



J E S U S H E A L S T H E S I C K

MATTHEW 4:23–25, 8:1–17, & MARK 5, 7

GOAL

▶ To help children learn that Jesus healed people of physical illnesses as well as our spiritual illness of sin.

CHARACTERS

▶ **Jesus:** Not only a great teacher, He also was a great healer of the sick.

Man with Leprosy: He asked Jesus to make him clean. Jesus healed him.

Centurion: He asked Jesus to heal his servant without physically touching the servant. Jesus healed the servant.

Peter's Mother-in-Law: She had a fever and was dying. Jesus healed her.

Demon-Possessed Man: Jesus cast out many demons who had possessed him. The demons entered a nearby herd of pigs.

Jairus: Came to Jesus because his daughter was dying. He asked Jesus to heal her.

Jairus's daughter: She died, but Jesus raised her back to life.

Paralytic and his four friends: The friends of a paralyzed man lowered him through the roof of a crowded building so Jesus could heal him.

Sick woman: She touched the hem of Jesus' garment, and she was healed.



MEMORY VERSE

- ▷ **Matthew 4:23:** And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.
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OVERVIEW

- ▷ **Read Matthew 4:23-25 and Mark 5, 7:** Jesus loved people, and he showed it by meeting their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs. We can learn from Jesus' compassion.
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SUGGESTIONS

- ▷ **During Jesus' ministry on Earth, He performed miracles, healed the sick, brought the dead back to life, taught people about the kingdom of God, ransomed all of humanity from sin, and conquered death.**

1. Healing during His life: In addition to literally healing the sick people He encountered as He traveled, He taught through word and deed how to love and obey God, which helped to heal our relationship with God.

2. Healing through His death: Jesus was the perfect, sinless, and final sacrifice to atone for all the sins past, present, and future. His death healed the broken relationship we had with God. Because of His death, we may live for eternity in heaven with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**PRE-LESSON
ACTIVITY**

- ▷ **Faith Through the Roof | *Supplies:*** a pool noodle, tape, a rectangular piece of cardboard, yarn, a doll, and a stopwatch or timer.

Form the pool noodle into a circle, and tape the ends together. Cut the piece of cardboard so that the corners can fit through the pool noodle without touching it when it is lowered into the ring. Punch holes on each corner of the cardboard and tie pieces of yarn to each corner. Place the ring on the floor. Break up the class into teams of four. With a doll on top of the piece of cardboard, have students stand at all four corners of the cardboard. Holding the piece of yarn at their corner, have students lower the cardboard into the ring without touching the sides of the pool noodle and without dropping the doll. If they touch the sides or the doll drops, they have to start over. The team to get the doll on the cardboard through the ring the fastest wins.

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**MEMORY
VERSE
MEANING**

- ▷ **Matthew 4:23:** This verse shows how Jesus healed both the bodies and souls he encountered during His ministry. Not only did He heal those who were physically ill, He healed our broken relationship with God. He did this by teaching the gospel of the kingdom: that those who believe in Jesus will have everlasting life.
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**POST-LESSON
ACTIVITY**

- ▷ **The Cure | *Supplies:*** paper, two band aids per student, markers crayons, art supplies. Give each student a piece of paper and two band aids. Have the students stick the band aids to the paper in the shape of a cross. Across the top of the page, have students write, "Jesus is the Cure." Students can decorate the rest of their papers however they want.



TAKE
HOME

- ▷ When Jesus was ministering in Israel, He healed many people of their illnesses. While the compassion He showed to these people ended their suffering, this healing only helped them while they were living. Jesus' mission went further than that: He came to heal our eternal souls. Much of the book of Isaiah contains prophecies of the Messiah, all of which Jesus fulfilled. One of these prophecies says, "and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). When Jesus was beaten and crucified, He took on the punishment for the sins of every single person who had ever lived and ever will live. His sacrifice paid the price for all of our sins. When Jesus did this, our relationship with God was healed and the curse of death was lifted.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What disease did the dying man have?

A1: Leprosy

Q1b: If you met a man who claimed to be Superman, would you believe it or would you need to see proof?

TN: Ask students which superpower they would ask “Superman” to perform so that they could believe the man’s claim. Jesus knew that claiming to be the Son of God wouldn’t convince people of His power, so He healed people and performed other miraculous signs.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What did the dying man ask Jesus to do?

A2: He asked Jesus to make him clean.

Q2b: If you stuck your hand in a puddle of thick mud, would wiping it on your pants make your hand clean?

TN: Well, it wouldn’t be covered in thick mud, but that hand wouldn’t be clean. To get your hand clean, you’d need to scrub it with soap and water, and maybe even clean out under your fingernails. When Jesus healed people He not only rid their bodies of the illness that was causing them to suffer, He completely healed them.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: The centurion wanted Jesus to heal who?

