



Jesus Has Power Over Disease

3

Key Theme

- Jesus is God.

Key Passages

- John 9:1–3, 9:6–7, 9:32–33; Mark 2:3–5, 2:10–12

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Identify why Jesus healed the blind man.
- Identify the two ways Jesus healed the paralytic.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by completing the Memory Verse Review Puzzle by themselves or in teams. If time allows, they will recite the verse to a teammate or to the class.



Activity 1: Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes

Students will fill out the Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

Jesus healed many of the people He encountered because He loved them. But more important than the physical healing Jesus offered, was His ability to forgive sins—and heal men's souls for all eternity. Jesus's life and miracles glorified God and showed His power.



Activity 2: Team Review Game

Teams will choose Review Question Cards and answer the questions to earn points.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print and cut out one Memory Verse Review Puzzle from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Put the puzzle pieces into envelopes or small plastic bags.
- Save these puzzles to use through Lesson 5.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Memory Verse Review Puzzles in envelopes of small plastic bags



JESUS HAS POWER OVER DISEASE CLASS NOTES

- Print one Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes for each student
- Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.
- Print one copy of the two Lesson Illustrations from the Resource DVD-ROM for use during the lesson.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Two Lesson Illustrations



TEAM REVIEW GAME

- Print one Team Review Teacher Guide from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- Print and cut out the 16 Review Question Cards.

- Team Review Teacher Guide
- 16 Review Question Cards



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW GAME (OPTIONAL)

- This is an optional activity to use in some or all of the lessons to review the memory verse if time allows.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces used during the Come On In Activity
- Masking tape



Memory Verse

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above along with this background.

Jesus came to do His Father's will. Part of that mission was to present who He was and who had sent Him. The miracles He performed confirmed these things. Jesus truly was God in the flesh, the Creator, the Messiah, and the Son of God.

The Gospel of Mark reveals Jesus as the compassionate, suffering servant who came not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45). He often revealed His servant's heart and compassion to the people He ministered to, especially those He encountered who were sick (Mark 1:41, 5:19, 6:34, 8:2).

But Jesus was not concerned primarily with physical healing. He came to do His Father's will. And that included providing a way for sinners to have eternal life (John 5:24). This could only be accomplished through spiritual healing—through the forgiveness of sins wrought by sincere repentance and faith in the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

The account of Jesus healing the paralytic is an example of His ability and desire to heal physically as well as spiritually. As Jesus preached in a house in Capernaum, a large crowd had gathered and the house became full (Mark 2:2). Four men came to the house with a paralytic friend on a bed, presumably to be healed. Seeing the crowded house, they went up on the clay roof, dug a hole in the roof, and lowered their friend down to Jesus (Mark 2:3–4). Jesus saw their faith and said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Jesus ignored the physical condition of the man and spoke directly to the man's more serious problem—the sin in his heart. The scribes immediately accused Jesus of blasphemy as they considered that no one can forgive sins except God (Mark 2:6–7).

Jesus answered, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?'" There is some irony here. It is easier to say the words, "Your sins are forgiven you," since the forgiveness cannot be seen. And yet, forgiving sins is the more difficult of the tasks since only God can forgive sins—and the price He demands for that forgiveness is immeasurable.

Jesus continued in order to confirm plainly that He is God. He told the man to rise, take his bed, and go home (Mark 2:11). This healing revealed and confirmed that Jesus, as God, not only has power to heal, but to forgive sins and grant eternal life!

Another healing miracle of Jesus is recorded in John 9. This miracle concerned a man who had been blind from birth. The disciples wondered if the reason that this man was born blind was because he or his parents had sinned. Jesus replied, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him" (John 9:3). This man's blindness was not a direct result of personal sin, but rather that Jesus might heal his blindness, and thus display the glory of God, and His own deity.

Jesus showed His compassion and His mercy to those who were both physically sick and spiritually sick. He has power over disease and sickness. And He can forgive sins! He is truly God.

