

## Lesson 62: Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law

[Mark 1:29-39](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/8d1C0-LU8PA>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/vKE3zLwUai4>

**Worship Theme:** Jesus cares for us.

**Memory Verse:** "And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all." (Luke 6:19)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is So Great <https://youtu.be/QXEVqO94wpg>
2. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
3. Here Has Love <https://youtu.be/iUGQmu1AmLI>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Help Heal a Friend"

Material Needed: Rock (write "X" and "O"), water bottle



1. Divide the children into two groups..
2. Have the two groups sit in line facing the other team. Have the leader of the team sit at the end, near the teacher.
3. The child sitting at the other end of the line is sick and needs healing. To heal this child, the group needs to follow the teacher's direction.
4. The teacher throws a rock near the leader. If the rock shows "X," then the leader does not do anything.
5. If the rock shows "O," then the leader will hold the hand of the person next to him, and the rest of the group will continue to hold hands until they reach the child who is sick. This child will lift up the water bottle next to him, and he will be healed, and the team wins the game.
6. Explain to the children that we needed to hold each other's hand to help heal a friend, In the same way, we need to hold on to God for true healing.

### Introduction:

Ask the children to share their stories about when their family members were sick.

Remind the children that when they pray to God, God will heal their sicknesses (stomachache, headache, fever, cough, etc.)

Today we will hear about a bible story where a woman was sick, and Jesus healed her.

### Bible Story:

In today's bible passage (Mark 1:29-39), we find that Simon's mother-in-law had been sick. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter later, so this was Peter's mother-in-law. We don't know how long Simon's mother-in-law had been sick, but Jesus just took her by the hand, and she was better right away! She was healed so immediately that she even started serving them!

Why do you think Jesus healed this woman? Jesus healed her because he cared.

Jesus doesn't want us to feel sick or sad or hurt. He didn't just help this lady because he knew Peter. On this day, other sick were brought to him, too, and he healed them too.

Jesus cared for the crowds. He had strength and healing power from God, and he used it to do great miracles. He healed many people. But you know what? It probably took a

lot of effort and work for Jesus to do all that. He was the son of God, of course, but he was also a human, and he got tired. Sometimes Jesus needed time to himself.

Today's bible passage tells us that after healing the crowd, Jesus went out to a spot where He could be all by himself. He probably needed to recover and remember his mission on Earth. Maybe he also thanked God for the miracles that were happening. Of course, Jesus was God, so sometimes it's confusing to think of him praying, but he did, demonstrating the importance of prayer. We should always pray, just like Jesus.

After praying, his disciples came to look for him. They said everyone was looking for him. But Jesus explained to them that they should go to a nearby village instead so that he could preach there also.

Jesus was sent to Earth to heal, preach, teach, love, care, and show how much God loved his people. Most importantly, he came to die so that we might have eternal life. He took care of our hurts inside and out. He has come back to life so that we might live. Let us take hope in remembering that Jesus promised to be with us always. He heals physical pains, but most importantly Jesus heals our inner troubles. Jesus cares for us always!

### Questions to discuss:

1. Who was sick? (Simon / Peter's mother-in-law)
2. How long did it take for Jesus to heal her? (Very quick; he just took her hand and she felt better)
3. What happened after he healed her? (she immediately served Jesus)
4. How is Jesus more powerful than doctors? (Jesus can heal our hurts inside and out)

### Game: "Jesus Says"



1. Have the children stand up and listen to the teacher.
2. If the teacher says, "Jesus says..." then they have to follow the direction.
3. If the teacher does not "Jesus says..." then they do not follow the direction.
4. For example, if the teacher says, "Jesus says clap your hands," then children should clap their hands.
5. After the game, explain to the children that God has power to heal and to solve all the problems.

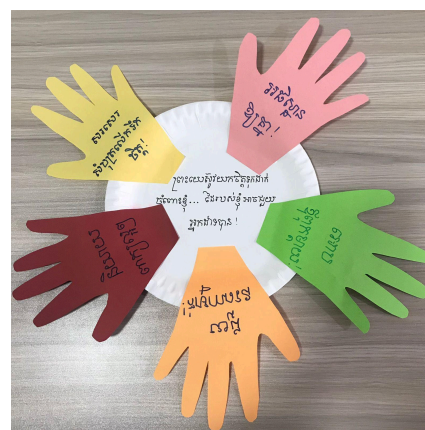
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### Craft: "Jesus Cares for Me"

Materials Needed: Paper plates, color papers, glue/tape, color pens

1. Give a plate to each child and have them write in the middle, "Jesus cares for me! My hands can help others."
2. Have the children trace their hands on color papers and cut them out.
3. Ask the children to think of ways their hands can help others (examples: pray for others, do dishes, clean the room, etc.)
4. Tape or glue the hands on to the plate.
5. Remind the children to remember that Jesus cares, and we should care for others too!



**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Read Mark 1:29-39. Jesus is powerful and he can heal us when we are sick physically or spiritually. Even though Jesus was the son of God, he always took time out of his busy life to pray to God. This is what gave Jesus strength. Today, pray for yourself for healing from God. Perhaps you're physically not well or your heart is broken. Trust that Jesus cares for you and wants you to be well. May God heal you through your prayer as you prepare to teach young children about Jesus who cares for all of us.