

THE LEPER AND PARALYTIC ARE HEALED

Scripture:

Leper: Matt 8:2-4, Mk 1:40-45, Lk 5:12-16
Paralytic: Matt 9:1-8, Mk 2:1-12, Lk. 5:17-26

Materials Needed:

Bedsheets/ace bandage for face to dress up in.
Big name cards with: Leper “unclean” and Paralytic/Sins
Interview questions on a card

Memory Verse:

*Matthew 8:2-3 “Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean.”
Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying,
“I am willing; be cleansed.”*

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When the unclean leper implored Jesus to make him clean, Jesus was willing and cleansed him. When four friends brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus, He forgave the man’s sins and healed him as proof that He could do what He said.

To Realize—Jesus is willing to make the unclean clean and forgive sins.

To Respond by—asking Jesus to make them clean and forgive their sins.

Before Class:

Open in prayer

Announce that we are going to have “special visitors” that actually got to meet Jesus! While changing into outfit for the leper, have helper do stickers.

Setting up the Story:

(Happy Twosday!) We have **two** special guests with us today! We’ve been learning about Jesus and how He was promised in the Old Testament, how He was identified at His birth, how He was introduced to those who were ready at His baptism and then how He defeated Satan’s temptations. I thought, “Jesus did so many things for people when He was on the earth, wouldn’t it be great if we could hear from two of them what it was like to meet Jesus!” So I’ve invited them to be with us today!

Scripture

Telling the story:

- I. Jesus Heals the Leper
 - A. The leper begs Jesus
 1. He is covered with leprosy= VERY Unclean!
 2. Jesus is in one of the towns and the leper comes along

As you tell the story:

Come in dressed as the leper saying, “Unclean, unclean!”

Interviewer: Why do you say that?

Explain that you have leprosy and have to say that so other people won’t get close.

What is leprosy?

Can you live with other people?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. He falls with face to the ground, kneels on his knees and BEGS Jesus 4. "Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean." | <p>That must be terrible to have to say "Unclean!" I heard that you met Jesus. Can you tell us what that was like?</p> |
| <p>B. Jesus makes the leper clean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus reaches out and touches the man 2. "I AM WILLING—be cleansed!" | <p>What did Jesus do?</p> <p>I bet you were amazed! Then what did you do? "Boys and girls, you may not have leprosy like I did, but maybe you have done something or something has been done to you that makes you feel UNCLEAN inside. I can tell you from my own experience, if you go to Jesus and ask Him to make you clean, HE WILL! He will touch your life and make you clean inside!" I have to go! Thank you for inviting me.</p> |
| <p>C. Afterwards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus tells him not to tell anyone 2. Jesus tells him to go to the priests and offer the sacrifice as a sign 3. Jesus can't go into a town—stays out in the countryside areas. | |

While getting into Paralytic outfit have helper sing with kids:
Sing *I Believe the Bible* and *We Must Not Forget God's Word*

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| <p>II. Jesus Heals the Paralytic</p> <p>A. Four friends get their paralytic to Jesus no matter what!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capernaum hear Jesus is back they crowd into the house and even outside! 2. Four friends can't get in, so they dig a hole in the roof and lower him down! <p>B. Jesus Forgives the man's sins and heals him.</p> | <p>"Your nametag says 'Paralytic.' What does that mean?" (explain about being on a mat)</p> <p>But you are walking around now—what happened?! Did Jesus have something to do with that? Yes! But that's not the BEST thing that happened to me!!</p> <p>(Explain about secret sins that Jesus knew what he really needed) Boys and girls, maybe you've done things in secret that you know are wrong and nobody knows that that is really the problem INSIDE.</p> |
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1. Sees the faith of the four friends
2. "Son, your sins are forgiven."
3. The teachers of God's law: "He's blaspheming! Only God can forgive sins!"
4. **Which is easier to say?**
5. So that you may know Son of Man has authority to forgive sins: walk!
6. Man gets up and rolls up his mat, and goes home!

I bet everyone was surprised!
 What happened then?
 Everyone knew that it was easier to SAY "Your sins are forgiven" because no one could see if that had really happened or not. They just thought Jesus was saying words. But then Jesus said something that everyone COULD SEE! He told me to get up and take up my mat and go home.

That day people were amazed that I could walk again—but for me, the BEST thing that happened to me is that I KNEW that Jesus had forgiven my sins. Boys and girls, maybe you pray to Jesus when you have a test or want him to help you—but I can tell you from personal experience that Jesus can forgive the sins that nobody can see, and you need to go to Him and ask Him to forgive your sins. He will!
 Well, I have to go now. Thank your teacher for letting me come.

Concluding the Story:

Come back dressed like myself—did I miss anything?!

Memory Verse:

Designate one person to be the Leper and wear the sign. They hold the first part of the verse that the class recites together.

A second student holds the second part of the verse and the class all stretch out their hands toward the leper and recite: "Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying,"

A third student holds the last part of the verse as the class says: "I AM willing, be cleansed."

The leper then chooses someone else to be the leper and two other students come to hold cards 2-3: repeat.

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