And for all who receive Him, repent of their sins, and accept the forgiveness He offers, there is a greater promise: that one day, our lowly bodies will be transformed to be like His glorious body. In heaven, sin will be conquered, and there will be no more sickness, sorrow, or death (Revelation 21:4).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

There are those today who claim that God's will is for everyone be healed. They assert that physical healing is guaranteed to believers based on Jesus's death on the Cross. All we have to do is believe—to name it and claim it. But is this what the Bible teaches? Is it God's will that everyone be healed of sickness during their earthly lives?

We know that in God's original creation there was no sickness or death. God created everything "very good." But when Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the world, and it is now under bondage to corruption (Romans 8:20–22). Now people get sick and die. There are natural causes of disease, such as viruses, bacteria, defective genes, and so forth. Then we have war, accidents, and disasters that may result in injury, paralysis, and disfigurement. The record of Scripture, history, and our own experience tells us that believers are not exempt from any of these difficulties.

Were believers in the New Testament always healed? The answer is "No." There are several biblical examples where God did not heal people. Take the Apostle Paul, for example. He had a "thorn in the flesh" from Satan that afflicted him. He prayed three times that the Lord might heal him of this infirmity, but God did not (2 Corinthians 12:9). Timothy was

another who suffered from an ailment. We don't know the exact nature of it, but Paul encouraged Timothy to "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities" (1 Timothy 5:23).

In 2 Timothy 4:20, Paul says, "Erastus stayed at Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick." Paul, who had healed others, could not or did not heal Trophimus. He left him sick. Paul no doubt prayed for Trophimus, but for some reason God chose not to heal him. And then there was Epaphroditus, a helper to Paul and servant to the Philippians. He was sick to the point of death, but the Lord spared his life (Philippians 2:25–30). Why did God allow this righteous servant of God to almost die? When he finally recovered, Paul said it was because "God had mercy on him."

If it were God's will that all believers be healed, then why would God not heal these men of faith? Why doesn't God heal everyone? There are several biblical reasons.

First, God does not always respond to our desires in the way that we would want Him to. He frequently allows circumstances that we would not have chosen for ourselves. We call this sovereignty. God is sovereign over His creation, over us, over our circumstances. God sovereignly directs the circumstances of our lives and allows or permits things as He wills (Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3). As the potter, He has the right to do with the clay (us!) as He wishes (Jeremiah 18; Romans 9). Is God supposed to give us what we want, even if He knows that something else is better? Doesn't God reserve the right to give us the best possible good according to His wisdom and knowledge (Romans 8:28)? Maybe more than being healed, God wants us to see and understand life from His perspective—something we cannot do as long as we think the world revolves around us.

A second reason that God may choose not to heal is to reveal His power in another way. Paul asked God to remove his thorn in the flesh. God responded, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul understood that the weakness caused by his infirmity was an avenue for God's power to be shown in his life. He wrote, "Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9–10).

Suffering can be a tool of sanctification, like rough sandpaper that smooths and finishes.

A third reason that God may not heal us is because our physical condition is not His primary concern. Our Father's first priority is His own glory. Sometimes He may be best glorified when someone is healed, as in the case of the man born blind in John 9. But sometimes God's glory may be better revealed by how a child of His responds to difficulties, sicknesses, and trials. Throughout history, God has been glorified and honored in the lives of faithful saints who have clung to Him no matter the difficulty, pain, or distress.

A fourth reason that God may not heal us is to equip us to help others. When we undergo suffering and trials, we are comforted by God. And that comfort that we receive is not just for ourselves, but we are to comfort others who are experiencing the same things with the comfort that we have received from God (2 Corinthians 1:3–11).

And finally we must realize that if we are believers, we can look forward to the day when God will wipe away our tears and remove all pain and grief (Revelation 21:4). God will heal all our diseases, but that day has not yet come. We are still in our mortal bodies, subject to pain, disease, and death. And there is a present purpose for our suffering as it shapes us, challenges us, conforms us to the image of Christ, reveals God's power in weakness, and draws our hope toward eternity (James 1:2–4; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18).

