



Jesus our Healer

Primary 3-7

Bible Text:

Mark 2:1-12

Lesson Aim:

To teach children that Jesus is our Healer. He can heal our heart, mind, and body.

Memory Verse:

"The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear..."

(Hebrews 13:6).

Words to Learn:

- Paralyzed
- Heal
- Whole

Always Close in Prayer

The Teacher's Bible Study

The Bible illustrates the faith of men of God throughout history, as an example and encouragement to us. While these men were sometimes very different in personalities, the common thread of trust and faith in God ran through them all. We are told of Abraham, the father of the faithful; of Elijah, Elisha, Samson, David, and the prophets. We see the awesome example of Jesus Christ Himself, who gave up His exalted position as God, emptied Himself into human form, and was sacrificed and resurrected in faith, so He could become the Savior of all mankind. We also can look at the examples of the apostles and fellow Christians who were martyred for their faith in the salvation of Christ.

We can know that God will grant these faithful men and women SALVATION and ETERNAL LIFE in God's kingdom because they believed they would receive it; because they had real faith. They will receive the reward they hoped for because they BELIEVED that God existed and that He would REWARD those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). In example after example, Scripture reveals to us that God the Father and Jesus the Son will ALWAYS respond to the believer's true faith.

In this lesson, Jesus' healing of the paralytic shows us the relationship between healing and the forgiveness of sin. Jesus has the POWER to heal the sinner, in mind and body. The miracle of healing physically represents a restorative process in which something unclean and broken is supernaturally made CLEAN and WHOLE. Correspondingly, forgiveness of sin restores a person to a state of wholeness—a healing of the mind and heart of the sinner—and ultimately, at our resurrection, to everlasting wholeness.

Jesus was teaching at a house surrounded by a large crowd which had gathered to hear Him. Some friends of a paralytic wanted to bring him to Jesus; they could not get through the crowd so they let him down through a hole they made in the roof. Jesus saw their faith. He said, "Your sins are forgiven" (present tense), or, as in Luke's account, "Your sins have been forgiven" (perfect tense). This forgiveness cannot refer

to the cause of the man's paralysis even if its cause was sin, since he did not immediately stand up. He continued to lie on his pallet after Jesus told him that his sins had been forgiven.

Jesus knew that He was being judged as blasphemous by some of the religious leaders present. He then underscored His great power to forgive sins by healing the man's body "that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, rise, take up your bed and go home" (Luke 5:24).

The point is that the power to forgive sin is **MAGNIFIED** by the healing. For which is easier? "Your sins are forgiven you" (by His words) or "Rise, and walk" (by evidence of healing)?

Nothing is said about the forgiveness of sin being the cause of the healing. In fact, the verb in Luke 5:20, "your sins *have been* forgiven," shows that the forgiveness was completed at the moment Jesus spoke those words, for his body wasn't healed until a few moments later. Thus, the healing was **DIFFERENTIATED** from the forgiveness of sin; they were two **SEPARATE** acts, with healing being used to prove Jesus' **POWER** over sin.

Jesus Christ is our Healer, our Restorer, and our Savior. Let us bless His Holy name as we wait for our complete healing and wholeness at His Second Coming. Amen! □

Simple as 1,2,3...



1. Additional Reading for Teacher Study

Luke 5:17-26; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:34-43, Hebrews 11:6

2. Are You Listening?

After you read or tell the story you may ask the following questions:

1. *True or false:* The four friends of the paralyzed man believed Jesus was a healer and that He would heal their friend—**TRUE**.
2. *True or false:* The friends of the paralyzed man could not get near Jesus because of all the people crowding the house—**TRUE**
3. *True or false:* Jesus saw their determination and faith—**TRUE**
4. *True or false:* The first thing Jesus said to the paralyzed man was, "Son, your sins are forgiven you"—**TRUE**
5. *True or false:* Jesus will **ALWAYS** respond to our faith in Him—**TRUE**
6. *True or false:* When Jesus forgives our sins it makes us whole—**TRUE**
7. Who can heal us **AND** forgive us our sins?—*Jesus*
8. *True or false:* We should always tell Jesus when we are sick—**TRUE**

3. Word Definitions

These definitions were taken from *Webster's New World Dictionary*.

- **Paralyzed**—loss of or impaired movement
or sensation in the body or its parts
- **Heal**—to make healthy; restore to health
- **Whole**—not broken or damaged

SKY Story Time

Jesus, Our Healer

Once there was a poor man who was very, very sick. He could not move his arms or legs. He had to depend on others. This man had four friends who loved him very much and they wanted to help him.

They had heard about the man named Jesus. He was a great teacher, and a man of God. He had performed many miracles. He had restored many people to health.

