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JESUS GAVE LIFE AND HEALING

MATTHEW 9; MARK 5; LUKE 8

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus healed people and raised the dead to life. By doing this, He showed that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He made the way for people to be healed from something even greater than disease or death. He made the way for us to be forgiven of our sin and have eternal life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is the Bible true? Yes, the Bible is true and has no error.

MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 40:8

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

You've likely heard the saying, "Desperate people do desperate things." Most of the time, that phrase implies someone makes a bad decision because of their desperate situation. In this week's session, however, we see two people doing desperate things that are, in fact, bold acts of faith.

First, there's Jairus, a respected synagogue leader. But none of that mattered when his little girl was dying. In that moment, Jairus wasn't a leader; he was just a dad, desperate for someone to save his child. By going to Jesus, Jairus could have been risking his position and standing in the synagogue and community. But desperate people do desperate things.

As Jesus went with Jairus, a woman appeared from the crowd. This woman had suffered for 12 years from a bleeding condition that left her socially, spiritually, and emotionally isolated. According to Mosaic law, everything she touched became unclean, and anyone who touched her became unclean. She wasn't allowed to participate in the synagogue or the community. But she had heard about Jesus and had faith that touching even the edge of His clothes could heal her, so she reached out. Desperate people do desperate things.

Two people from opposite ends of society—one well-known, one forgotten; one pleading publicly, the other reaching secretly—yet both came to Jesus in faith. And in both cases, Jesus stopped for them and tenderly met their needs.

Our desperate moments are often the doorway to deeper faith. When we come to Jesus, whether boldly like Jairus or quietly like the woman, He meets us where we are. This week, help kids understand they can take their cares to the Savior who loved us enough to provide for our greatest need: forgiveness from sin.

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 practice the memory verse!

MEMORY VERSE

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8, 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 kids.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on October 25!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

JESUS GAVE LIFE AND HEALING

One day, a man named Jairus (JIGH ruhs), a leader in the synagogue, came to Jesus. "My little daughter is very sick," Jairus said. "Please come and put Your hands on her so she will get well and live."

Jesus went with Jairus, and a crowd followed. In the crowd was a woman who had been sick for 12 years. She had gone to many doctors, but no one could help her. She had spent all her money trying to get better, but she only got worse.

The woman had heard about Jesus. She thought: If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed. She came up behind Jesus, reached out, and touched His robe. Right away, her sickness was gone!

Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched My clothes?" The woman came forward, trembling. She told Jesus what had happened. Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While Jesus was still speaking, people came from Jairus' house. "Your daughter has died," they told Jairus. But Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe."

When they reached Jairus' house, people were crying loudly. Jesus said, "Why are you crying? She is not dead. She is sleeping." The people laughed at Him.

Jesus went into the room with the girl's parents and three of His disciples. He took the girl's hand and said, "Talitha koum" which means, "Little girl, get up." Immediately, she stood up and began walking around! Everyone was amazed. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Not long after, Jesus healed two blind men who asked for mercy. Jesus also gave a man who could not speak the ability to talk. When Jesus saw the crowds of people, He felt compassion for them. Everywhere He went, Jesus showed that He has power over disease and death.

ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

ACTIVITY: WHO TOUCHED ME?

Have the group all sit down except for one kid, who will stand in front of the group. This person will turn around and close their eyes.

While they have their eyes closed, quietly choose one person in the group to go up and touch the person with their eyes closed on the shoulder, then sit back down.

The person who was touched on the shoulder must then guess who it was. If they get it correct, the person who touched their shoulder will become the new guesser. If they get it wrong, they stay and try again.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Today, we learned about a woman who was healed just by touching Jesus' robes. This was another encounter that showed Jesus is the Messiah—the Son of God. Through Him, we can be healed and saved from our sin.

BIBLE SKILLS: TIMELINE REVIEW & PUZZLE

Review each era of the Bible using the timeline on pages 6-7.

If time allows, challenge kids to put the provided timeline puzzle in the correct order.

BIBLE TIMELINE



Reference and review
the Bible timeline
during small group.



God created all things and said that they were good. God created humans in His image with the ability to choose to love and trust and obey Him.



Adam and Eve chose to rebel against God and trust in themselves; this choice was sin. Their relationship with God, one another, and themselves was broken. God cursed the ground and promised to send a savior.



Adam and Eve's descendants grow, spread across the land, and rebel against God. This period covers events such as the flood/Noah's ark, the tower of Babel, etc.



God chooses the family of Abraham to be His special people. (Patriarch = father) Key patriarchs include Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), and Joseph.



God's people were forced into slavery in Egypt. God rescued them and made a special covenant with them. The sacrificial system was put into place to show that the price of sin is death.



The people rebelled against God and wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. After 40 years, they were brought to the promised land where God defeated their enemies.



God's people forget about God, His covenant with them, and His commands. They did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.



God's people demand to have a king like other nations. The first kings of Israel are established: King Saul, King David, and King Solomon.

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Foolish decisions resulted in God's people splitting into two separate kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Both kingdoms continued to rebel against God and worshiped false gods.



As punishment for their rebellion, God's people were conquered by other nations and taken into exile.



Even in exile, God never left His people. After 70 years, God allowed His people to return to their homeland.



For 400 years, there were no new prophets or books of the Bible written, but God was still at work preparing the way for the Messiah to come!



God sent His son Jesus to live a perfect life, die for people's sins, and rise again. During His life on earth Jesus performed miracles, healed, and told people about the Kingdom of God.



After Jesus ascended to heaven, the church was created. Peter, Paul, and the other Apostles taught the church about Jesus and how to live as members of God's family.



Today, the church continues spread the Gospel, teach God's Word, and make disciples. We eagerly wait for Jesus to return to earth.



One day Jesus will come back and will rule forever. He will rid the world of all evil and sin and create the new heaven and new earth where we will reign with Him forever.

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 did Jesus' miracles point to His death and resurrection?
2. What part does faith play in our salvation?
3. What does Jesus' compassion over the crowd show us about how we should treat others? What does it show us about how we should treat sin?
4. How does this story point us to Jesus' sovereignty—that He's in control of all things?
5. Does faith in Jesus guarantee us physical healing? Why not?

Explain that Jesus does not promise immediate physical healing when we place our faith in Him. But He does promise healing from sin and eternal life with Him for everyone who trusts in Him as Lord. Share that because of this hope we can trust that all things, including pain on this earth, are being used for His good purposes. (See Romans 8:28.)

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!