

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose: Jesus is healer! We read about the amazing healings Jesus did while he was on earth. When four men worked hard to get their paralyzed friend through a crowd by lowering him through a roof to Jesus, he showed that he had power to heal hearts (through forgiveness) and bodies. He still does!

Supplies for Activity: *for each person or as a family*

- Notebook
- Writing Utensil

Activity:

- What does your body, mind, or “heart” (the inside part of us that we act/speak out of...can be full of love, anger, joy, envy, etc.) need healing from? Write it down in your notebook (or together in your family notebook).
- As a family, share and pray for one another’s needs.
- Call/FaceTime/Zoom a family member or friend. Ask them to share a story of a time Jesus healed them (whether in their body, mind, or heart).
- Ask if they have anything needing healing that your family can pray for them about? Write it down. Pray for it.
- Share a story with them of how Jesus has healed/forgiven you.

Connection: You see, when we hear testimonies (stories) of God’s power at work it builds our faith. Sharing what Jesus has done for us is powerful. Sometimes, when people need healing, they are tired. They need fellow Christians to help believe with them and “carry” them to Jesus for healing through prayer. As a family this week, have fun exploring stories of Christians who have experienced God’s healing...and praying for people you know need healing. Keep the journal updated as God answers. We need healing in our hearts even more than in our bodies.

Family Discussion:

- What stirred your faith, made you excited, about our activity?
- What things amazed and surprised you about what Jesus did?
- What if someone is not healed right away or at all...does Jesus not have power?

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God Statement: Jesus is Healer

Family Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Blessing: May you know that Jesus loves you and that He is your Healer! Because Jesus is with you always, you don't need to fear. May you trust Jesus to strengthen and help you with every area of your life.

Lesson: Jesus heals the paralyzed man

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

Discussion Questions:

1. In Mark 2:2, what was Jesus doing in the house?
(Preaching the Word of God to the people.)
2. What did the men do when they couldn't get their paralyzed friend into the crowded house? Read Mark 2:4
(They dug a hole through the roof of the house to get their friend to Jesus.)
3. What do you think everyone expected Jesus to do for the paralyzed man?
(Heal his body.)
4. What did Jesus do first? Read Mark 2:5
(He forgave the paralyzed man's sins.)
5. Answer Jesus' question: Is it easier to forgive sins or heal? Which do you think is more important? Who is the only One who can do both?
6. What does it mean to you that Jesus is Healer?
7. Is there anything in your life that you need to trust Jesus to heal?

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Jesus is Healer Craft Purpose:

Psalm 103: "He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases."

The obvious need of the paralyzed man was physical healing. But more importantly, he needed his relationship with God to be restored. In our lesson today, we learned that God wants to heal us inside and out. Only God can forgive sins and even if we get help from a doctor or medicine, all healing comes from God. Jesus took our sin and sickness on the cross and He conquered the power of the enemy by rising from the dead.

Do you need healing for something or know someone who is hurting? God loves you and cares about all these needs! He wants you to ask Him for healing and trust Him for help. Our craft today will remind you that Jesus is your Healer.

Supplies Needed:

- Paper
- Two adhesive bandages
- Scissors
- Pen or marker
- Glue

Action:

- Cut out a large heart.
- Make a cross on the center of the heart using the two bandages.
- On the top part of the heart write: **Jesus is Healer**
- Cut out and glue the Scripture below or a write out your favorite healing promise from the Bible:

"God forgives all of my sins
and heals all of my diseases."

Psalm 103

- Write some things around the heart that you're trusting God for healing. These can be specific or general like sickness, sin, pain, sadness, loneliness, etc.
- Put this heart on the refrigerator or in a place where you can be reminded to pray and thank God for His healing.