

Healer - Family Lesson I

Divine Attribute: God is Healer

Heart Response: Pray to him

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:3 “He forgives all my sin. He heals all my sickness.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Jesus healed many people from sin and sickness.
2. We can trust and believe that God has the power to heal.
3. We can pray to God and ask him to heal us.
4. God forgives our sin when we ask and believe.

Family Worship

Gather your family and play the worship video found on the Curriculum Resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

Memory verse video (see Curriculum Resource page)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Psalm 103:3. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video with your child. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or other fun motions.

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

Lesson picture - paralyzed man

Today, we will begin learning about Jesus being a healer. Can you say “healer?” This means that Jesus made sick people better. When Jesus healed someone, it was a miracle. A miracle is a special thing that only God can do. Let’s begin our story.

When Jesus was in a town named Capernaum, the people heard that Jesus was in a house there. Many people came into the house where Jesus was. In fact, so many people were in the house that there was no room for any more people—even near the door! All of the people were in the crowded full house, listening to Jesus teach God’s Word.

Outside, a group of four men came to the house. The four men were carrying a man who was paralyzed. Can you say “paralyzed?” “Paralyzed” means that the man could not use his legs to walk. That is why he had to be carried by the four men.

The four men could not get to Jesus because there were so many people in the house. So the four men dug a hole through the roof of the house above Jesus’ head. Then the men lowered the paralyzed man down into the house on a mat through the hole in the roof. (Show lesson picture)

When Jesus saw what the men had done, he knew they had great faith in him. Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Jesus forgave the man of his sins and he told the man to pick up his mat and walk.

What do you think the paralyzed man did when Jesus told him to get up and walk? (Allow time for answers.) **Remember, this man was paralyzed. He couldn't walk. The Bible tells us that the man stood up on his legs and walked. Wow! This is a miracle! Can you say "miracle"? Jesus healed this man. We can praise Jesus because he is a healer!**

We can always pray to God and tell him what we need. He wants to heal us not just when we are sick or hurt but he also to heal our hearts. He can forgive our sins and make us brand new. He wants to heal us from our sin because it is not good for us. He loves us and wants us to live a life of loving him and others. Let's pray and talk to God.

Prayer

Lord, you are our healer. We know that we can trust you with the answers to our prayers. And we know that you love us. Amen.

The Paralyzed Man Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Paralyzed man coloring sheet
Crayons

While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or driving.

Review Questions

1. **Why did the paralyzed man's friends lower him down through the roof?** (Because he was desperate to see Jesus and believed that Jesus could heal him.)

2. **What did Jesus do for the sick man?** (He forgave him and healed him.)
3. **How did the men help their friend?** (They took him to see Jesus. They carried him.)
4. **Who healed the paralyzed man?** (Jesus.)
5. **How can we talk to Jesus?** (We can pray.)
6. **When can we pray?** (Anytime.)
7. **Where can we pray?** (Anywhere.)

Optional Additional Activities

These activities can be used as part of the lesson or at a different time throughout the week to help you and your child apply the lesson content.

Paralyzed Man Craft

Supplies:

Index card or similar sized piece of paper
Piece of construction paper a little larger than the index card
Yarn
Hole punch or tape
Glue
Crayons

Have the child draw a picture of a paralyzed man on the index card. Glue it onto the larger piece of construction paper as a mat. Tape a piece of yarn to each corner of the mat. (You could also punch holes in each corner, thread the yarn through, and tie a knot on the back.) Have the children hold the yarn at the top to pretend like they are carrying the paralyzed man to Jesus.

Paralyzed Man Craft

Have your child sit on the floor with their legs straight out in front of them. Remind them of the paralyzed man who couldn't move his legs. Give them instructions like, "Jesus said, wiggle your toes," Jesus said, tap your knees," etc. At the end, say, "Jesus said, 'Stand up and walk.'"



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