They knew that if they could take their friend to see Jesus, He would have mercy on their poor pitiful friend.

Word came that Jesus was back in Capernaum. Everyone was eager to be near Him, and hear Him teach. People crowded the house inside and out.

The Man With the Plan

The four friends came carrying their paralyzed friend on a pallet to the house where Jesus was teaching. People were standing EVERYWHERE!

They could hear people saying: "Can you see anything?"... "Can you hear anything?"... "Are you sure He is here?"... "How long has He been in there?"...

They were determined to get closer to Jesus. They knew they

could not enter by the door, for it was blocked by many people standing about—other wanted to hear and see Him, too!

"There must be a way to get him inside!" one of the men cried.

"What can we do? Throw him over the wall?" said another, in exasperation.

"How about we catapult him over the crowd?" said one, trying to lighten up the mood.

"Hey, that's it! We'll just drop him down out of the blue sky!" another replied.

"Now, that's an idea!" the oldest man said, with a little smile. He turned and looked up at the roof of the house.

All eyes followed his gaze.

The paralyzed man was able to turn his head and look at each of his friend's faces. It was dawning on him that they had a plan.

Who Needs a Roof?

The men quickly picked up their friend and went up the side stairs to the roof. It didn't take too long to remove enough tiles and make a large hole.

While Jesus taught He could hear sounds coming from the roof. He probably knew that someone was trying to create a new "window" to be able to see

and hear what was going on inside the house. He didn't mind.

Then sunlight flooded through a hole in the roof and He looked up to see four faces looking down at Him. The faces disappeared and then a strange thing happened. From the opening something was being lowered slowly by four ropes into the room where He stood.

Jesus had stopped speaking and looked up, intently watching a blanketed shape being gently lowered to Him.

Can you guess what it was? Yes! It was the paralyzed man!

Jesus saw the faith of these determined men who loved their friend enough to improvise a way to get him noticed by Jesus, and it moved Him to compassion.

Jesus will always respond to our faith in Him. He will not turn away from simple trust and faith.

So You Will Never Forget

He said, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Several teachers of the Law were sitting nearby and heard Jesus say this. They thought it a blasphemous thing to say, but said nothing. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" they thought in their heart. Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked them this question:

"Is it *easier* to say to this sick man 'Your sins be forgiven,' or 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?'" What do you think?

He went on to say that He

wanted them to know that He had the POWER to forgive sins, as well as the POWER to heal the bodies of mankind.

Jesus said, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed and go to your house!"

Just think, *JESUS CAN FORGIVE OUR SINS, AND HE CAN HEAL US!*

The sick man was healed. He picked up the pallet that served as his bed and walked home, praising God on his way. What a powerful testimony to all those who witnessed this that day! He was a happy man!

Remember: We must always tell Jesus when we are sick, for He is our Healer and our Savior. Ultimately, He will completely heal all things in the Kingdom of God!

Praise God! The End

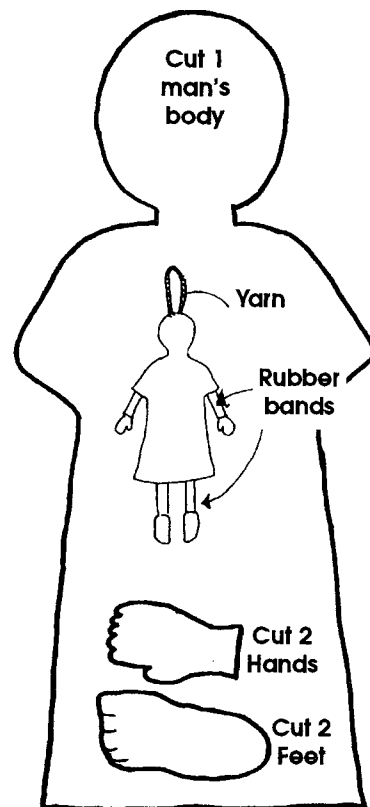
Crafty Ideas

Cut out the man's body, his two feet, and two hands. Cut rubber bands—each figure will require four pieces of the rubber band. Draw on his features and hair. Staple one end of a rubber band to each foot and hand. Staple the other end to the body (making sure the ends of the rubber band are fastened behind the poster board front). Brush diluted white glue onto the body and place tissue squares over it to make the clothes. Thread a piece of yarn through the top of the head and tie.

He will jump up-and-down with gladness when moved

Crafty Ideas

Happy Man



Materials To Use:

- white Poster board
- Large rubber bands
- stapler, crayons, scissors, yarn, and hole punch
- colored tissue paper
- white glue and aluminum pie tin