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Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 24:

Jesus Has the Power to Heal

Scripture

Matthew 8:2-4, 14-17
 Matthew 9:2-8
 Mark 1:21-34, 40-45
 Mark 2:1-12
 Luke 4:33-41
 Luke 5:12-26
 John 4:43-54

Memory Verse

But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him. Hebrews 11:6 (CEV)

Lesson Goals

- Understand that Jesus has power over evil spirits.
- Understand that Jesus has power over sickness.
- Understand that Jesus has power over paralysis

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

Over our last few lessons, we have seen Jesus teaching and encouraging and being an example for His disciples. He was baptized. When Jesus was tempted, He answered each temptation with the word of God. Jesus visited with Nicodemus and took an everyday conversation and turned it to a spiritual conversation. Jesus was concerned with Nicodemus' salvation. In our last lesson, Jesus was an example in how He saw people and cared about them. Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman when no other Jewish man would have. We realized that Jesus was more concerned about pleasing God and finishing the work of God than the lunch His disciples brought.

Jesus met the Samaritan woman as He was journeying from the region of Judea, through Samaria, into Galilee. When Jesus and His disciples arrived in Galilee, they went to a town called Cana.

There was a government official in town whose son was very sick back in the town of Capernaum. In fact, the son was about to die. When the official heard that Jesus was in town, he went and begged Jesus to heal his son. Jesus didn't go with the government official, instead, He simply said, "You may go. Your son will live." (John 4:50 NIRV) The man believed Jesus and headed home. On the way, the official's servants met him to say that his son was well. When he asked what time the child had gotten better, the servants said, "'The fever left him yesterday afternoon at one o'clock.' Then the father realized what had happened. That was the exact time Jesus had said to him, 'Your son will live.' So he and all his family became believers." (John 4:52b-53 NIRV)

Later, Jesus and His disciples traveled to Capernaum, the town where the government official was from. On the Sabbath day, they went to the synagogue church and Jesus taught the people. While they were there, a man who was controlled by an evil spirit cried out. Jesus ordered the spirit to be quiet and to come out of the man. "The demon threw the man down in front of everybody. And it came out without hurting him." (Luke 4:35 NIRV) The people were amazed at this. They were also amazed at Jesus' teaching. "News about Jesus spread quickly all over Galilee." (Mark 1:28 NIRV)

Jesus and His disciples left the synagogue and went right to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew. When they arrived, they found Simon Peter's mother-in-law sick with fever. Jesus went to her. Jesus commanded the fever to leave her and she was well. Simon's mother-in-law got up from bed and began to serve Jesus and the disciples.

That evening, people brought many sick people to Jesus. They also brought people who had evil spirits. They came to Simon's house looking for Jesus. "He drove out the spirits with a word. He healed all who were sick." (Matthew 8:16 NIRV)

Application

We saw two different kinds of people in our lesson today, those who had faith in Jesus and those who didn't. What is faith? Faith is belief that you put into practice. Faith is placing your confidence and trust in something or someone.

Those who found that Jesus can heal, placed their trust in Him. They believed that He was able to heal them, even before He did it.

The religious leaders, on the other hand, knew all that God had promised and still refused to believe that Jesus was sent from God.

Which one of those two groups are you like?

Have you come to Jesus, believing that He is who He says He is and found Him to be more than you could have ever imagined? Or are you doubting still?

Our memory verse warns us that "without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him." (Hebrews 11:6 CEV) Will you believe today?

"While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along. He had a skin disease all over his body. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground. He begged Him, 'Lord, if You are willing to make me "clean," You can do it.'" (Luke 5:12 NlrV) Jesus was willing and He did something that no one else was willing to do. Jesus reached out and touched the man with a skin disease. Jesus said, "Be 'clean'!" and immediately the man was healed of his disease.

