



Healer – Lesson I Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Who is happy to be here today? I know I'm happy! My name is _____ and I am super happy to be here. I love this day of the week. Do you know why? Because I get to be here with you and learn more about who God is.

Speaking of learning about who God is, we have a new memory verse to learn! Let's have everyone stand up on the carpets and learn the new memory verse together!

Okay, I'll say it once and show you the motions then we can do it together.

“He (point up)

forgives (one hand with palm up in front of you and the other hand cupped facing down and moving forward and back over the palm up hand)

all my sin (index fingers make hooks and make circular motion palms up).

He heals (both hands make a grabbing motion up just below the shoulders and then pull hands down and away from body)

all my sickness.” (rub tummy)

Psalm 103:3.

(Note: See ASL video online for the words “forgive,” “sin,” and “heals.”)

That was pretty good, but I think we can do it one more time. Let's try it again.

(Repeat.) You guys are awesome! Okay, everybody please sit back down.

We are going to be learning about some people who had some pretty big problems. But Jesus did some amazing things in their lives. Today we are going to hear a story about a man who wasn't able to walk and the amazing thing that Jesus did for him.

3) Skit

Roles: Storyteller

Zip

Props: Bandage on Zip's head

(Zip in the tree house, out of sight making lots of noise.)

Storyteller: (Looking over the tree house ledge.) **Who's that making all that noise behind the Tree House?**

Zip: **It's only me. Sorry to make so much ruckus.**

Storyteller: **That's all right. Oh no, you sure don't look all right. Are you okay?**

Zip: **Oh yeah, I'm okay. Just a little fall. It was nothing.**

Storyteller: **You have a big bandage on your head. What happened?**

Zip: **I was raking the leaves in my backyard and I fell on my head, that's all.**

Storyteller: **Where was Willow?**

Zip: **She went shopping with one of her friends.**

Storyteller: **Does she normally help you with the leaves?**

Zip: **Yeah, sure. But she decided to “leaf” it alone**

this year.

Storyteller: Oh I get it - "leaf" it alone. Funny!

Zip: Jesus got a few chuckles with my sense of humor today.

Storyteller: What? Did you rake leaves with Jesus?

Zip: Well, technically no, but he is always with me and I talk to him in prayer no matter what I am doing. Today he helped me rake the leaves.

Storyteller: Well, great. I love that we can always talk to God and he was there for you today when you bonked your head. I think we should pray for you and ask God to heal you. When your friends are hurting or need help, the best thing to do is lead them to Jesus. He is a great healer!

Zip: That is a great idea and reminds me of when some friends helped a paralyzed man get to Jesus so that he could be healed and walk.

Storyteller: Oh, you mean the story of the paralyzed man at Capernaum. It's found in the Bible in Mark chapter 2.

Zip: Yeah the paralyzed man's friends helped to carry him all the way to a house where Jesus was teaching.

Storyteller: They sure did! But when they got the man to the house, they couldn't get in through the door because there were so many people wanting to see Jesus. So the men climbed to the rooftop of the house.

Zip: I would have been afraid I'd fall off.

Storyteller: Well, the roofs were flat in those days but no doubt it would have been very hard to climb up there carrying someone. Then, they dug a hole large enough on the roof to let their friend through. And they lowered their friend down through the roof right in front of Jesus!

Zip: Wow, that is some faith. They were so desperate to get to Jesus, they would do

anything! They must have believed he had the power to heal.

Storyteller: Yes they did. The Bible says Jesus saw their faith and said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Zip: What happened then?

Storyteller: Some didn't want to believe it, so Jesus did something else.

Zip: What? What else did Jesus do?

Storyteller: He said to the paralyzed man "I tell you, get up and take your mat and go home."

Zip: What happened?

Storyteller: He got up and walked out. All healed!

Zip: That would have been really something to be with Jesus in person like that.

Storyteller: Yes, it would have, but I am so glad that I can still be with him when I pray and he loves me and cares for me every day. We can also help our friends to grow to know who God is and lead them to Jesus just like the paralyzed man's friends did for him.

Zip: Well, I am going to go now and lie down and pray to God for my head. Then when he heals me, I will go and tell my friends all about him.

Storyteller: Feel better, Zip. And thanks so much for helping our friends in the Tree House today grow to know more about God and who he is.

Zip: Of course! And boys and girls, don't forget to talk to God in prayer all of the time. And remember he loves you SO MUCH! See you later!

Storyteller: Bye, Zip!

4) Songs

Let's all stand up and sing praises to God.

5) Prayer & Closing

Thank you, guys! That was great! Everybody sit back down.

I think we should pray right now and thank God our Healer for loving us like he loved the paralyzed man. Everybody bow your heads and let's pray.

Dear Jesus, thank you for always taking care of us. Please help us to remember to trust you whenever we have trouble of any kind. And help us to remember that you are our help at all times and you have the power to heal us. Amen.



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