

Small Group Experience

LESSON 2 - “God, I Need Healing!”



Watt's Up:

“I Know God Can Heal The Sick!”



Power Verse:

“And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well...” - **James 5:15**

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Band aids adhesive bandages (*at least 5 per child*)
- * Bible

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins hide the band aids around the room. You will be leading the children in a game of “Listen And Seek. To play, they must listen to the story. Every time they hear about someone in the story who was sick, they should all stand up and go “seek” a band aid - only picking up one band aid per person. Once the entire group has a band aid, they will come back to listen for more clues in the story. You will continue this until the story is finished. Once the story is done, they will keep the band aids and use them for an activity later on. Read the Bible story from **Mark 5:21-43**.

Say - “Hey everyone, I am really happy to see you! I’ve been waiting for someone to get here so we could play a game called ‘Listen And Seek.’ It begins, NOW! I have hidden some band aids around the room and I need you to ‘seek’ them. I am going to read a Bible story. When the story comes to a part where someone is sick, I will stop reading. Everyone will stand up and go find one band aid. Once you find ONE band aid, grab it, then come sit back down. At the end of the story, hold on to your band aids. We will use them later. Are you ready to play, ‘Listen and Seek’”

Read the story from Mark 5:21-43

Ask - “How do you think Jairus felt when he found out his daughter had died?”

Ask - “How do you think the servants who delivered the bad news felt?”

Ask - “Do you think Jairus might have been confused and why?”

Say - “Jairus went seeking Jesus for help. When Jairus found Jesus, he was so happy because he felt all his troubles were over and that his daughter would be healed. When things didn’t work out for Jairus right away, I am sure he felt confused. He may have thought, ‘Why didn’t Jesus hurry? Why didn’t Jesus heal my daughter right then and there like he did the woman with the bleeding sickness? Why would Jesus make me wait?’”

Ask - “What do you think Jesus was trying to teach Jairus by delaying his daughter’s healing?”

Say - “Sometimes we get in such a hurry, we lose trust and assume God is not working. We must learn to trust.”

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Game/Activity**SUPPLY LIST:**

- * Band aids (*collected during Bible Story time*)
- * Extra band aids (*if desired*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Divide the group into two or three teams. Have each team put the band aids they collected earlier into a team pile and then give each team some extra band aids.

Say - “Choose one member of your team to stand in the middle, then form a circle around them. I will ask some questions. If you get the answer right, stick a band aid on the back of the person in the middle. The team with the most band aids on their team member’s back wins!”

Q. True or False, Jairus was looking for Noah?

A. False, he was looking for Jesus

Q. Who in Jairus’ family was sick?

A. His daughter

Q. Jesus was busy teaching lots of people when Jairus found Him. What did Jesus do when Jairus began asking for help?

A. He stopped and listened and went to help

Q. What sick person reached out and touched Jesus as he was walking through town?

A. The woman with the bleeding sickness

Q. Why did sick people go to Jesus?

A. Because they had faith He could heal them

Q. When Jairus’ servant arrived with bad news, what did Jesus say?

A. “Don’t be afraid, trust me.”

Q. Did Jesus heal Jairus’ daughter?

A. Yes

Q. True or False, Jesus can only heal A FEW sicknesses?

A. False, He can heal any sickness

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Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

* A first aid kit

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Look through the kit for “cures” as you mention the random illnesses. The goal of this time is to really drive home the fact that Jesus can heal any sickness, and that we can trust Him with our need. Allow the kids freedom to discuss questions about healing. Some may have simple questions, while others may have deeper questions about healing and God's timing.

Say - “Today, we are going to put this first aid kit to the test. What if you woke up tomorrow morning covered in purple spots? I bet this kit has something to heal purple spots. Let me find the purple spot cure, hold on...*(search the first aid kit for a few moments)* Oh my goodness! There is NOTHING in here to heal purple spot disease. Well, what if you went to brush your teeth one night and when you looked in the mirror your face was covered in eyeballs? You had eyeball face-itis! I am positive that this kit will be able to heal eyeball face-itis; after all it happens all the time. *(search the first aid kit for a few moments)* What in the world? There is NOTHING in here to heal eyeball face-itis!”

Ask - “Who can heal anything?”

Say - “Jesus can heal ANYTHING! It doesn't matter if it's a cut on a finger, purple spot disease, the flu or cancer, Jesus can HEAL.”

Ask - “When someone needs healing what should we do?”

Say - “We should pray! Jesus told Jairus to not be afraid and trust Him. His message is the same for us. When we pray for healing, we can trust Jesus with that need. Although it is sometimes difficult, we can trust God for healing.”

Prayer Time

Say - “Jesus was not letting Jairus down by not healing his daughter right away; He was teaching Jairus to trust Him! We can also trust that Jesus can heal ANY sickness! We are going to pray together right now with faith that Jesus will heal every need!” *(Ask the children to share any prayer requests for healing, then PRAY with them.)*

Closing

Say - “I'm sure none of you will wake up tomorrow covered in purple spots or eyeballs! However, even if you do, we know that our God can heal ANYTHING! We can trust Him with ANY need. As you go through your week, look for chances to pray for healing. Faith is like a muscle - the more you use it, the stronger it gets!”