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JESUS HEALED A CHILD AND A MAN

MATTHEW 15; MARK 7

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus has power over sickness and healed many people to show He is God's Son. Jesus came to give us new life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why do we need to be born again? Because of sin we are spiritually dead, but Jesus came to give us new life.

MEMORY VERSE

John 11:25

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Jesus often called His disciples to follow Him outside their comfort zones. In both Matthew 15 and Mark 7, Jesus intentionally stepped into Gentile regions, places considered far from the center of God's covenant people. Yet these "outside" spaces became the grounds where faith sprang up and healing flowed.

When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman's daughter, He was in the region of Tyre and Sidon—territory no faithful Jew would deliberately travel through. Jesus was purposely moving into spaces that were likely unfamiliar and uncomfortable for His disciples. But then came an astonishing expression of faith—not from a disciple or a religious leader—but from a desperate Gentile woman. Her theology was simple but profound as she pleaded, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table" (Matthew 15:27). She understood something essential about Jesus: He is the Savior whose grace overflows into places everyone else has written off.

Mark's account of the deaf man who had difficulty speaking shows something similar. Jesus traveled through the Decapolis—another Gentile region—and again performed a healing. He pulled the man away from the crowd, put His fingers in the man's ears, touched his tongue, and said ephphatha—"Be opened." This healing was deeply personal as Jesus literally touched the areas that needed healing. Once again, Jesus was not ministering in spaces that were considered safe or familiar to Jews. Jesus was stepping across human boundaries to open what had long been closed.

Jesus is the Savior who moves toward people when they feel furthest from His presence. He is not threatened by people's confusion or weaknesses. And He is not hesitant to enter the messy or overlooked corners of one's life.

This week, help kids see that Jesus longs to meet them where they are and provide for their greatest need, the forgiveness of sin, to bring them into a right relationship with Him.

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

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:25 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 October 25!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

JESUS HEALED A CHILD AND A MAN

A woman from Canaan came to Jesus. She believed Jesus could help her daughter. Her daughter was very sick. The woman cried out to Jesus, "Please help my daughter!"

At first, Jesus was quiet. Then He said, "I was sent to help God's people."

The woman said, "Even dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

When Jesus heard the woman's response, He said, "You have great faith! Your daughter is healed."

And right then, her daughter was made well!

After that, Jesus went to a crowd by the Sea of Galilee. Many people brought their sick loved ones to Jesus. Some people couldn't hear or talk, and some couldn't walk. Jesus healed them all!

Jesus helped a man who could not hear or speak. Jesus put His fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue. Then Jesus said, "Be opened!" Suddenly, the man could hear and talk clearly!

The people who saw what Jesus did were amazed. They said, "Jesus does wonderful things! He even helps people who cannot hear or speak!"

Because of Jesus' miracles, the people praised God.

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

GAME: CHARADES

Form kids into small groups. Have one kid at a time choose a card containing a person, object, action, or event related to today's Bible story. Without talking or making sounds, the kid should act out what is on the card while the rest of the group tries to guess. Once someone guesses correctly, choose a new actor and draw another card. Continue playing until everyone has had a chance to act or time runs out.

NOTE: Cards will be provided for you but you are welcome to add more cards to the stack!



CONNECT THE DOTS

People were amazed at Jesus' miracles and praised God. Jesus has power over sickness and sin. He came to bring healing, forgiveness, life, and hope to everyone who believes in Him.

BIBLE SKILLS: BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Play the Books of the Bible song on your TV located in the "Extra Time" folder. Then pass out the books of the Bible puzzle pieces and work together to put the books in the correct order.

*KINDER / 1ST - Focus on the beginning books of the Old and New Testament.
(Genesis - Deuteronomy and Matthew - John)*

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. Why do you think the woman kept asking Jesus to heal her daughter, even when He didn't immediately respond?
2. What can we learn about asking God for help?
3. Will God always heal sick people? (read Revelation 21:4 after discussing)
4. Through today's story we saw that people were amazed at Jesus' miracles and praised God. What are some things we can do that can lead people to praise God?

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!