

# JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

#### **BIBLE PASSAGE**

Matthew 8:1-4 (ICB)

#### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus has the power to do the supernatural.

#### **FOCUS VERSE**

"What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27 (NIV)

#### **LESSON MATERIALS**

| Puzzle Piece | Red Dot Stickers | Adhesive Bandages | Story Strip | Crayons |

### **GREET** – 15 MINUTES

Connection questions to ask as the children arrive:

- What do you like to do when you're not at church?
- Tell me about your family. Do you have brothers or sisters? Pets?



# **WORSHIP** – 10 MINUTES

Learning to sing in corporate worship is a spiritually formative practice. If possible, provide some sort of worship time for your kids.

# **PRAY - 5 MINUTES**

Gather everyone for prayer. Allow a willing child to pray. If no one volunteers, you can pray instead.

**SAMPLE PRAYER:** "Jesus, we thank You for being with us today. Please help us understand more about You as we hear from Your Word, the Bible. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."



# **REVIEW** — 5 MINUTES

MATERIALS: | Puzzle Piece |



WE CHOSE A PUZZLE PIECE TO ILLUSTRATE HOW ALL OF GOD'S STORIES FIT TOGETHER. YOU CAN SAY, "THESE PUZZLE PIECES REMIND US THAT ALL OF THE STORIES IN THE BIBLE FIT PERFECTLY TOGETHER INTO ONE BIG STORY ABOUT GOD/JESUS."

**BACKGROUND:** Say, "This month, we are starting a brand-new unit called *Supernatural*. 'Supernatural' means an impossible act that can only be done by the power of God. Over the next four weeks, we will be learning about some of the supernatural or impossible things Jesus did when He was on the earth because **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural**. Our first puzzle story piece looks like this! Let's put it on the wall together."

TRANSITION: Say, "Alright, let's get ready for today's story with a game."

# **ENGAGE** – 10 MINUTES

MATERIALS: | Red Dot Stickers (at least 40) | Adhesive Bandages (1 box per class) |

Say, "Our game is about making sick people better. Who has the job of making sick people well? Right! Doctors! Let's get ready to pretend to be doctors."

**GAME GOAL:** The class will work together to "heal" the "sick" person.

#### **HOW TO PLAY:**

- 1. Choose one person to be "sick." The rest will be "doctors."
- 2. Next, stick about 10 dot stickers on the "sick" person and tell all the "doctors" that they will have to fix all the "sick" person's "injuries" (red dot stickers) by covering the dots with bandaids.



- 3. Put the "sick" person on one side of the room and the "doctors" on the opposite side. The teacher will let the "doctors" fix the "sick" person by running to them one at a time to put on bandaids until all the dots have been covered.
- 4. Once all of the "injuries" are covered with bandaids, replay and choose a different person to be "sick."

**TRANSITION:** Say, "You did a great job being doctors! Like the game we just played, the man in today's lesson was sick and needed to be healed, but he didn't need a doctor; He needed someone better than a doctor. Let's find out who the sick man needs most!"

# **LEARN** — 10 MINUTES

Say, "Have you ever fallen and skinned your hands or knees? Yeah! Me too! That hurts, doesn't it? Well, today we will read about a man with wounds (hurt places) all over his body (leprosy). Wouldn't that be terrible? Well, Jesus does something pretty amazing to help this man get better. In fact, Jesus was doing so many amazing things that huge crowds of people were following Him. Let's see what happens next." Read Matthew 8:1-4 (ICB).



#### TELL THE STORY IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THE PASSAGE BELOW.

<sup>1</sup> "When Jesus came down from the hill, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> Then a man sick with a harmful skin disease came to Jesus. The man bowed down before him and said, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want." <sup>3</sup> Jesus touched the man and said, "I want to heal you. Be healed!" And immediately the man was healed from his skin disease. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about what happened. But go and show yourself to the priest (church leader)... This will show people that you are healed."

Say, "What a supernatural story! **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural.** Can everyone say that with me?"

Ask, "Can I have everyone share one thing that 'wowed' you from this story? Great! Jesus is better than any doctor because He doesn't need bandages to cover up our sickness and wounds. He heals us completely! Isn't Jesus amazing? **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural**."

TRANSITION: Say, "I can't wait to learn more about our story."

# **DISCUSS** – 5 MINUTES

Say, "Let's talk about it."

1. In this story, who has the power to do the supernatural?

Response: Jesus has the power to do the supernatural.

2. What supernatural thing did Jesus do?

Response: He healed a man from a terrible skin disease (leprosy).

3. How long did it take Jesus to heal the man?

Response: He healed him immediately.

4. What was one new thing you learned today?

Response: Answers will vary.

5. What do you think this man was thinking after he was healed?

Response: Answers will vary.

#### 6. What did we learn about Jesus today?

Response: **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural**, Jesus is powerful, Jesus is kind, Jesus helps us, Jesus is loving, Jesus heals us, etc.

TRANSITION: Say, "Great job answering the questions!"

# **RESPOND** – 15 MINUTES

MATERIALS: | Story Strip (1 per child) | Crayons |

Say, "We are going to do an activity with the parts from our story to help us remember what happened. Who's ready?"

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Give each child a *Story Strip*. Each picture displays a different portion of the story.
- 2. Have the children color the images, one at a time, talking about each part as they are coloring it.
- 3. When their crafts are done, have each kid take turns retelling the story to a partner using their story strips.

**TRANSITION:** Say, "Awesome job! Now, we can use our *Story Strips* to help us remember that **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural**. Let's practice this month's memory verse."

# **MEMORIZE** – 5 MINUTES

Explain to the class that they will be learning a memory verse to help them remember that God can do anything – even if it seems impossible. First, say the verse by yourself as you demonstrate the actions. Then, have the kids practice it with you. Finally, ask for volunteers who would like to try it by themselves.

"What is impossible (do a crossing out motion with arms) with man is possible (make a fireworks motion looking up to the sky) with God." Luke 18:27 (NIV) (hold hands open like a book)

**CHALLENGE:** Practice saying the verse really SLOW, and then practice saying it really FAST. The more ways you recite the verse, the better the memorization will be.

# **REFLECT** – 5 MINUTES

Say, "We have a lot to thank God for today. After all, **Jesus has the power to do the supernatural!** Jesus can still heal us just like He did for the man with the skin disease. In fact, the Bible tells us to pray and ask God to heal us when we are sick (Jeremiah 17:14). Have you ever asked God to heal you from being sick? If you haven't, you can start today!" Take prayer requests.



**SAMPLE PRAYER:** "Jesus, You are able to do supernatural things that seem impossible to us. Would You please heal <u>student's name</u> like You healed the man in our story? We believe You have the power to heal. Help us see Your supernatural power this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

# **RELEASE** -

If there is extra time before parents arrive, have the children practice their memory verse again, replay the ENGAGE game, or work on unfinished *Story Strips*. When parents come to pick up their children, give them a copy of the monthly Parent Guide (downloadable).

#### **PARENT GUIDE GOALS:**

- 1. Provides engaging questions and activities for family discipleship.
- 2. Reviews what the children are learning each week.

# JESUS HEALS SKIN DISEASE STORY STRIP



