



3PK

March 1-2, 2014

DATE

Jesus Heals a Man

LESSON TITLE

Luke 5:17-26

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus can do anything!

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

When you're doing a craft/activity that kids will do individually, write their names on the back of the item as they come into the room. That will save you some time later and allow you to spend more time helping them with the activity. Plus it is easier to distinguish which craft is theirs at check-out time.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to retell today's story using the props (Matt cutout and mat) they got during small group.

large group heads up

Today, we're learning the story of one of the times Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk. Jesus healed him...because he can do *anything!* We're focusing on that truth today.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- As kids are in line, tell them that today we're talking about how Jesus can do *anything!* Then have some fun making up motions to things Jesus can do:
 - When we're sad (make a sad face), Jesus can make us smile (smile)!
 - When we're scared (look scared), Jesus can keep us safe (say "ahhhh!")
 - When we're lonely (cross arms), Jesus will be our friend (kids can give someone else a high five)
 - When we're sick (pretend to be sick), Jesus can make us feel better (give a thumbs up)
 - When we're hungry (rub your belly), Jesus can bring us food (pretend to eat)
 - If you have extra time, prepare kids for large group by teaching them a phrase with motions: Jesus (point up) can do *anything* (spread your arms out as if showing all the things Jesus can do)!

Then practice putting on your listening ears. Say Shhh! and remind them to stay quiet for Large Group. Tip-toe in together!



instructions

Goal: to help kids (1) retell the story and (2) remember this truth: Jesus can do anything!

Why? We want kids to begin building their faith while they're young.

Tip: If you finish the re-enactment with Matt and the mat, have kids put their props in a safe place. We want kids to have them to retell the story at home.

small group

***Kids can eat a snack while you review.**

REVIEW THE STORY

***Hold up picture of Matt getting carried**

1. What was wrong with the man in the story? (he couldn't walk)
2. Who did he want to ask for help? (Jesus)
3. How did he get to Jesus? (his friends carried him)
4. When he got to the house Jesus was at, there were TONS of people. How did they get into the house? (they cut a hole in the roof)

***Hold up picture of Matt coming down through the roof**

5. When Jesus saw the guy coming down from a hole in the roof, did he help him? (Yes!)

***Hold up picture of Matt walking!**

6. What did Jesus help Matt do? (Walk!)
7. Did Jesus help Matt with anything else? (Older kids might remember that Jesus also forgave Matt for all the wrong things he had done.)

RELATE TO THE STORY

8. What can Jesus do?
9. Is there anything you want Jesus to do for you? (Guide kids toward things like: helping a sick family member, comforting us when we're scared, helping us to share, etc.)

***After kids talk about what they want Jesus to do for them, pray and specifically ask Jesus for those things.**

ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a “**mat**.” They can color it.
- Give each kid a cut-out of the guy in today’s story, “**Matt**.”
- Act out the story: (model for the kids)
 - Matt couldn’t walk. He had to lay on the mat. (Lay Matt on the mat.)
 - Matt’s friends brought him to Jesus (carry Matt on the mat.)
 - Jesus healed Matt! (Stand Matt up on the mat!)
 - Because Jesus (point up) can do anything (spread your arms)!
- Repeat! Do this as many times as possible. Try using different storytelling voices: a deep voice, a high voice, an underwater voice, a whisper, even a yell! Or move to different parts of the room.

Extra time? Play a special “Jesus Heals” version of Crazy Parade: (1) Sit, (2) say “Jesus can do anything!” (with motions), (3) then walk around the room in a variety of ways--on your heels, on your toes, forward, backward, quickly, slowly, left, right, standing tall, bent over, arms in front, arms behind, hands on head, hands on toes, with a partner, alone in a line, in a curved line, etc.! You can lead or choose kids to be leaders. Every time there’s a new leader, sit again, say “Jesus can do anything!” (with motions) again, and then proceed with the parade!

special notes

We have a video for today's story, but we're relying on you to set it up. Be really dramatic when you describe the guy who can't walk. It'll help kids see just how amazing it was that Jesus was able to help him.

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, or make a face or a motion... every couple of minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying, too!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, who's ready to have some fun today? (Let kids respond.) Before we hear our story, let's practice what HOPS showed us. Show me those listening ears (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to *listen* to God's story.

REVIEW THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S STORY

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that King and Rescuer. His name is....(Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

INTRO: A MAN NEEDED HELP

Well, when Jesus came, lots of people wanted to follow the Rescuer. One day, a guy who couldn't walk wanted to follow Jesus. (**Spread the mat on the floor and sit on it.**) Since he couldn't walk, he sat on a mat all day. He couldn't go anywhere because his legs weren't strong



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enough. (Act this out.)

This man needed help. And he decided to ask Jesus to help him walk. He knew that Jesus could do anything! Let's say that together: 1-2-3: "Jesus can do anything!" Now, let's add some motions: When we say "Jesus," point up (model). When we say "can do anything," spread your arms wide to show *alllll* the things Jesus can do (model)! OK, let's put it all together. 1-2-3: Jesus (point up) can do anything (spread your arms).

(Stand up.) But he couldn't walk. And he didn't have a wheelchair or any way to move. So some of his friends actually came and picked up the mat...while HE was on it! They carried him all the way to find Jesus. He was going to say "Jesus, help me!" Because he knew that Jesus (point up) can do anything (spread your arms)!

