

# JESUS HEALS MANY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 4:31-41



## The STORY

Read about Jesus healing many people in Luke 4:31-41.

***Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What can we learn about Jesus from this story? (There is much to be learned about Jesus: He has the authority to cast out evil spirits and they must obey; He is able to rebuke sickness and people get well; He is known by the demons as the 'Holy One of God'; Jesus is the Christ or Messiah.)
- How many of the people that Jesus prayed for in this story got well? (Luke tells us that Jesus laid His hands on "every one of them and healed them.")
- What did the demons call Jesus? (They called him the "Holy One of God" and "the Son of God.")

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### CRAFT QUESTIONS

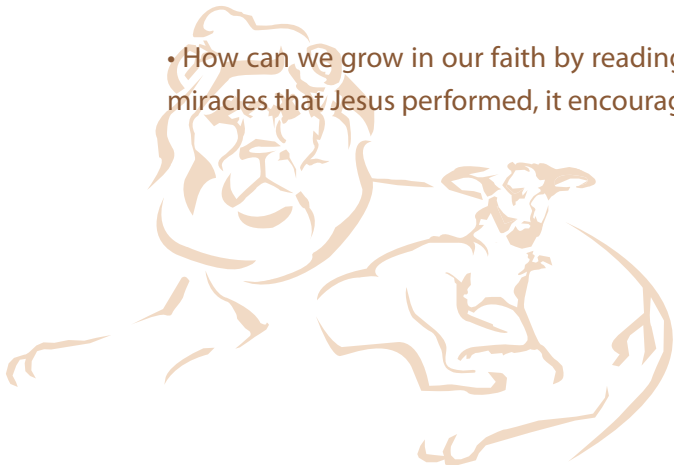
**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Jesus laying hands on a sick boy. Engage the children by asking:**

- What do you think the people thought about Jesus when they saw Him do the miracles and healings? (They would have been amazed. They believed He was sent from God. Some wanted to make Him king. That is why Jesus often did not want people to tell about what He did.)
- Why did Jesus come to earth? Was His mission just to heal people? (No. Jesus came to earth to die in our place, taking the punishment we deserved for our sins. Jesus healed as a demonstration of His power so that the people around Him would believe.)
- Why did the demons think Jesus had come to destroy them? (Jesus is completely holy and will one day completely destroy all evil. The demons were aware of His great holiness and great power and were afraid of Him.)

### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- Have you ever prayed to Jesus for Him to heal a friend or family member? Did they get well? (Draw out the class, there may be a testimony among them.)
- What does the Bible say we should do if someone is sick? (In James 5:13-15, the Bible directs us to pray.)
- How can we grow in our faith by reading today's story? (When we see how powerful God is and the miracles that Jesus performed, it encourages us that He is all-powerful and can save us.)



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### 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, 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.

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

