



3rd – 5th

January 24-25, 2015

DATE

Jesus Heals A Man

LESSON TITLE

Luke 5:17-26
(The Adventure Bible, p. 1130)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We Can Introduce Our Friends to Jesus

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Engage kids in a specific activity from the moment they walk into the door. Help them find something to color or build, or a game to play. This will help each kid feel valued and included...especially if they are a little nervous.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to show their parents the invitation they made...and whom they'd like to give it to.

large group heads up

Kids will hear the story of how four guys brought their friend to meet Jesus...and Jesus changed his life! The emphasis is on how we can introduce our friends to Jesus too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

INTRODUCTIONS

**Split kids into small groups or have one person lead the whole room.*

- Give each kid an **index card**.
- At the top, they should **write their name**.
- Then **number it 1-3**.
- Have them write the answer to these 3 questions next to each number:
 - **Which do you like most?**
 - 1. Skittles or MMs
 - 2. Dogs or cats
 - 3. Watching TV or playing outside
- Then have kids move around the room and meet others. They must **first** share their names, **then** the answers to their questions.
- For every person they find who has a matching answer, they should **put a tally mark** on the back of their card.
- After a few minutes, have them meet in small groups. Count up the number of matching answers they had. See who has the most!
- **Debrief:**
 - Did you meet anybody new? Was it hard to meet new people? Why or why not?
 - Were you surprised by people's answers? Why or why not?
- **Then ask them to share the best/worst parts of their week.**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Mat, (2) understand that when a person meets Jesus, his/her life changes and (3) identify one friend to whom they'd like to introduce Jesus.

Why? It's important to be constantly looking for ways to introduce our friends to Jesus.

Tip: Introducing people to Jesus can be intimidating. And there's many great ways to do it! Help kids see the value and ways they can do it by sharing the ways you introduce your friends to Jesus.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What does it mean to introduce someone to something?
2. In today's story how did Mat's friends introduce him to Jesus?
3. What happened when Mat met Jesus? (two things)
4. What can happen when we meet Jesus?
5. Why should we introduce our friends to Jesus?

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

- Give kids a **half sheet of paper**
- **ASK:** Did anybody think of a friend you want to introduce to Jesus?
- Have kids **draw a picture of themselves** introducing that friend to Jesus. (If they need ideas for how to do it, help them **brainstorm**. (Tell a friend about Jesus, show Jesus' love, etc.)
- **Share pictures** to show different ways we can introduce others to Jesus.

APPLICATION TOOL

- One way we can introduce our friends to Jesus is by inviting them to the Super Bowl service. We're going to make an invitation to make that more fun!
- **Give** each kid a **mad lib-style invitation**
- **Help** them fill out the appropriate blanks
- Let kids **open it**, and read one or two aloud

***Pray, asking God to give help kids introduce friends to Jesus this week!**

Still have extra time? Make more Connect introductions. You can ask questions like: If a movie was going to be made about your life, who would play you? If you could have one superpower, what would it be? What's the first thing you'd do with a million dollars?

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special notes

Today, kids get a chance to ask God who he wants them to invite to the Super Bowl service. Give them silence to talk to Him.

presenter tips

Be prepared to share the way you like to introduce your friends to Jesus. It can be hard to learn to do this, so hearing from adult leaders will be really helpful (not to mention, we should all be striving to do this regularly).

script

**Click to play intro slide.*

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. You guys played a really fun game to meet some new people! And I just learned some really interesting things about some of you guys! Let's take a poll of the whole room (let kids quickly "vote" with a show of hands): (1) Skittles ...or MMs? (2) Dogs ...or cats? (3) Watching TV or playing outside?

Wow (*respond to the results of your room's poll*), and you guys seemed to find a lot in common. Did anybody get introduced to a person for the first time? (Let kids raise their hands.) What does it mean to introduce someone to something? (Let kids respond.) That's right, it means to show someone a person or thing for the first time.

And some things are really important to introduce, aren't they? We might introduce them with a lot of excitement or theme music, like this: (**click to play the 30-second announcement video**). Or maybe we'll do something to grab people's attention. For example, if there's a lot of snow coming, you might hear a beeping noise in the middle of something you're watching on TV. It might be really annoying and sound like this: (**click to play the beeping noise**). Annoying, right?