News about Jesus continued to spread. "They heard that the Lord had given Jesus the power to heal the sick." (Luke 5:17b NlrV) One day, when Jesus had returned to Capernaum, He was in someone's home teaching God's Word. So many people came to hear Him teach that, not only the house was full, but the front yard was full as well. You couldn't even get near the front door! Four men came carrying a friend of theirs. Their friend was paralyzed; he couldn't walk. They saw the crowd in front of the door, but that didn't stop them. They went up to the roof and made a hole through it so that they could lower their friend down into the room where Jesus was teaching. "When Jesus saw that they had faith, He said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'" (Luke 5:20 NlrV)

"Some of the teachers of the law were sitting there. They were thinking, 'Why is this fellow talking like that? He's saying a very evil thing! Only God can forgive sins!'" (Mark 2:6-7 NlrV) You see, these men didn't believe that Jesus is from God, that He is God. They had studied God's Word for years, but they lacked the faith that the people around them had.

Jesus spoke to these men because He knew what they had been thinking! He said, "Why are you thinking these things? Is it easier to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up, take up your mat and walk'?" (Mark 2:8b-10 NlrV) So, to show these men that He was from God, Jesus looked at the man who had been lowered down through the roof and He said, "Get up. Take your mat and go home." (Luke 5:24b NlrV) The man stood up, picked up his mat and went home praising God! "All the people were amazed. They praised God and said, 'We have never seen anything like this!'" (Mark 2:12b NlrV)

Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus Calls Matthew



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring a mat. Tell the lesson from the mat. Tell it from the paralyzed man's point of view.

Hi! I want to share a wonderful story with you. It's my story.

This is my mat. I have spent many hours right here. I slept on this mat, ate on this mat and spent the day on this very same mat. You might be wondering why? Well, for a very long time I have been paralyzed. I haven't been able to walk.

I have really great friends, though. They spend time with me and take care of me. One day four of my friends came over. They prepared my mat so that they could carry me out of the house. They were very excited. They said they wanted to take me to see a man who was in the town of Capernaum. He was doing many wonderful things. He had even healed people!

When we arrived at the house where Jesus was staying there were so many people we couldn't even get near the door. This didn't stop my friends, though. They had an idea! Still carrying me, they walked up the outside steps to the roof. They made a hole in the roof and they lowered me down. It was a little wobbly at first, but they were very careful.

The next thing I knew I was looking into His face, Jesus' face. He had such kind eyes. Jesus looked up to the roof and saw my friends. He could tell they really believed in Him. Then Jesus looked back down at me. "He said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'" (Luke 5:20 NIV) Can you believe it? My sins . . . Forgiven!

But some men started to grumble. I could tell they were important men. They were upset because they didn't believe in Jesus. I couldn't believe it, but Jesus must have known exactly what they were thinking.

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So, Jesus showed them! He looked at me and said words I will never forget. He said, "Get up. Take your mat and go home." (Luke 5:24b NIV) I stood up and didn't fall! I was able to walk home like there had never been a problem with my legs! I picked up my mat, just as He told me to and I went home praising God! Thank you, Jesus, for healing my legs. Thank you, Jesus, for forgiving my sins!



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Provide poster board or large sheets of construction paper for each student. Provide glitter, glue, and other craft items. Encourage your students to make and decorate a memory verse poster for their bedrooms.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring bubble-gum bandages for the snack. When Simon Peter's mother-in-law got better she served Jesus and His disciples. Encourage your students to serve snacks to each other and to help with clean-up.
- Make craft stick thermometers.
- Make a doctor's bag from construction paper. Fold the construction paper in half. Shape the top for handles and cut away so that the bag can be held. Inside of each "bag," affix a cotton ball, bandage, and craft stick thermometer. Write on the bag, "Jesus Has the Power to Heal."
- Bring a first aid kit, doctor's kit or various items like bandages, thermometer, etc. Talk about why each of these things is used. Talk about how Jesus was able to heal many people. Did He need a first aid kit? No!
- Sing "My God is So Big," or another song related to the lesson.
- Find Judea, Samaria and Galilee on a map of Israel. Find Cana and Capernaum on a detailed map of Galilee.

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Scripture References:

Main Characters:

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Word Search

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