

Lesson Title: Jesus Heals the Leper

Age range: Primary

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

Lesson Main Texts: Luke 5:12-13, Mark 8:3,

Leviticus 13:3, 8

Objectives:

1. The student will answer review questions from the lesson with 80% accuracy.
2. The unsaved student will accept Jesus, asking Him to heal him from his sin.
3. The saved student will write three ways he can share the gospel with those suffering from sin.

Materials needed: basic first aid kit, visuals for the story, “dot” stickers, Bible

Introduction:

“Raise your hand if you can tell me what the purpose is of this first aid item. (Hold up several different items from the first aid kit, one at a time.) We usually use items like these to help someone who is injured or hurting. Today’s lesson is about a man who was very sick, but no person could help him.”

Lesson:

We do not know the name of the man in our story, but the Bible says, “And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy:..” This man had a terrible disease called leprosy! What was the name of the disease? (children respond, “leprosy”) Our first aid kit had medicine inside of it, but leprosy was not like a normal sickness that medicine could heal. There was no cure to heal this disease. (Read Leviticus 13:3 and 8. “And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. And *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosy.”) People with leprosy had sores all over their bodies. If anyone else came near them, they could catch the disease too! Because of this, those infected, called “lepers” had to leave the people they love and live by themselves far

away. If anyone came near them, they would call “unclean, unclean!” to warn them not to come closer. Do you think this disease sounds fun?

One day, this leper saw Jesus. Jesus is God and this man knew that Jesus was his only hope to be healed! The Bible says “who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”

The Bible says, “And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean.” Jesus did not want the man to keep suffering. Jesus instantly healed the man! “And immediately the leprosy departed from him!”

The man in our story had a disease that caused a lot of problems for him, but you and I have something, like a disease, that we cannot get rid of on our own. Our problem is something called sin. What is sin? (Sin is anything we do, say, or think that breaks God’s law.) The Bible has over 613 commands for us to obey! How many commands does the Bible have? The Bible says that the wages (or what we earn because of) of sin is death in a place called Hell. It says our sins separate us from God. Just like the only one who could heal the man’s leprosy was Jesus, He is the only one that can heal or clean us from our sin. Jesus wants everyone to go to Heaven, but He cannot allow sin into His perfect home. If you have never asked Jesus to take away your sins and give you life in Heaven forever with Him someday, you can do that even now. If you already have made that choice, you need to choose to tell others the good news about their sins can be taken away.”

Application Activity:

Have each student write three ways they can share the Gospel (how Jesus heals and cleanses sin). You may need to offer suggestions, such as passing out tracts, talking to someone about it, making a card with John 3:16 for a friend, etc.

Review game:

Make a list of about ten questions to ask about the story. Have a teacher stand with his arms out stretched. Each time a student answers a question correctly, he or she gets to put five dot stickers (symbolizing leprosy) on the teacher’s arm. (Extra idea: if you have two teams, use two colors of dots. Once all the questions are answered, have one volunteer from each team race to see who can take off all of their team’s stickers first (This symbolizes Jesus being healed!). Kids will

LOVE this!) NOTE: It is important to pre-test the stickers to be sure they are easily removable and do not cause reactions on your skin. Do not allow children to touch other parts of the teacher besides her arms.