A3: The centurion wanted Jesus to heal his servant.

Q3b: What kind of situation would cause you to drop everything to take care of it?

TN: Let students provide answers. Jesus was out teaching and ministering to people when the centurion came to him and asked Him for help. Jesus was ready to drop everything to go and heal the soldier's servant. Jesus is never too busy to take care of us.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Why didn't the centurion want Jesus to come to his house to heal his servant?

A4: Because the centurion knew that Jesus had the power to command healing from anywhere.

Q4b: What kinds of things can we command to happen without leaving our homes?

TN: Through the power of our phones and the Internet, we can have things delivered, such as food and clothing. Just by saying it, Jesus has the power to heal people from anywhere. Now that is power!



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: Who was the woman that Jesus healed?

A5: Peter's mother-in-law

Q5b: Have you ever taken a medicine that made you instantly feel better?

TN: Most medicines take some time to work, and often, they only rid us of some of the discomfort. For example, when you have a cold, you take some kind of medicine that dulls the symptoms experienced, but it doesn't make them go away instantly. It can take days of medication and discomfort before you're feeling back to normal. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, she was cured of the illness. Not only was she made all better, but she felt better than she did before she became ill. Jesus healed everything!

SLIDE 6



Q6a: What did the evil spirits call Jesus?

A6: They called Him Son of God.

Q6b: Have you ever met a celebrity?

TN: We know the names of many of actors who star in our favorite movies and TV shows, and we may even be able to recognize them if we saw them walking around town. The demons that had possessed this man instantly recognized Jesus as the Son of God and knew the power He had over them. They knew Jesus wouldn't let them continue to torment this man, so they pleaded with Jesus to cast them out into herd of pigs.



**MEMORY
VERSE**

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BIG IDEA

- ▷ Jesus has power over everything!
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**CLOSING
PRAYER**

- ▷ Jesus, thank You for healing people of their illnesses and wickedness. Thank You for healing us from our sin. We give thanks in Jesus' name, Amen.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 1



One way Jesus displayed God's power was to perform signs and wonders. He did not perform these miracles to draw attention to Himself, but to point people to God. As God's Son, Jesus knew that many people were unable to believe unless they first saw a sign. As He went preaching from town to town, the sick came out to meet Him in the hope of finding healing. One day, after teaching about love and kindness, He came to a dying man who had a terrible disease called leprosy. Because of his disease, the man was considered unclean, and there were rules stating that no one was supposed to touch people with leprosy. No one wanted to be around him.

SLIDE 2



"Lord, please make me clean," he groaned. Jesus looked at the man with kindness and compassion. "Yes, I will," He said. "Be clean." Jesus touched the man, something that no one else would ever do, and immediately, the man's leprosy was gone. He was healed!

SLIDE 3



Just a short while later, an important military officer rushed up to Jesus. He was breathless, sad, and excited all at the same time. "Lord!" he shouted. "My servant is lying at home. He can't move. He's suffering!" The centurion knew that there was only one hope for his servant. Jesus looked at the man with compassion and said, "I'll come right away and heal him."



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 4



The centurion replied, "Oh, but Jesus, I'm not worthy to have you come to my house. All you have to do is say the word, and I know he will be healed. I, too, have authority. If I tell someone to do something or go somewhere, he does it." Jesus was amazed at the man's faith. Not many people believed in Him like this man did. This man wasn't an Israelite, but he believed in God; that was the most important thing. Jesus told him to go home and that his servant was healed. At that very moment, the centurion's servant was healed.

SLIDE 5



Right after this happened, Jesus went to Peter's house. Peter was one of Jesus' closest disciples. His mother-in-law was very sick. She had a terrible fever, and she was dying. All Jesus did was reach out and touch her hand. Right away, her fever was gone. She was as strong and healthy as she had ever been. In an instant, she jumped up and started getting a meal ready for Jesus.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 6



Sometimes a sickness does not have a physical sign, like a sore, an open wound, or a fever. Many times, demons possessed people and caused them to hurt themselves. One such account took place when Jesus set foot on the lake shore of the region of Gerasenes. There was a demon-possessed man who dwelt among the tombs. He was so violent and brutal that no chain could bind him. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, the man came running to Him, and one of the evil spirits in him said, “Why are you bothering us, Jesus, Son of God? Don’t torment us.” Jesus then proceeded to ask the demon what its name was, and it said its name was Legion. There were many demons in this man. The demons pleaded that if Jesus was going to cast them out of the man that He let them go into a nearby herd of pigs. Immediately, the man was healed. The pigs went into a rage, ran off a nearby cliff, and drowned in the lake. The pig herders saw this and were amazed. After telling the town’s people about it, they all came out to see. Even though they saw the healed man, they still asked Jesus to leave. Jesus had complete authority over everything: death, sickness, and even sin. Nothing could stand against Him.