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Dear Jesus, I am delighted to discover new things about you each time I study your Word. I never want to presume to already know everything about you. How could I ever fully know your infinite character and nature? Through this lesson, I see that the decision to heal is based more on your glory than our faith. And more importantly, Lord, I know you came to heal spiritually through the forgiveness of sins so that sinners could live for eternity with you. I pray, Lord, that my students will one day come to that healing of their souls as they repent and trust in you.

► Because of the age and ability of 1st and 2nd graders to read and comprehend, we encourage you to read the Scriptures to the students. However, if you have strong readers, by all means have them participate by reading God's Word.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Memory Verse Review Puzzle. If time allows, have the students recite the verse together, to each other, or to you.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes

MATERIALS

- Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes for each student
- Jesus Has Power Over Disease Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the blanks as you study the lesson.

We will be completing these class notes as we study the Bible passages. Do not work ahead. We'll answer the questions together.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we complete the class notes today, we will see that Jesus healed people of their diseases, but more importantly, He forgave their sins and healed them spiritually. He did all of this for God's glory!



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

We're going to start today with a big question. You know the answer, so I want you to shout it out. Ready?

? Who is Jesus? *Jesus is God!*

That's right! And Jesus was with God at the beginning when all things were created. Jesus IS the Creator God! He showed His power as Creator God by showing His power over nature!

➤ The class notes are designed and written simply. Please encourage and help your students to read them as the class progresses. They are an excellent means to review important lesson principles.

? Refer to Lesson 2 Lesson Theme Poster. **What did Jesus do that showed His power over nature?** *He walked on water, and He caused Simon to catch a huge bunch of fish!*

Today we are going to see that Jesus also has power over disease. He healed many people in order to glorify His heavenly Father.

John 9:1–2

We'll start in the Gospel of John 9:1–2. Listen carefully as I read. *John 9:1–2. Read the verses with enthusiasm.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

? **What did Jesus and His disciples see as He passed by?** *John 9:1. A man who was blind from birth.*

? **And what did the disciples ask Jesus about the blind man?** *Re-read John 9:2. Who sinned—this blind man or his parents?*

That's a strange question. You see, the disciples thought that the man's blindness was a punishment for sin—either his sin or his parents' sin. But Jesus was about to show that the reason he was blind didn't have to do with anyone's sin.

Listen to Jesus's answer. He told His disciples why the man had been born blind. It is in John 9:3. *Read John 9:3.*

? **How did Jesus answer? Why was the man born blind?** *That the works of God should be revealed in him.*

Jesus explained that this man was blind so that the works of God would be seen in him. God is sovereign—in control of everything—even this man's blindness. And Jesus knew that this man's blindness would bring God glory. How could that be? We'll talk about that in a minute.

? **Look at your class notes. Will someone read #1 for us? How will you finish that sentence?** *Assign a reader. God. Have students complete #1.*

? **God was in control of this man's blindness and is in control of ALL things. What attribute of God tells us that God is in control?** *Sovereign.*

? **Will someone read #2 on the class notes? What does God control? How will you answer that?** *Assign a reader. All. Have students complete #2.*

Well, Jesus knew about the blind man. And He knew that God would get glory from the man's blindness. And Jesus would show that He had the power to take care of this man's problem. Listen to John 9:6–7. **This tells us what Jesus did!** *Read John 9:6–7 enthusiastically, emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

Jesus healed the man! But how? Did you hear that? What did Jesus do? There are four things Jesus did. Listen as I read, and we'll write the four things on the board. *Re-read John 9:6 if necessary.*

? **What was the first thing Jesus did?** *Spit on the ground.*

John 9:3

SOVEREIGN

(Refer to Attributes Poster)

John 9:6–7

► Write the four steps to Jesus's healing miracle on the board as the students give them to you.

- ? That's right. Then what did Jesus do with the spit? *He made clay with it.*
- ? Right again! And what did He do with the clay? *He put it on the man's eyes!*
- ? And then what did He do? *He told the man to go and wash his eyes.*
- ? What happened to the blind man after he washed the clay off of his eyes?
John 9:7. He returned seeing!

Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster. **What? This is amazing! Jesus made clay with His spit, put it on the blind man's eyes, and told him to wash it off. The man was healed! Jesus did it!**

- ? Someone read #3 on your class notes. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Healed. Have students complete #3 on the class notes.*

Jesus healed this blind man. It is amazing, right? But not everyone thought so. In fact, some people hated Jesus more because of this miracle. There were people who did not want to believe that Jesus is God! And they tried to make trouble for the man and for Jesus. They called the man to them and asked him what happened. How could he see now?

These men did NOT believe Jesus was God. They lied about Jesus and said He was a sinner! They wanted the blind man to say the same thing about Jesus. But the blind man knew better. He defended Jesus.

Listen now to what the blind man who now could see said about Jesus.
Read John 9:32–33 enthusiastically.

- ? The man who now could see was amazed! Why? What had been unheard of since the world began? *Re-read John 9:32 if necessary. That someone could open the eyes of a man born blind.*
- ? This blind man knew who Jesus was. Who had sent Jesus? *John 9:33. God.*
Yes! The blind man knew that Jesus was from God! He knew that if Jesus was NOT from God, Jesus could not have cured his blindness. He believed in Jesus.
- ? Let's look at the class notes. Will someone read #4? What is the answer?
Assign a reader. Believed. Have students complete #4.

Discover the Truth

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster. Jesus healed the blind man. Many did not want to believe Jesus is God. But only God could heal a man who was blind from birth. Jesus made clay with His spit in the dirt. He put that on the blind man's eyes. And after the blind man washed, he could see.

This was an amazing miracle. God was glorified! The blind man believed! He knew that if Jesus had not been from God, He could not have healed his blindness. Jesus is God! And Jesus's works gave God glory!

- ? Look at #5 on your class notes. What is the answer there? What did Jesus's miracles do for God? Will someone read it? *Assign a reader. Glory. Have students complete #5.*



► Use the New Testament History Poster included with your teacher kit as you teach the lesson. Emphasize that Jesus ministered only 3 years, and He lived only about 35 years. Yet His life changed the world forever and brought eternal life to all who believe.

John 9:32–33

READ THE WORD

Jesus healed a lot of people while He was on earth. He loved and cared about people. But Jesus also knew that the miracles He did would bring God glory! And some people would believe! We're going to read in the Gospel of Mark about another time Jesus healed someone. This is about a man who was paralyzed.

? What does it mean that someone is paralyzed? *Allow discussion.*

It means that something happened to him, and he couldn't move. In fact, he couldn't even walk! He had to lie down on a mat, or a stretcher, and his friends carried him around when he wanted to go somewhere. Well, we are going to read about a day when this paralyzed man wanted to go somewhere! He wanted to go and see Jesus! And this day would change his life forever!

? Why would this man want to go and see Jesus? *Allow discussion.*

It is likely that the man had heard that Jesus could heal diseases. And that could be why he wanted to go to see Him. But it wouldn't be easy for him to get to Jesus. Jesus was very popular, and on this day a great crowd was gathered around Him. He was teaching in a house, and the house was packed full of people. There were even people outside the house crowded around trying to hear and see Jesus. How would this man ever get in to see Jesus?

Mark 2:3-4

Let's find out by reading Mark 2:3-4. Remember, he was on a stretcher, or mat, and four of his friends had to carry him. Listen to what happened.

Read Mark 2:3-4 with enthusiasm.

EXAMINE THE WORD

Wow! The man had some determined friends helping him. Let's answer some questions about those verses, so we can understand them better.

Observe the Text

? How many men were carrying the paralytic—the man on the stretcher?
Mark 2:3. Four.

