LESSON 10:  JESUS HEALS A SICK WOMAN

AIM:  To show that Jesus responds to our faith.

MEMORY VERSE:
It is your faith that has healed you (Mark 5:34)

Suggested Presentation
Cut pieces of cloth to represent the clothes of Jesus and the sick woman. Glue them onto cardboard. Have children draw in the features of both figures and write the verse on the card.

STORY:  Mark 5:24-34

Ask the children if they have ever been really sick. Ask them if they can remember how long they were sick. Time seems to go slowly when we are sick. It seems as though everyone else is having fun while we feel miserable.

Our story today is about a woman who had been sick for 12 years. She just kept bleeding every day and no matter what she did or what doctor she went to, the bleeding continued. Every day she would wake up hoping to find the bleeding stopped, only to be disappointed. Because she lost so much blood, she grew weaker and weaker. It was an effort just to walk around. Maybe she thought that she might died if she didn’t find some help soon.
Now, the news of Jesus’ miracles had spread all over the country and wherever He went, people would follow, so that they could see the wonderful things He was doing. In the crowds were many people who were sick and troubled. The Bible tells us that every sick person who came to Jesus for help was healed. So we can imagine the excitement and hope that welled up inside the sick woman when she heard that Jesus was in town. She didn’t care how sick she felt, she was determined to see Jesus.

So into the crowd she went, dressed in very poor clothes because she had spent all her money on doctors during the 12 years that she was so sick. Through the jostling people she could see Jesus and she longed to speak to Him, but the crowd was huge and she was very weak. However, she believed with all her heart that if she could just touch His clothes, she would be healed and she kept saying this over and over to herself as she watched and waited for Jesus.

Suddenly, her opportunity came. As Jesus passed by there was an opening in the crowd. The woman gathered all her strength and as she rushed through the opening behind Jesus, she reached out desperately and touched the hem of His cloak. Immediately she was healed. The bleeding stopped and the woman knew she was well.

Even though Jesus had not seen the woman, He knew that power had gone out of Him and He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” His disciples looked at Jesus and each other, and replied, “You can see this crowd jostling you from all sides. How can you ask, “Who touched me?” But Jesus looked around at the faces in the crowd to see who had done so.

Can you imagine how the woman felt? She was so scared that she was shaking all over, so she came out from the crowd and knelt down at Jesus’ feet, telling Him the whole story. But Jesus was not angry with her. He was glad that she was healed and that she believed so strongly in Him. He said to her that she was healed and she was to go home and never be troubled by that sickness ever again.

I guess the woman was thankful to Jesus for the rest of her life because her awful sickness was healed. Jesus loves to heal but He also wants us to believe in our heart, just like the sick woman, that if we reach out to Him in prayer and faith, that He will heal us also. This may be a good time to pray for any who are sick and encourage the children to continue to reach out in faith to Jesus wherever they are.
**REVIEW GAME: STEP BY STEP WITH JESUS**

It may be good to review the lessons in this series using this game.

**Preparation:**
1. Prepare a set of direction cards with words like these on them: *one giant step,* *two baby steps,* *three scissor steps,* *two slides,* *one hop,* *one skip,* etc.
2. Write review questions on another set of cards.
3. Draw a line on the floor.

**How to play:**
1. The children stand way behind the line on the floor.
2. The leader takes a card from each set and reads the question.
3. If the child answers correctly, he/she may take the number of steps indicated on the card.
4. The first child who reaches the finish line wins the game.

**ACTIVITY: MEMORY VERSE CODE**

$$H+1, Z-6 \quad J-1, M+6 \quad V+3, K+4, W-2, Q+1$$

$$A+5, F-5, N-5, S+1, D+4 \quad X-4, B+6, G-6, Y-5$$

$$E+3, F-5, M+6 \quad D+4, V-17, I-8, T-8, D+1, F-2$$

$$Z-1, C+12, R-3 \quad \text{(Mark 5:24)}$$
woman had been sick for twelve years. She had been hemorrhaging for many years and the doctors could not cure her, in fact, she just got worse. She had suffered a great deal and had spent all her money on treatments for her illness. Every day she would wake up hoping that the bleeding had stopped, only to be disappointed. Because she lost so much blood, she grew weaker and weaker. It was an effort for her just to walk around.

Now the news of Jesus’ miracles had spread all over the country, and wherever He went, crowds followed, hoping to see the wonderful things He was doing. Among the crowds were many people who were sick and troubled. When the sick woman heard that Jesus was in town, she didn’t care how sick she felt, she was determined to see Him.

So into town she went. Through the jostling crowd she could see Jesus and she longed to speak to Him but there were people everywhere and she was very weak. However, she believed with all her heart that if she could just touch His clothes, she would be healed. She over and over to herself as she watched and waited.

Suddenly, her opportunity came. As Jesus passed by there was an opening in the crowd. The woman gathered all her strength and as she rushed forward, she reached out and touched his robe. Immediately she knew she was healed. Although Jesus had not seen the woman, He knew that power had gone out of Him. He turned and said, “Who touched me?” His disciples looked at Him and replied, “You can see this crowd jostling you from all sides. How can you ask that?” But Jesus looked around, and the woman, realizing that she had just experienced a miracle, fell at His feet and in fear and trembling, told Jesus the whole story. “Your faith has healed you,” Jesus said, “Go in peace.”
Write the story from Mark 5:24-34 in your own words....

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Jesus responds to our FAITH
Starting at the arrow, write every second letter on the lines below to find out what we need for Jesus to heal us.

Check your answer in ....

Mark 5:34