WEEK 4: JESUS IS …. THE HEALER

AIM: To show children that Jesus has the power to heal and He heals today. Encourage them to constantly look to Jesus to heal their body and well as pray for healing for others.

OPENING IDEA: Have a Bible Drill. Ask the children to put their Bibles on their laps and hands on heads. Call out a Bible reference and the first person to find it must stand up. When the leader has acknowledged that child, they then read the verse aloud. If the verse is wrong, ask a second child to read it. Give team points. Once a child has answered one question, they must give others a turn. The Scriptures below are all incidents where Jesus healed:


MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 4:23

‘Jesus travelled all through Galilee, teaching in the Jewish synagogues, everywhere preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of Heaven. And he healed every kind of sickness and disease.’

PRESENTATION SUGGESTION: Write the verse on a large piece of cardboard with a felt pen and cut it into large jig-saw pieces. Distribute the pieces. Have the children sitting in a circle on the floor. The child with the first piece can start by placing their piece in the centre and the others continue until the verse is complete. Say the verse together and if time permits, distribute the pieces again and time the children. They will enjoy the race against the clock.

Ask the children if they have ever been seriously sick. How did they feel? What did their parents do? Explain that back in the time when Jesus was on earth, there were no hospitals and doctors could only use herbs for healing, so when someone became seriously ill, they often died in their home.

Main points:
(1) Jairus was an important man, a ruler in the synagogue (Jewish church),
(2) He had heard that Jesus was healing people everywhere, and went to find him.
(3) He loved his 12 year old daughter and was very upset because she was seriously sick and at the point of death. Notice the Scripture says that Jairus threw himself down at Jesus’ feet.
(4) Jairus went back to his home to wait for Jesus but Jesus was delayed.
(5) Before Jesus arrived, a messenger came to tell Jesus that the girl was dead. It is important to note Jesus’ response: the father was negative and without hope, but Jesus urged him to trust him. Faith in Jesus is a key to healing.

(6) Help the children imagine the scene at the house when Jesus arrived. It was the custom for all the friends and neighbours to come to the house where a person had died and weep and wail loudly for hours.

(7) The touch and the voice of Jesus brought immediate life to the girl so that she sat up. Jesus has the power over all sickness and even death.

This may be a good time for the children to pray for specific people who are sick. Instruct the children to name the person and the illness if they know what it is, and ask Jesus to heal them. The leader could conclude with a prayer of praise and thanks to Jesus.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Female child; opposite of son.
4. Opposite of out.
6. The red fluid flowing through our veins.
7. The bottom edge of a robe, skirt or pants; rhymes with “them.”
8. Part of your body attached to the end of your arm.
10. One who rules.

Down

2. Not dead.
3. To make well again, to cure.
5. Opposite of man.
7. Sixty minutes.
9. You do this when you are very sad.
I will be with you in trouble.

Psalm 91:15
**Materials**
- Body, Feet and Hand Patterns
- large, wide rubber bands
- yarn in brown, black or gray

**Standard Supplies**
- photocopier
- white card stock
- crayons or felt pens
- glue
- stapler and staples
- scissors
- hole punch
- measuring stick

**Preparation:** Photocopy Body, Feet and Hand Patterns onto card stock—one set for each child. Cut yarn into 2-foot (60-cm) lengths—one for each child.

**Instruct each child in the following procedures:**
- Use crayons or felt pens to color face and clothes.
- Cut out Happy Healed Girl’s body, feet and hands.
- Cut short pieces of yarn and glue onto face to make hair.
- Cut open four rubber bands.
- With teacher’s help, staple a rubber band to each hand and foot (sketch a). Then staple opposite end of each rubber band to appropriate part of body.
- Use hole punch to punch hole in head.
- Cut a length of yarn, thread through hole and tie to make hanging loop (sketch b).

**Bible Bits:** Jesus performed many miracles and healed many people. One of the people Jesus healed was Jairus’ daughter. Why do you think Jesus healed people? Can you make your healed girl jump with joy?
Jairus heard that Jesus was healing sick people and went to find him. He loved his daughter and was very sad because she was seriously ill and dying. He asked Jesus to come and heal her.

Jesus was delayed and Jairus gave up hope. When Jesus arrived He told Jairus that faith was necessary to receive healing. Jesus made Jairus' daughter well again.

Jesus has the power to heal and He heals.

We are called to:

- trust Jesus to heal us when we are sick, and
- pray for Jesus to heal others.
JAIRUS’ DAUGHTER died, but Jesus brought her back to life again.

Cut out body. Complete Luke 8:50, cut out and glue to back of body. Cut two large, thick rubber bands in half to make two arms and two legs. Cut out hands and feet, staple to rubber bands, then staple bands to body. Now Jairus’ daughter can walk and move again.

Do not be a _ _ _ _ _ _, only _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and she will be made w _ _ _ _ _ . (Luke 8:50)
Can you find ten mistakes in this picture? Can you see where the snail is hiding? (Luke 8:40)

**WORD STEPS**

Can you change SICK to WELL in 4 moves?

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S I C K
W E L L
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Change only one letter each time. Each change must still make a four-letter word.

Answer: SICK, SILK, SILL, WILL, WELL