LESSON 6: THE DEAF AND DUMB MAN

AIM: To show Jesus' compassion and kindness to a deaf man.

MEMORY VERSE:
He has done all things well. (Mark 7:37)

Children to complete the drawing by adding ears and mouth and write the verse.

A SIGN LANGUAGE CHORUS

God (point up) is good (thumbs up) to me (point to self) (repeat first line)
He (point up) holds my hand (shake hands with self)
He (point up) helps me stand (index and middle fingers held down on palm of opposite hand like legs walking)
God (point up) is good (thumbs up) to me (point to self).

God (point up) is good (thumbs up) to me (point to self) (repeat first line)
Although I'm (point to self) small (hold hand near ground, palm down)
He (point up) hears (cup hand around ear) my call (cup hand around mouth)
God (point up) is good (thumbs up) to me (point to self).

Make your own music or say it as a rhyme.

STORY: Mark 7:32-37
There was once a very lonely man. Although he had two ears, he couldn't hear anything at all. He had never heard the sounds that we take for granted. (Ask the children to sit very quietly for a minute and think of all the sounds they can hear.) Most of us learn to talk by hearing other people talking, but as this man had never heard anybody talking, he didn't learn how to make the sounds himself. Sometimes he tried, but he made only strange noises. People soon got tired of talking to someone who couldn't understand or answer. So the man grew lonely and sad.
But one day something happened that changed everything for the deaf man. Jesus was coming through his part of the country, healing the sick. Somebody must have thought about the lonely man and brought him to the place where Jesus was.

Perhaps one of the man's friends managed to get through the crowd to speak to Jesus. "Would you put your hand on our friend?" he asked. He can't hear nor speak properly, he needs help." "Bring him to me," said Jesus.

Jesus drew the deaf and dumb man away from the crowd. Jesus understood exactly how he felt. He wasn't used to being with a lot of people and he was probably wondering what Jesus was going to do. When they were in a quiet, private place Jesus gently touched the man's ears. Then he touched His own tongue and touched the man's tongue. At once he knew Jesus was going to help him to hear and speak.

Jesus looked up and breathed in and as he breathed out, He said quietly, "Open!" Immediately a rush of sounds came upon the man - the sounds of life. It was wonderful. He could hear and he quickly began to copy the words he heard. When he returned to his friends he was a different man. Jesus had healed him and given him the gift of hearing and speech.

CHARADES:
Write out simple sentences similar to the ones below and choose children to act out the meaning while the rest of the group tries to decipher the message:
- "It is time for you to come to lunch"
- "Your mother wants you"
- Would you like to play football with me?"
- Do you want a drink of water?"
here once was a very lonely man. Although he had two ears, he could not hear anything, and because he could not hear the way other people talked, he could not talk properly himself. He became lonely and sad because he could not understand what people were saying to him and he could not make himself understood.

One day something happened that changed the deaf man’s life. Jesus was coming through the part of the country where the deaf man lived, healing the sick along the way. Some people thought about the lonely deaf man and took him to the place where Jesus was. They asked, “Could you put your hands on this man? He can’t hear or speak properly, he needs help.” Jesus said, “Bring him to me.”

Jesus took the man aside, away from the crowd. He understood exactly how the deaf man felt. The deaf man was not used to being with a lot of people; he probably wondered what Jesus was doing. When they were in a quiet place, Jesus gently touched the man’s ears. Then He touched His own tongue and the man’s tongue. At once, he knew Jesus was going to help him hear and speak.

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Jesus showed compassion for the sick and needy

The DEAF and DUMB MAN

Mark 7:32-37
Use the chart above to decode the message below.

IT'S A MIRACLE ... JESUS HEALS

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ANSWER: Jesus has done all things well. He showed compassion and kindness to a deaf man.
**Happy Healed Man**

(20-25 MINUTES)

**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 Man's body, feet and hands.
- Cut short pieces of yarn and glue onto face to make hair and/or beard.
- 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 a man who couldn't walk. Why do you think Jesus healed people? Can you make your healed man jump with joy?
happy healed man

1. Cut out cardboard shapes
2. Staple thick flat rubber bands to each hand and foot
3. Staple the other ends of the rubber bands to the man’s robe.
4. Glue wool to man’s head for hair.
5. Thread ribbon (or wool or string) through hole at top.
6. Write the memory verse on the back.
7. Color the man’s robe.

Hand Patterns

Body Pattern

Foot Patterns