JESUS HEALS THE MAN

Now we're going to watch a video about what happened when this guy went to find Jesus. As you watch, try to figure out how Jesus helped the man who couldn't walk.

Video: God's Story / Jesus Heals "Matt"

(Spread the mat out again and sit on it.) Wow, the guy in our story couldn't walk...but he visited Jesus, and Jesus healed him! He could walk again! (Run in place.)

Jesus helped him because Jesus (point up) can do anything (spread your arms)! In fact, Jesus helped the man walk ...AND he forgave him for every wrong thing he's ever done. Because Jesus (point up) can do anything (spread your arms)...AND, he loves each of us so much!

Let's pray together and thank Jesus for helping and loving that man...and for helping and loving us! (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for helping the man walk. Thank you for loving him. Thank you that you can do ANYTHING. We love you. In Jesus name, aaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's sing and thank Jesus for helping us!

Song: Be Strong

Song: Thank You, Lord

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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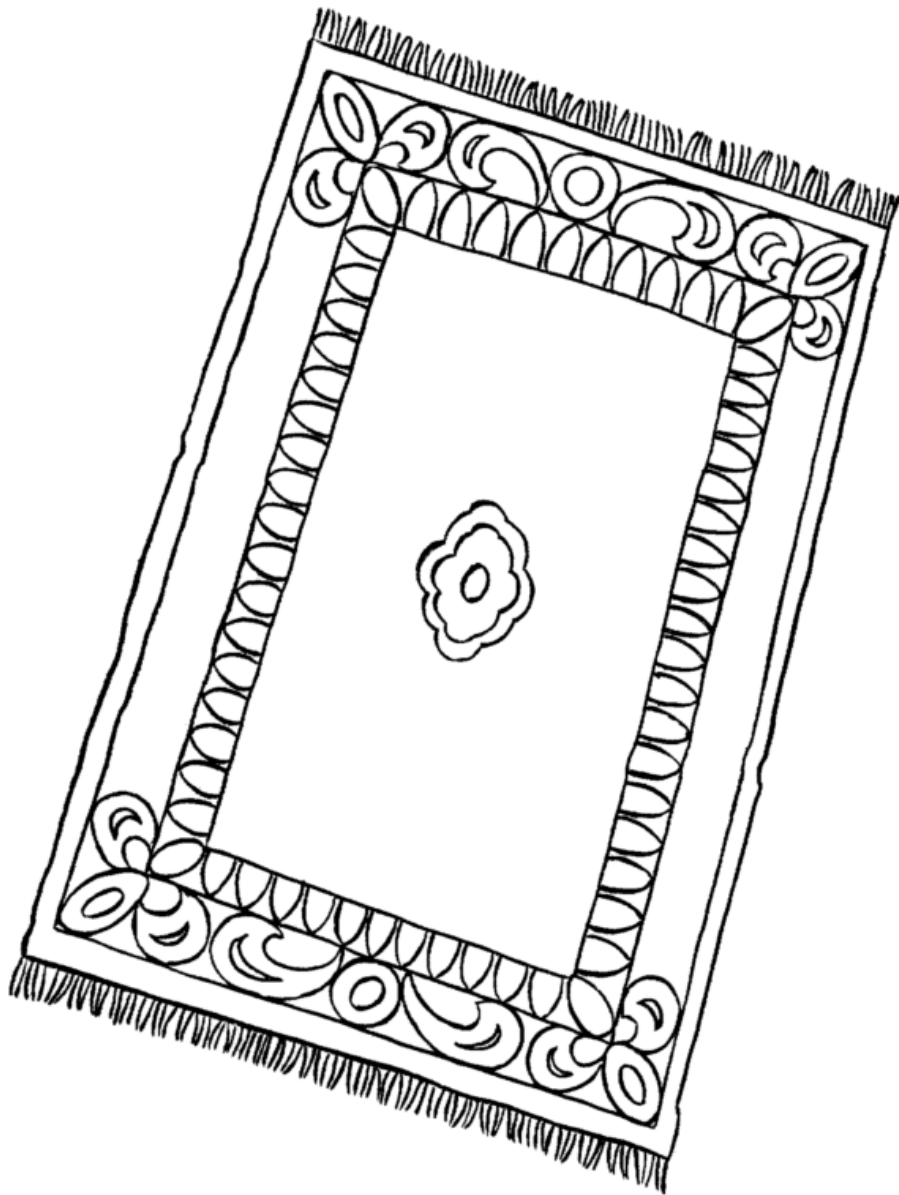
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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Jesus can do anything discussion – no supplies needed

small group supplies

1. Image of Matt getting carried
2. Image of Matt getting lowered through roof
3. Image of Matt walking
4. 1 “mat” per kid (OT: IN-65/61158)
5. 1 “Matt” per kid (print in color on white cardstock; cut)
6. Coloring Page: rug/mat

large group supplies

Bible
A mat/towel

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others
2. Video: God’s Story / Jesus Heals Mat
3. Song: Be Strong
4. Song: Thank You, Lord

connect questions

Tell me about the man who couldn’t walk.
Why could Jesus heal him?

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Today, we learned the story of a man who couldn’t walk. The man’s friends carried him to Jesus...and Jesus healed him! That’s because Jesus can do *anything*. Ask your kid to tell you about it. If you want, read the story together in Luke 5:17-26 or watch “God’s Story: Jesus Heals a Man” at CrossroadsKidsClub.net.