

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

A boy is healed

Matthew 17: 14-23

Younger Verse

Call to me and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33:3

Older Verse

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3

Welcome Time

Smile and greet each child as you come to their door or as you see them in the complex. Pray for them and tell them too!

Bible Story

*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.*

Jesus and several of His friends were walking back to the rest of His helpers. They noticed that there was a crowd of people around them.

A man in the crowd came to Jesus and told Him that his son had many health problems. The boy would fall to the ground, foam at the mouth and even throw himself into fire or water. The man also told Jesus that he had brought his son to Jesus' friends to see if they could help, but they couldn't do anything.

Jesus then commanded the evil spirit to leave the boy and to never come back. The boy was healed that very moment! Jesus had healed him.

Later the disciples asked Jesus why they could not heal the boy. Jesus explained that this kind of healing could only take place through much prayer and much faith.

Jesus helped them see that if they believed and really trusted God, God would and could do amazing things. He showed them a little, tiny mustard seed. He told them that if they even had a little faith like the little seed and asked God to do something BIG, God would make it happen. He helped them see that nothing is impossible with God.

Jesus and His friends traveled on to another area. He explained to them that He would be nailed to a cross and three days later He would be alive again. His friends were terrified when they heard this news. They didn't understand what Jesus meant.

Lesson Goals

Explain what it means to believe
See how important prayer is
Know that God hears our prayers and meets our needs

What Jesus said did happen. He was nailed to a cross on a Friday and on Sunday He came back to life! Jesus died and rose again so that we can go to Heaven if we believe Him and ask Him to come into our lives. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus so that if we believe in Him, we will not die but have life forever with God.

Learning Activities

There are paper activities on the counter and other ideas in the teacher's packet. Try ideas that will help your students learn the importance of prayer and believing in Jesus.

Memory Verse Activities

Write words or phrases of the memory verse on small slips of paper. Bring yarn and wind the paper into the ball of yarn. Now let the kids unwind the ball and discover the verse.

Prayer Time

Give the group an example of something you personally prayed for and the answer that God gave. Then ask them for special requests.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Enjoy snacks and don't forget to clean up.

Planning for August 24th

Jesus pays a tax

Matthew 17: 24-27

Preschool Lesson
For
Jesus Heals a Boy

This lesson can be fun if you bring things to use as sound effects. You may want to let the kids take turns and tell the story several times!

Sound effects:

Fire—make a sound with aluminum foil

Water—pour water carefully from one dish to another

Crowd—shake a can with rocks in it

Jesus and a few friends were walking to meet the rest of the His group. When they arrived, a huge crowd of people was gathered around Jesus' helpers.

One man in the crowd came to Jesus. He asked Jesus to help him. His son had many health problems. Sometimes the boy would fall into fire or throw himself into water. He would shake and have seizures. Sometimes he would even have foam coming out of his mouth.

The man had asked Jesus' friends to help his son but they could not heal him.

Jesus asked the man to bring his son to Him. Jesus healed the boy instantly.

Jesus helped the father and the son. He made the son well. Let's think of ways that we can help others this week.

Sing a song to the tune of "Did you ever see a Lassie."

There once was a boy, a boy, a boy,
There once was a boy who was very sick.
They brought him to Jesus and Jesus did heal him.
Now the boy is well and smiles all the time.

Hands-On Activities For Jesus Heals a Boy

Act out the story with the kids. To give the story an added special effect, put marshmallows in the person's mouth to simulate the "foaming at the mouth." This is very dramatic, so make sure your group can handle it.

This object lesson will help the kids see that they can only get to Heaven by trusting in Jesus. You will need to take the group to a flight of stairs (if you do not have stairs, see alternative at the end of the paragraph).

Have the kids all stand at the foot of the stairs. The teacher will stand at the top of the stairs. Explain to the kids that they must figure out a way to get up the stairs without touching the stairs or the rail. Some may say that it is impossible. Remind the kids that with Jesus all things are possible. If they need a hint, share they **THEY** are the only ones who cannot touch the stairs. Hopefully they will begin to realize that you, the teacher, can help them get up the stairs.

After you have helped them up the stairs, share that this is a picture of how we can get to Heaven. We cannot get there ourselves. We have to have help from someone else—Jesus. (If you do not have stairs, you may instead ask them to cross a floor without touching it.)

The same story in Mark 9 mentioned how the boy needed much prayer to be healed. Make a prayer booklet and write names of people to pray for in the booklet.

There is another lesson about the mustard seed. Show the kids the mustard seeds and explain what it means to really believe in Jesus and know that He can help with any problems we have.