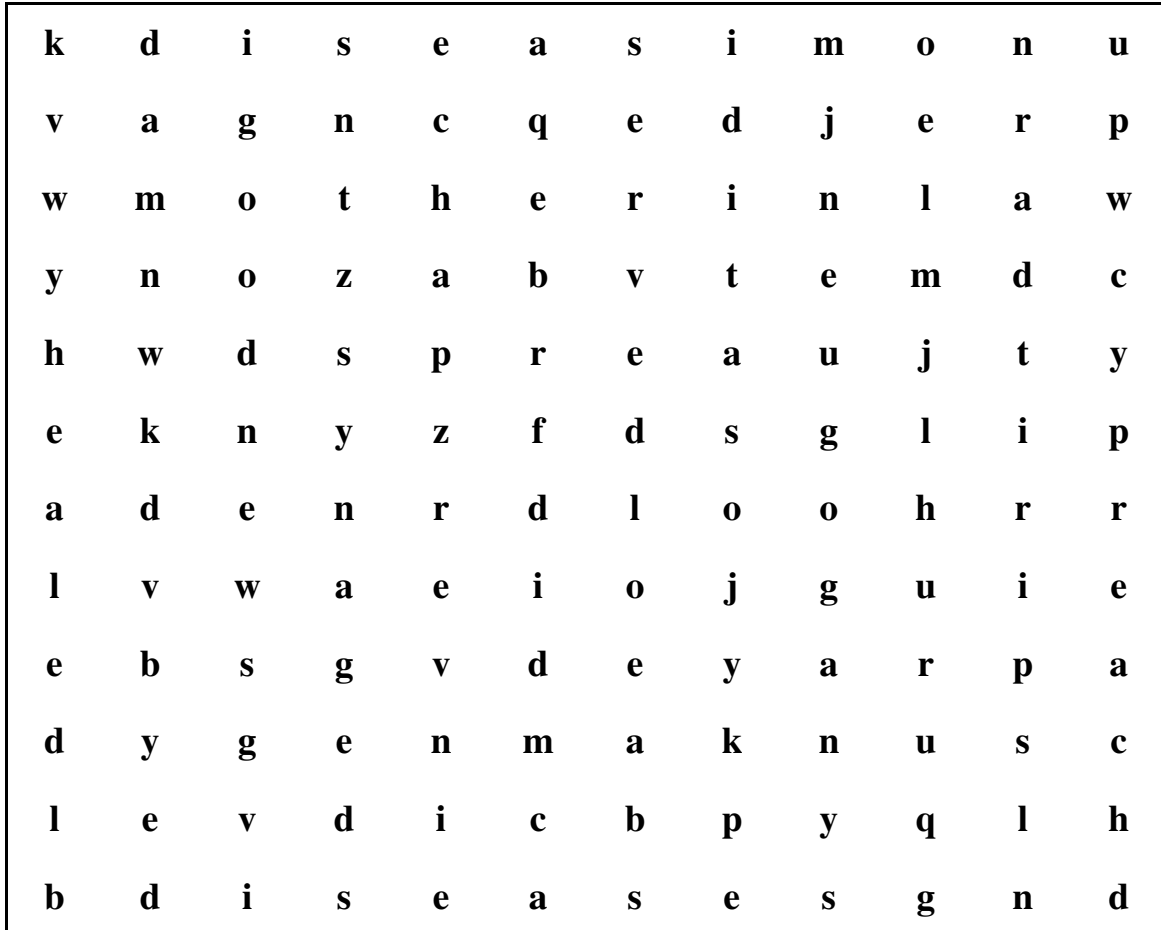
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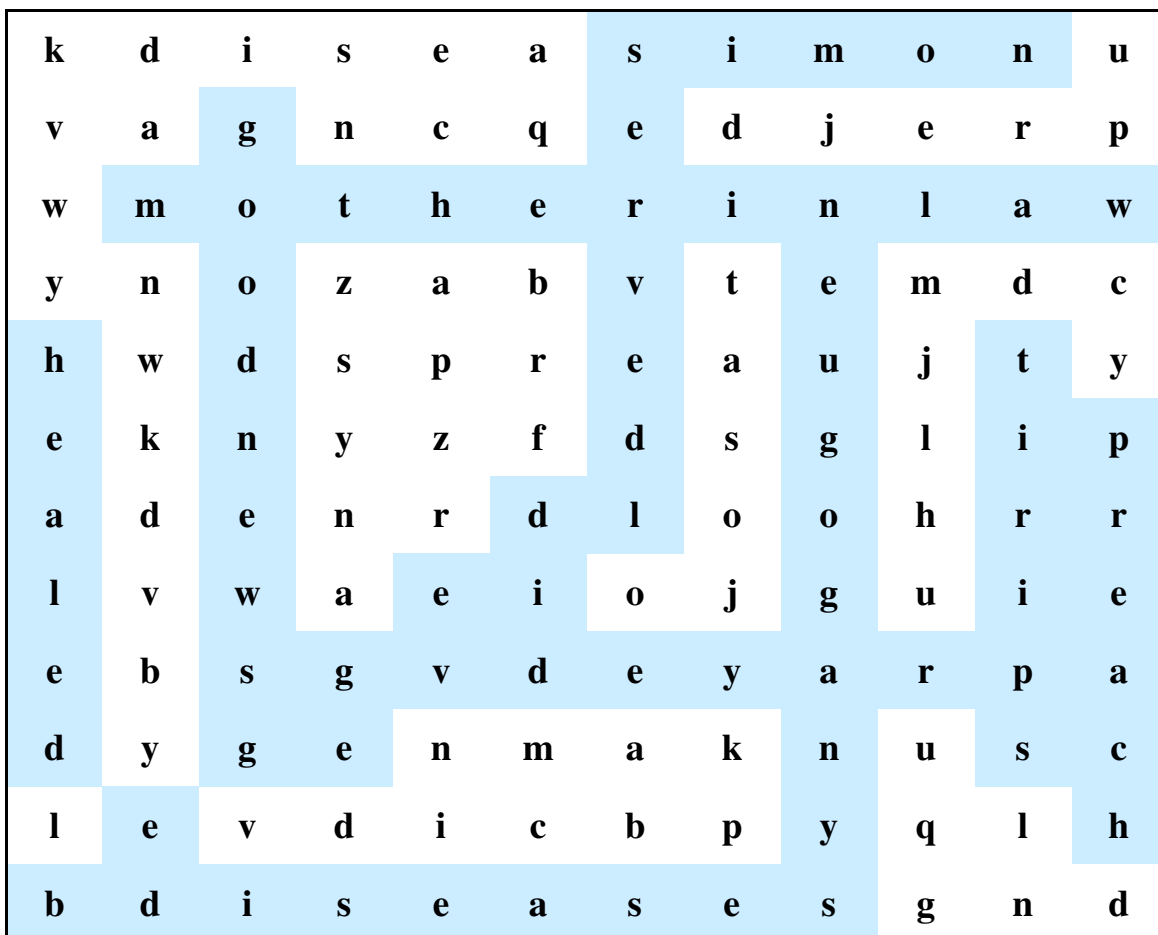
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