

PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



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.

LEADER DEVO

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 lead kids 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.

ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S 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



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

JUNE 28

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: POST-IT NOTES

Write the verse out on a Post-it note and put that note somewhere you'll see often, such as a bathroom mirror, the fridge door, etc. Every time you see the note, read the verse aloud 2-3 times.

LESSON

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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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

1) Read Luke 4:33-34 again. What stands out about the unclean spirit's response to Jesus?

Examples: it acknowledged Jesus' divinity, it acknowledged Jesus' power to destroy them, etc.

2) What does this response tell us about the difference between knowing about Jesus and trusting in Jesus?

That just because you *know* who Jesus is, that doesn't mean you trust *in* him. Head knowledge vs heart knowledge.

3) Have you ever seen, heard of, or experienced God's healing power? Share with the group.

4) Ultimately, Jesus came to heal us from sin. Who can you share this good news—the Gospel!—with this week?

PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!