? And when the four men got to the house with their friend and saw the great crowd, what did they do? *Re-read Mark 2:4. They went up on the roof, broke through it, and lowered their friend through the hole to where Jesus was in the house.*

Show Lesson Illustration 1. These men had to lift their friend up to the roof. Now look at this picture. The rooftops in those days were different from ours. Many times, they were flat on top and covered with dirt. And people would go up on them to sit outside.

Show Lesson Illustration 2. Once they got up on the roof, they started digging! They made a hole in the roof, big enough to lower the paralyzed man—very carefully, I'm sure—through the hole to where Jesus was teaching inside the house.

? What a day for that man! Let's review a bit from our class notes. Someone read #6. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Jesus. Have students complete #6 on your class notes.*

? And what about #7. What did the determined friends do? *Assign a reader. Roof. Have students complete #7 on your class notes.*

The man's friends were very clever. I wonder what Jesus did when He saw the man coming down on his mat through the roof—right into the house? The Bible tells us. Listen as I read. *Read Mark 2:5.*

Mark 2:5

? First, this verse mentions something Jesus "saw" in these men. What was that? *Mark 2:5. Their faith.*

? Jesus saw the man's faith. He believed Jesus could heal him. And then what did Jesus say? *Re-read Mark 2:5. Son, your sins are forgiven.*

The paralytic had faith in Jesus. He believed that Jesus was God. And Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven. He came to be healed physically, but Jesus healed him spiritually. Jesus forgave his sins!

? Someone read #8 on your class notes. What did the man have? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Faith. Have students complete #8.*

? Good! Now let's read #9 on your class notes. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Forgave. Have students complete #9.*

Now there were men in the house who were watching all of this. Remember, the house was very crowded. These men did not like what Jesus said. They said only God could forgive sins! They called Jesus a blasphemer—accusing Him of dishonoring God! But Jesus was not dishonoring, or blaspheming, God! Because Jesus IS God! He could forgive the man's sins.

But some people would not believe Him! So, Jesus did something else—so the people who did not believe would see that what He said was the truth. Listen as I read Mark 2:10–12. *Read Mark 2:10–12.*

Mark 2:10–12

? What did Jesus want the people in the house to know? *Mark 2:10. That He had power to forgive sins.*

Jesus did have the power to forgive sins . . . but He was about to show that He had other powers as well.

? What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man? *Mark 2:11. Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.*

? And what did the man do? *Mark 2:12. Re-read if necessary. He arose, took up the bed, and went out.*

Yes, he did! The man who was paralyzed got up and walked out the door—right in front of everybody!

? How did the people in the house react? What did they say? *Re-read Mark 2:12. They were amazed and glorified God. They said they had never seen anything like this before.*

- ? Let's go back to the class notes now. Look at #10. What is the answer?
Assign a reader. Walk. Have students complete #10.

Discover the Truth

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster. Wow! Jesus is God! No one else could do what Jesus did that day. Jesus healed the man in two different ways!

Let me explain. Jesus saw the man's faith and forgave his sins. When Jesus forgives sins, people are healed *spiritually*. Say that word with me. *Repeat "spiritually" together.*

But, Jesus also told him to take up his mat and go home. He may never have walked before. But he did that day! Jesus healed the man *physically* by healing his body so he could walk again. Say the word "physically" with me. *Repeat together.*

The people in the house were amazed that Jesus could forgive sins AND that Jesus could heal the man. They glorified God when they saw it and said, "We never saw anything like this!"

Jesus is God! He did things on earth that only God could have done. Jesus is able to heal both spiritually when He forgives our sins and physically by healing our bodies. And as healer and sovereign, almighty God, Jesus is worthy of all our praise and worship!



- If time allows, do a quick review of each point on the class notes.



Team Review Game

MATERIALS

- 16 Review Question Cards
- Team Review Teacher Guide

INSTRUCTIONS

Place the Review Question Cards face down at the front of the class—on the floor, a table, your desk, etc. Divide the class into two or more teams. Each team will select one Review Question Card at a time and answer. You may need to help them read the question on the card.

If they answer correctly, remove the card and award them points based on the number on the question card. If the answer is not correct, give the answer and replace the card at the front of the class. Keep track of each team's score.

