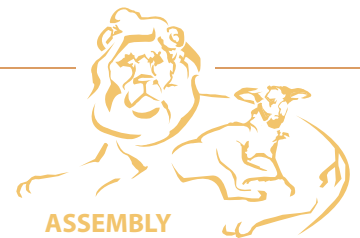


JESUS HEALS MANY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 4:31-41



The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Invite the children to request prayers for those family members and friends who are sick. Take some time and make a list then spend time praying for all the people on the list. Make sure you encourage all the children to pray out loud. Call on the more mature kids in the class to help get the children started.

SICK TO WELL AGAIN

Move the class into a large circle. Have each of them think of a disease they could pretend to have and act out. Have them all act out their affliction.

After a minute or two of acting, announce that Jesus has just healed them all and they are to act like their disease was just taken away through the healing power of Jesus. Let them celebrate being healed for a minute or so then gather them in for a tight circle to ask them what it felt like to imagine being blind or lame and what it felt like to be healed.

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Through the mocking voices of the demons we discover Jesus' true identity. Jesus is no mere man; Jesus is the Son of God, the Holy One of God, and the Christ. (Christ means anointed one. Jesus was anointed by God as the next King in the Davidic line. He would deliver His people from the bondage of sin.)

In this passage the demons mock Jesus, but in going to the cross, Jesus ultimately wins. On the cross, the curse and wrath of God fall upon Jesus; He brings salvation for all who would believe. Because Jesus died and rose again, one day Satan and his demons will be destroyed.