



Healer – Lesson 2

4K and 5K**Divine Attribute:** God is Healer**Heart Response:** Pray to him**Memory Verse:** Psalm 103:3

“He forgives all my sin. He heals all my sickness.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Jesus healed many people from sin and sickness.
2. We can trust and believe that God has the power to heal.
3. We can pray to God and ask him to heal us.
4. God forgives our sin when we ask and believe.

Personal Preparation:

In this unit, we will take a look at the lives of several people who were in seemingly impossible situations—a paralyzed man (Mark 2:1-12), the father of a dying girl (Luke 8:40-56), a blind man (John 9), a group of lepers (Luke 17:11-17), and grieving friends after Lazarus’ death (John 11:17-44).

As you read through these Bible stories, you will get a sense of how desperate these people were to be near Jesus. They knew Jesus had the power to heal them; they broke social barriers just to get near him. They didn’t worry about what the world thought of them. They needed Jesus and lived like they believed that he had something they needed more than anything else.

As you prepare to share this lesson with your class, take some time to pray. Tell God about the areas that need to be restored in your life. Ask him to be your strength and your light in all areas of your life. He has the power over death and he can bring light to even the darkest part of our hearts. Ask him to show you the areas where you are holding back because of social barriers or reputation. Surrender all of it to him and thank him for the provision that has already taken place. God loves his people and is worthy of our worship and our entire lives.

As you teach your class, look for opportunities to point the children to Jesus. Model for them what it means to ask for God’s help and to thank him for his answers. Teach them who God is, and create space for them to seek God and pray to him.

CENTER TIME*10-20 minutes as the kids begin to arrive*

To help the children transition into class, please use a center format at the beginning of each service. Set up three centers in your classroom to allow children options of activities. Ideas include, but are not limited to:

1. Read books on the floor.
2. Color at the table.
3. Play with blocks on the floor.
4. Play with puzzles at the table.
5. Play with Play-Doh at the table.

OPENING ACTIVITY*10 minutes at the start of service*

The following activity is provided to begin engaging the children for the upcoming lesson. As the teacher of your class, you have an important opportunity to come alongside the parents of these children to teach them about God.

Make Me Laugh

Choose one of the children and ask them to be silly and try to get everyone else to laugh. Tell everyone else to show you his or her sad face. Tell them to try to keep a sad face while the silly child goes around trying to make them laugh. Tell the silly actor/actress they can make faces at them or talk to their friends in a silly voice. After everyone is giggling, ask the children, **“What kinds of things make you sad?”** (When I get hurt, when someone gets sick, when I can’t do something I want to do really badly, seeing other people who are sad.) **When you’re sad, what cheers you up?** (My mom or dad talks to me, going outside to play, hugging

my blanket.) **We are all sad sometimes, even me.** The great news is that when we feel sad, sick, afraid, or in trouble, like our verse says, we can pray and talk to Jesus. He is always with us. Today in our Bible lesson, we will hear about a father who was sad and called on Jesus when he was in trouble. What do you think Jesus did?

BIG GROUP TIME

please check your classroom schedule

Please talk to your class about the purpose of this time—to have fun worshiping God together. Give your class practical ideas of what this means (obey the teachers up on the stage, sing and praise God with a happy heart, keep your hands to yourself, etc.). Teachers, you are crucial in helping create a peaceful, orderly environment to worship God during this time. Thank you for your help!

SMALL GROUP TIME

25-30 minutes

Bible Story

Supplies

Bible

Lesson picture – Jairus' daughter (one per bin)

(Open your Bible.) **The Bible says, “He forgives all my sin. He heals all my sickness.” Psalm 103:3. Can you say that with me?** (Have the children repeat the Bible verse with you 1-2 times before beginning the story.)

We are learning about how Jesus shows us that God is Healer. God is able to make sick people well. Remember Jesus loves us and came to rescue us. Well, Jesus also shows us that he has the power over death and he wants to heal our hearts from sin so we can live forever in a relationship with him.

