

Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

Jesus heals people

Luke 4:31-44

Younger Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Older Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Welcome Time

Have you ever been sick? Most people feel miserable and yucky! Let's see what Jesus does to help people who are sick.

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.*

One Sunday, Jesus went into the temple church. He began to teach the people. All who listened were amazed at what Jesus said. They knew that what He said had come from God.

Suddenly, someone jumped up and yelled at the top of their lungs! He asked Jesus what He was doing there. Then, he told Jesus that he knew that He was from God!

Jesus quickly told the man to be quiet and He asked the evil spirit to come out of the man.

When the people saw what happened, they were shocked. They knew Jesus was a great teacher and He had power to do amazing things. They had to tell all their friends and family the news of what happened. Everyone heard the story of what happened.

After this, Jesus walked to Peter's house. Back in that time and culture, parents lived with their grown children. So, Peter and his wife took care of his wife's mother.

Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Normally a fever makes a person's head very hot and they get chills all over. If you have a fever, you feel miserable and can't do anything. That's probably how she felt. For the family, it was kind of scary too, because they did not have medicine like we do to help a fever go away.

Jesus wanted to help her. He bent over her and told the fever to leave. Instantly, the fever was gone. She was well and she felt great!

How did she thank Jesus? She got up and waited on Him. That means that she probably gave Him and His friends something to eat and drink. She was grateful for help and wanted to show her gratitude for healing her sickness.

As the sun was setting, other people came to be healed as well. Jesus healed them all.

The next morning, Jesus went to a quiet place by Himself to talk to God. He wanted to pray and see what God wanted Him to do.

When the people saw Him, they ran to Him and asked Him to help more people that had come for healing.

Even before Jesus was born, God knew that He would help others and care for their needs.

Jesus did something even greater to help all of us. Jesus took our punishment and He died for

Lesson Goals

Share how Jesus helped people get well

Explain how Jesus wanted to preach (tell) the good news of God to people everywhere

See how Jesus prayed and listened to God to see what He needed to do

our wrongs. He did this to help us and to give us peace.

How can Jesus help us? He died on a cross to pay the punishment for the wrongs that we have done. He suffered for us. Then, Jesus died and they put Him in a cave-type grave. The best news is that three days later, Jesus came back to life. Because He is alive, we know that He can take away all our wrongs and clean out our life. This miracle shows us that if we believe in Jesus, one day, He will take us to heaven with Him. If we believe and ask Jesus to come into our heart, He will stay with us forever and help us live for Him. Do you want to know more about Jesus? Talk to us about it. He loves you and wants to be your very best friend.

We can learn several things from today's lesson. When Peter and his family needed help, they asked Jesus. When we need help, we should pray and ask Jesus to help us. Another thing we can learn is the importance of prayer. Jesus took time to pray and see what God wanted Him to do. God wants us to come to Him and share our needs and requests. He can help us through all our hard times.

Learning Activities Help the kids see how much Jesus loves us and cares for us.

Memory Verse Activities Have the kids stand in a line. The kids must pass a ball (or other object) over their head and into the hands of the person behind them WHILE they say one word of the verse.

Prayer Time Prayer is our way of talking to God about our needs and concerns. We saw how Jesus helped Peter's mother-in-law in today's lesson. He will help with our needs too. We must talk to Him and ask for help. Remember, He will answer in the best way. It may not be exactly what we think.

Snack Time/CleanUp Share snacks together and clean up!

Planning for February 15th
Jesus chooses special friends to help
Luke 5:1-11

Preschool Lesson
For
Jesus heals many people

Bring a thermometer to show the kids. If you do not have one, Use a picture.

Has your mother or grandmother ever put a thermometer in your mouth? What is it used for? We use a thermometer to see if someone is sick. It tells us if we have a fever. When a person has a fever, they are very hot, but sometimes have chills. When we are sick, we normally take medicine to make us feel better. In Jesus' time, they did not have all the medicines we have.

One Sunday, Jesus came to Peter's home. When they got there, someone was very sick. It was a relative of Peter. You see, Peter's wife had a mother who lived with them. Another name for her is a mother-in-law. Many times back then, family members lived with their children.

Everyone was sad because Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. She must have felt very hot. She probably was bundled up with blankets. When Jesus saw her, He bent over her. He told the fever to leave her. Instantly, she was well. She felt great!

She jumped up and ran to the kitchen. She made dinner and gave some to Jesus and His friends. She loved Jesus and wanted to do something special for Him.

Jesus loves us and cares for us too. He wants to help us when we are hurt or sad. We can pray and ask Him to help us. He listens to our prayers.

Sing, "God is so Good."

Hands-On Activities
For
Jesus heals 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!

Just like the woman helped Jesus and His friends, we should serve Jesus by helping others. Ask the kids to think of ways to help others. Make a list and then DO one of the things on the list.

For younger kids, make a doctor kit. Fold a piece of paper in half and tape useful things like cotton swabs, bandages, cotton balls in the “bag.” Share how doctors help people feel better.

Just like the woman waited on Jesus. Let the kids have fun being waiters and waitresses. Bring little pads of paper and let them take turns coming to the kids and taking their order for snacks! Let them deliver the “order” too.

Take time to cook something together if you can. It is fun to work together and enjoy eating a finished product.

Talk about prayer with your kids. Help them know how important it is to talk to God and listen to Him. Share how God is our best friend and we must spend time with Him.

Just like Jesus had to go to other places to teach and preach about God, we must help tell others about Jesus. Ask the kids questions about Jesus and see how much they REALLY know. This is a great time to encourage your kids and help them know what the Bible says!