



JUNE 21, 2026

HEALINGS IN CAPERNAUM

MARK 1; LUKE 4

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus has all authority and power to heal the sick and save sinners. Anyone who repents and trusts in Him will be forgiven of sin and can look forward to the new heaven and earth where sin, death, and sickness will no longer exist.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God.

MEMORY VERSE

Daniel 4:3

PREPARE



Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' power to heal the sick comprised an important part of His ministry—drawing people to Him in desperation, curiosity, and wonder. Though His signs and wonders led crowds to gather in His presence, Jesus did not perform healings as a mere party trick or performance. His healings pointed to a need much greater than they could see with their eyes or even feel within their bodies; Jesus came to save sinners from the power of sin and death.

When Jesus spoke in the synagogue, people listened intently, aware that He was different from the others who taught the Scriptures. Jesus spoke with authority, confidence, and a sincere reliance upon God's Word. He had power that came from being one with His Father. Those gathered in His presence didn't just hear His words; they witnessed His truth in action as He commanded unclean spirits and healed those in need. He didn't just talk about God's salvation; He demonstrated God's desire to save those He created.

Healings were an important part of Jesus' ministry because sickness is a reality that impacts lives deeply and personally. Jesus also knew, however, that our great physical need for healing would point to our even greater need for salvation. Jesus' signs lead us to experience the truth that He came to save all who believe in Him by faith. This ability to repent and trust in Him for the hope of eternal life is the free gift offered to us by grace.

The man with the unclean spirit recognized the power and holiness of Christ and received healing in his time of need. Simon's mother-in-law was bedridden and feverish until Jesus raised her up, and she began to serve the household. Jesus went on to restore many more people who had been afflicted with sickness and unclean spirits. All these experienced healing, in contrast to those who believed themselves too righteous to need a Savior, unable to recognize Jesus as the true Son of God.

As you teach the kids in your class this week, pray they would look to Jesus as the one with all power and authority over their lives. Ask the Lord to make His truth evident in their lives, that they would repent of their sins and experience salvation in His name.

FATHER'S DAY

While most kids will enjoy celebrating Father's Day today, there are some who have lost their dad or do not have a good relationship with them. If a kid doesn't want to participate, don't force them to. Be sensitive to kids' emotions, reactions, and needs this morning and be available if they want to talk.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the memory verse activity below!

MEMORY VERSE

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:3, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on June 28!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

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Jesus left Nazareth and went to a town called Capernaum. On the Sabbath, He went directly to the synagogue and began teaching. The people were amazed with how He taught with authority.

As He was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit cried out, "What do You have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus commanded the spirit: "Be silent and come out of him!" The spirit made the man shake and shout before coming out of him. But the man was not hurt at all.

This made the people even more amazed. They began to say, "Can you believe it? Jesus teaches with authority and commands unclean spirits so that they obey him." Pretty soon, everyone in the area was talking about Jesus and His power to heal.

Then Jesus went to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand, and lifted her up. She was healed!

By the time the sun had set, people were coming from all over so that Jesus could heal them. Everyone who came, as a sick or demon-possessed person, was healed by Jesus.

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

FATHER'S DAY CRAFT

Kids can choose to make a “Superhero ‘Magic’ Card” and/or a paper plate medal for their dads. Instruction sheets for both crafts will be provided in your room’s curriculum bin.

Remember that some of our kids may not have fathers in their life. Be sure to meet them where they are; don’t force anyone to do the craft. If they want to make one for a father figure in their life like a grandpa, uncle, older brother, etc. they absolutely can!



BIBLE SKILLS: FIND IT!

Split kids into smaller groups of 3-4. Give each group a Bible and encourage them to open to the Table of Contents. Use the provided list of questions and answers for this activity.

Explain that you’ll ask a question from the list and the teams will use the Table of Contents to find the answer. Once they find it, the whole team should jump up. The first team to answer the question correctly wins that round!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. How does Jesus' healing of people point to God's greater plan for sin?
2. Does Jesus heal only when we have faith?
3. What does it mean to seek God?
4. Even the unclean spirits know who Jesus is. What sets believers apart?
5. When have you experienced God's power before?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!