Let's listen (touch ears) **and hear about a time when Jesus healed a young girl and showed his power over death. We can find it in the Bible in Luke chapter 8.**

One day, Jesus is in a town named Galilee. Can you say “Galilee?” (Allow the children to repeat.) **A man named Jairus comes and falls down at**

Jesus' feet. Jairus begs Jesus to come to his house because his daughter is sick and dying. Oh, no!

Jesus begins to walk with Jairus to his house. (Pat the table as if walking.) **On the way to Jairus' house, the crowds of people almost crush Jesus. A woman is there who has been sick for many years and no one has been able to heal her. She comes up behind Jesus and touches the edge of his cloak and she is healed immediately.**

“Who touched me?” Jesus asks. “Someone touched me; I know that the power has gone out of me.”

Then the woman comes trembling and falls at Jesus' feet. With everyone watching, she tells Jesus why she has touched him and how she has been instantly healed.

Then Jesus says to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

While Jesus is still speaking, a man comes from the house of Jairus to meet up with Jesus and Jairus. The man tells Jairus, “Your daughter is dead. Don't bother Jesus to come to your house anymore.”

Now, remember, who was with Jairus? That's right! God's Son from heaven, Jesus! Let's hear what Jesus has to say.

Jesus tells Jairus, “Don't be afraid. Trust me and your little girl will be alright.” Jesus goes into the house where the little girl is. There are many people in the house crying because they are sad that the girl has died. Jesus says, “Stop crying. She is not dead, she is only asleep.” The people laugh because they know she has died. Jesus takes her by the hand (hold the hand of a child near you) and says, “Get up, my child.” (Show lesson picture.)

Do you know what happened? (She was healed! She was alive!) That's right! Her life returned and she stood up! She was healed. Jairus was in trouble and he asked Jesus to help. Jesus showed he has the power over death and

brought this man's daughter back to life. Who is the only one that can give us life? (God, Jesus.) That is right. He is our Creator. Who loves us all so much he came to rescue us? That is right. He is our Rescuer! Who can heal us and make us brand new? That is right! God is our Healer. How can you ask Jesus to heal you and help you? (I can pray.)

Prayer

Prayer time may not be appropriate immediately following story time. If this is the case, we ask that you be intentional about praying spontaneously or formally with the children at other times during class.

Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us how big you are by healing this young girl. Thank you for loving us and being our healer. Help us to remember to go to you in prayer when we are in trouble and sing praises to you when we are happy. Amen.

Prayer Mat

Supplies:

“God hears me when I pray” on cardstock (one per child)

Stickers (three per child)

Crayons

Pass out the ‘God hears me when I pray’ cardstock to each child. Have the children place one of their hands with fingers closed on top of the cardstock in the blank area next to ‘God hears me when I pray.’ Help the children trace around their hand so that it looks like a praying hand. Let the children color or decorate their prayer mats with stickers. If available, you can place contact paper on their prayer mat to protect it to be used at home. Let the children know they can take their prayer mats home and use them when they are eating as a placemat or they can keep them in their room by their bed to remember to pray first thing in the morning and again before they go to bed. We

can pray to God all those times and every time in between.

***Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is. ***

SNACK & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

last 30 minutes

Please wash the children's hands before snack time and say a prayer thanking God for the food. As they are eating their snack, please take time to go over the review questions.

Review Questions

- 1. What did Jairus want Jesus to do? (Heal his daughter.)**
- 2. When Jesus got to Jairus' house what were the people doing? (Crying and sad that the girl had died.)**
- 3. How did Jesus help Jairus? (He healed Jairus' daughter, he brought her back to life, he told Jairus not to be afraid.)**
- 4. When Jesus told the girl to get up what happened? (The girl was alive and stood up right away.)**
- 5. What can you do when you are sad or need help? (Pray to God.)**

My Child, Get Up!

A version of “Duck, Duck, Goose.” Have children sit in a circle on the floor with their heads bowed and eyes closed, like they are sleeping. Pick one child to be “Jesus” and have them walk around the outside of the circle several times before tapping one of the children and saying “My Child, Get Up!” The child who was tapped then becomes “Jesus” and repeats the game. As children are playing, continue to talk to them about Jairus’ daughter and the amazing miracle that Jesus did to bring her back to life.

