



Healer – Lesson 1

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:3 “He forgives all my sin. He heals all my sickness.”

Key Point: God has the power to heal!

Bible Verse: Mark 2:1–12

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Mark in the Bible. **Jesus is traveling from city to city, telling people about God** (1). Many people in Capernaum have heard of the miracles that Jesus is doing and the people that Jesus has healed. They have come to see him because they want to hear what Jesus has to say and to see what he will do next, or because they are sick and want Jesus to heal them.

There is one man who wants to go see Jesus, but he is paralyzed (2), his legs don't work. **The man and his friends believe that Jesus can heal him** (3) and make him walk. So **the friends put him on a mat and carry him to** the house where **Jesus** (4) is teaching people about God.

When they get to the house, it is so full (5) that they can't even get to the front door. So **these men** carefully **carry their friend** on his mat **to the roof of the house** (6). **They dig a hole in the roof** right over where Jesus is standing **and lower their friend down to Jesus** (7).

Jesus sees that the paralyzed man and his friends have faith that Jesus can heal him. **So Jesus tells the man, "Your sins are forgiven. Pick up your mat and walk."** (8) The Bible says **the man jumps up and walks right out the door** (9).

The man goes home praising God (10)! Everyone who saw what happened in the house that day also praises God saying, "We have seen amazing things today!" We can also praise Jesus! He is a healer!

Key Point: God has the power to heal!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Who was Jesus talking about when he was traveling from city to city? (God)	Why did the paralyzed man's friends lower him down through the roof? (Because he wanted to see Jesus and believed that Jesus could heal him.)
Why couldn't the man walk to Jesus? (he was paralyzed)	What did Jesus do for the sick man? (He forgave him and healed him.)
Who helped him get to Jesus? (his friends)	How did the men help their friend? (They took him to see Jesus. They carried him.)
Did his friends get him to Jesus? (yes)	Who healed the paralyzed man? (Jesus.)
Did they walk through the front door to see Jesus? (no)	How can we talk to Jesus? (We can pray.)
Who healed the man who was paralyzed? (Jesus)	When can we pray? (Anytime.)
What does the man do after being healed? (Praise!)	Where can we pray? (Anywhere.)