

# PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



JUNE 28, 2026

## HEALINGS IN GALILEE

MARK 1; LUKE 4-5

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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# LEADER DEVO

The healings Jesus performed from village to village weren't like the spectacles put on by others who claimed to have divine power. Jesus didn't come to seek applause of people looking for a show; He drew near to those experiencing affliction because of His great love for them and His Father. Jesus extended compassionate care to all who recognized their need for a Savior and trusted in Him for spiritual healing and wholeness.

In today's passage, Jesus revealed His purpose for preaching: to proclaim the good news of His Father's kingdom. This kingdom wasn't what the people expected—it wasn't for the most fortunate, educated, or impressive. Jesus' heart was for all who found themselves in need of His healing, all who trusted in Him as their great Healer.

Jesus' healing of the man with leprosy is one of the greatest examples of love and compassion found in Scripture. Luke 5:12 tells us his leprosy had spread all over his body, an advanced case leaving him isolated from community and desperate enough to fall facedown before the Lord. In an act of great faith, the man trusted in Jesus' power to heal, knowing that His willingness to save him was all he would need.

Mark 1:41 says that compassion moved Jesus closer to the man in need. Jesus did more than speak healing words over him; Jesus reached out, touched him, and immediately healed him! In a society that often shunned lepers, Jesus offered His touch as a means of closeness and compassion. With His words, Jesus gave him next steps for cleansing and reentering his community.

The man was healed from leprosy and couldn't keep the good news of Jesus to himself. In desperation, he turned to Jesus by faith, experiencing the Savior's true healing. He believed in Jesus' ability, power, and authority to heal. We can still approach Jesus by faith with our requests, trusting that He can accomplish whatever He wills.

To listen to Jesus and be healed was the reason the crowds gathered all those centuries ago. May the boys and girls who learn from you this week hear Jesus' words of life and experience the healing and wholeness that only He provides.

# 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

**JULY 26**

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

After Jesus healed many people in Capernaum, He woke up very early the next morning while it was still dark. He found a quiet place to pray to God His Father. His disciples searched for Jesus. When they finally found Him, they said, “Everyone is looking for You!” The people did not want Jesus to leave.

But Jesus said, “Let’s go on to other villages so that I can share the good news about the kingdom of God there, too. This is why I have come.”

Jesus went throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out unclean spirits. Then a man with a skin disease called leprosy came to Him. The man fell on his knees before Jesus and begged Him, saying, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

Jesus was filled with compassion. He reached out His hand and touched the man, saying, “I am willing. Be made clean.” Immediately, the man’s skin was healed.

Jesus warned the man not to tell anyone about what had happened. Jesus said, “Don’t say anything to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering to God.” But the man couldn’t keep the good news to himself. He told so many people what had happened that Jesus could not enter any town without crowds of people coming to Him.

Jesus stayed in deserted places, and people came from all over Galilee to hear Him preach and to be healed. But Jesus often left the crowds so He could pray to God.

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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) Jesus often went away by Himself to pray to God. What does this tell us about the importance of spending time with God and praying to Him?
- 2) Read Luke 4:43 again. What does Jesus say His purpose in coming is?
- 3) What does it mean to have compassion? How can we grow in our compassion toward others?
- 4) Why do you think that Jesus would instruct the man He healed to not tell others about what happened?
- 5) Just like the healed man couldn't help himself from sharing about Jesus' healing, our gratitude for the work Jesus did on the cross and in the grave should pour out of us. Jesus didn't just heal our skin—He heals our hearts! Who can you share the good news of 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!