What kind of things do you want your friends to know about? If you had to introduce your friend to something brand new, what would it be? It could be a movie, game, band, person, whatever! Think about that for a second. When you have something in your head that you think EVERYONE should know about, raise your hand. (*Call on 5-7 kids. Let them share it, even if it's a cool movie or video game. For each one, ask them, "Why should everybody know about it?" Let them respond.*)

So basically, we introduce new things because we think people might like it...or because it might affect their life. It might even make them really happy!



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INTRODUCING OUR FRIENDS TO JESUS

So, if we don't introduce somebody to something, how will they find out about it? (Let kids respond.) Wow, they might not, huh? And in the Bible, Jesus tells us that if we know him, we have a very special job. Our job is to introduce other people...to *Jesus*! So that everyone has a chance to be a part of God's family!

Today, we're going to hear a story of a guy who had some friends who introduced him to Jesus. We're going to watch a video about it. As you watch, see if you can figure out HOW this one guy's friends introduced him to Jesus.

Video: God's Story / Mat

Wow, so what happened when Mat met Jesus? Think about it. (Pause.) Now, everybody stand up (let kids stand). When I say "GO," I want you to **find one other person in this room, introduce yourself and tell them ONE thing that happened when Mat met Jesus**. Ready? GO! (Let kids mingle.)

So what happened when Mat met Jesus? (Let kids respond.) That's right, he could walk again. And what else? Yep, Jesus *forgave* his sins. That means the wrong things Mat had done, the ones that separated him from God, were erased! Jesus was about to die to rescue those sins! Mat got forgiveness for his sins and got to be close to God.

MEETING JESUS CHANGES US

So, as you think about how Mat changed when he met Jesus...think about how WE might change when we meet Jesus. Any ideas? (Let kids respond.) Yep, we can get forgiveness for our sins which means we can be close to God and part of his family! That's pretty important news, isn't it??

So if introducing our friends to Jesus is really important, HOW can we do that? One way I like to introduce others to Jesus is by _____ (*share a personal example*). Do you guys have other ideas? (Let kids share).

Yes, those are great ideas! So we could tell them. Or we could *show* our friends what Jesus is like by treating them with love. In fact, we should definitely do that! Remember our verse from 1 John 4:9 says:

SLIDE: 1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

(Have kids repeat it.) That's a HUGE way we can introduce Jesus to our friends. We can show them what He's like!

And you want to know another way we can introduce our friends to Jesus? We can bring them to Kids' Club with us! In fact, next weekend is Super Bowl Weekend. That's a really big deal, because we expect LOTS of new families and we have LOTS of fun stuff planned! So you can bring your friends to have a great time...and they'll get introduced to Jesus too! Here's a little



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sneak preview to get you excited:

(Click to show Super Bowl graphic)

So inviting a friend next week is a really FUN way to introduce them to Jesus! I hope to see all of you back here...with your friends. Inviting them to meet Jesus could change their lives, just like it changed Mat's. And if you don't know much about Jesus, ask your small group leader. Because Jesus can change our lives too.

WORSHIP

Now let's stand and tell God we love him by worshiping him. First we'll sing about how Jesus is all that we need, because remember, knowing God and Jesus was even more important than being able to walk in today's story! And that's how it is for us too. Our second song is about how Jesus is the BEST.

Music Video: All That You Need

Music Video: Better than the Best

PRAY

Ask kids to take a couple minutes of quiet and ask God to show them one friend who he wants them to introduce to Jesus. Then wrap up by asking God to give us all confidence to tell everyone we know about Jesus!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid

1 index card and 1 marker

small group supplies

Per kid

1 half sheet of paper
1 Super Bowl invitation

Per group

Markers
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large group supplies

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a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: 1st 30 seconds of this video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecoDr4nWNs8>
3. SLIDE: Video with KC logo over it:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPGczKUIqd8>
(so kids cannot see images)
4. Video: God's Story: Jesus Heals a Man
(<http://vimeo.com/58300379>)
5. SLIDE: I John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.
6. Image: Super Bowl graphic
7. Music Video: All that You Need (Mae will have file)
8. Music Video: Better than the Best (with dance moves)

connect questions

Tell me about the man Jesus healed.
How can we introduce our friends to Jesus?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate doc