We are going to divide into teams. Each team will earn points by answering the questions from today's lesson on the Review Question

Cards. Each card is numbered. Your team will get points according to the number on the card. Let's get started! *Play the game.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Good job, everyone! Many people were amazed by Jesus's miracles. They came to hear Him teach, and many wanted Jesus to heal them. Today we read about the blind man who was healed by Jesus and the paralytic whose friends lowered him down through a roof. Jesus healed diseases and was able to forgive sins. He did these things so the people would see that what He said was true. Jesus is God! And He deserves all the glory.





Memory Verse Review Game (Optional)

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

If you find you have extra time, please consider reviewing the memory verse with your class.

MATERIALS

- Memory Verse Poster
- One set of the nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces used in the Come On In Activity
- Masking tape

INSTRUCTIONS

Allow students to look at the Memory Verse Poster and say the verse together as a class a couple of times. Remove or cover the poster before the game begins. Tape the Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces onto nine students' backs. Students will work together to put themselves in order according to the memory verse. Once they think they are standing in order, check the verse by reading the words out loud according to how they are standing.

If you have fewer than nine students, tape more than one piece, in the proper order, on some students. If you have more than nine students, repeat if time allows.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say the verse together a couple times. *Cover the poster before starting the game.*

Now I am going to tape these nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces onto your backs! Once I have done that, I want you to work together to get into the right order. We'll check the verse when you are finished. *Tape the nine puzzle pieces onto the students' backs.*

Most groups may need a time limit to encourage them to move at a quick pace. If so, let them know the limit and use a timer to count down the time. Once the students think they are in the right order, check them by reading the words out loud.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Our verse reminds us that eternal life comes only through knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ who was sent to earth by God.



Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Jesus is God. And in this lesson we saw the power of God when Jesus healed a blind man and healed a paralyzed man.

? What is the attribute of God that means all-powerful? *Omnipotent.*

Right! Jesus is omnipotent. Say that word with me. *Repeat "omnipotent" together.* He showed that when He healed people. Jesus has power over disease. He healed people of their physical illnesses. He healed the blind man's eyes so he could see.

But Jesus also heals people spiritually. In the account of the paralyzed man, Jesus told the man to get up and walk. Jesus healed the man's physical problem by making him walk. But, more importantly, Jesus told

OMNIPOTENT
(Refer to Attributes Poster)

the man his sins were forgiven. This man not only walked home with a new body, but he had been given a new heart—one that had been forgiven of sin. And through that forgiveness, he was also given eternal life. Jesus has power over disease. And He has power over sin. Only He can forgive those who turn to Him in repentance and faith.

Jesus wanted everyone to know who He was—God in the flesh. And He wanted everything He did to glorify God! He healed physically, and He healed spiritually—and through all of it, God got the glory!

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Some people today claim that God wants everyone to be healed. They say if you have enough faith, you will be healed. But that is not the case. Jesus healed a lot of people in the Bible, but not everyone. And it wasn't because they had more faith than other people. Jesus healed people to show He was God and to glorify the Father.

He still does that today. God can choose to heal or not to heal—and He can get glory in either situation. God knows what is best for us—and what He brings into our lives is what is best.

Don't get me wrong. We can certainly pray for healing, and God wants us to do that. But the results are always up to God. And whatever the results, He wants us to glorify Him through it. Because He is a God who can be trusted and loved. He is ALWAYS faithful and good.

We should always keep in mind, though, that the most important kind of healing is spiritual—when Jesus forgives sin! Everyone needs this healing because we are all sinners. Everyone who turns from sin and turns to Jesus and asks for forgiveness can have this healing. Those who repent, believe, and receive the free gift of forgiveness will have eternal life in heaven where there will be no more diseases and no more tears—ever!



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise God that we can trust and believe that His sovereign will for us is always best.
- Ask God to help us to glorify Him in everything we do.
- Thank God for the spiritual healing He offers through forgiveness of sins to everyone who believes in Him.