

Home Lesson: Jesus' Power Helps When We're Lonely – preschool (Matthew 8:1-3)

May 17, 2020

PRAY: Dear God, we ask that you be with us as we learn about Jesus' power to help us when we're lonely. In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

Warm-Up Puzzle

Have your child do the maze and help the man find Jesus (available on the Children's Ministry page).

EXPLORE

Learn the Bible Story (Matthew 8:1-3)

This week's lesson is a little different format. I invite you to watch the video from Group Sunday School that relates the Bible story of a man who had leprosy and couldn't be around others to our current situation. It discusses how Jesus' power helps us when we're lonely.

- Read the Bible verse.
- Watch the story. [Video](#)

Questions to aid in understanding:

- What did the man ask Jesus?
 - Why were people with leprosy not welcomed in the cities?
 - Jesus could have said to the man, "Be made clean." Why do you think Jesus touched the man to heal him?
 - How do you think the man felt when he was away from his family?
 - How can talking to Jesus help you when you are lonely?
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PRAY: Dear God, thank you for being there for us any time we need you. Help us to feel your strength and presence during times when we are feeling alone. Amen.

Lesson Ideas:

Connecting with Others

Think about someone who you haven't seen in a while. Perhaps it is a family member, a friend, someone in the church family, or someone in larger the community. Think of ways to let that person know you are thinking about them. What would be most meaningful? What would bring the most joy to that person? Some ideas:

- Make a card and send it to them.
- Paint a picture for them.
- Send them a picture of you and a letter.

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- Bake something special and share with a friend or family member.

Prayer Tree:

Materials: paper, green construction paper, scissors, markers or crayons.

- Draw a tree on a piece of paper.
- Cut out leaves for the tree.
- Write the name of people who you'd like to pray for on each leaf.
- Glue the leaves to the tree and use it when you are praying this week.

Band-Aid Craft:

Materials: Notecards and band aids

- On one side of the notecard: Stick 2 band aids on it as a cross and write “Jesus Heals” on the card.
- On the other side of the notecard: Write a prayer of thanks for Jesus' healing for yourself or other people. “Thank you, Jesus, for healing me of _____” or “Thank you Jesus for healing my mom of _____”.

Game: No Touching Allowed

What if, like people with leprosy, we couldn't touch anyone else? Our lives would be very different, and sometimes quite challenging.

If you have more than one child at home, pair them and give each pair an orange. Have the pair place the orange between their foreheads and then try to walk to the opposite end of the room without touching each other at all. Try other variations (e.g. between shoulders or knees and see what happens).

If you have one child, you can have them place the orange between their knees or under their chin and try to walk to the opposite end of the room without touching anything.

Craft: Handprints



- Have your child trace their palm on colored paper/construction paper.
- Cut out their handprint.
- Write: **A touch of Jesus heals** on the palm