



Jesus Heals Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus displays the power of God.
- Jesus has compassion on helpless sinners.
- Jesus knows that our greatest need, forgiveness of sin, Can only be met through trusting in Him.

MEMORY VERSE

[Jesus said,]
"I came that they
may have life and
have it abundantly."
—John 10:10b

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Mark 2:1-12
- 2) John 10:10b



LESSON SUMMARY

Jesus' proclamation that He was God's anointed Son was shocking, to say the least. Many reacted to His claims with unbelief and indignation: *Who does He think He is? He's just a carpenter's son!* Jesus had an answer for the skeptics: miracles! The miracles of Jesus were to stand as proof of His anointing from God. In John 10:38, Jesus said:

But if I do it, even though you do not believe Me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.

Jesus displayed the awesome power of God in miracles of all kinds—healing the sick, the lame, the deaf, and the blind. But the greatest miracle of all was the one that proclaimed forgiveness to sinners and healed their sinful hearts. The Miracle Worker had come to display the glory of God by forgiving sins and healing sinful hearts so that His people could have life and live life to the full. In today's lesson we reviewed the story of Jesus healing the paralytic, emphasizing that the man's bigger problem was his sin and not his inability to walk. In His great compassion and power, Jesus healed both his body and soul.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *for a heart to embrace Christ as the God-man who can heal sinful hearts.*
- *that He would work in your heart so that you know and proclaim Him for the Savior He is.*
- *that you and your child would both have eyes to see the power of Jesus to forgive sins and hearts to rejoice in that power.*
- *that Jesus will forgive your sins and heal your hearts.*

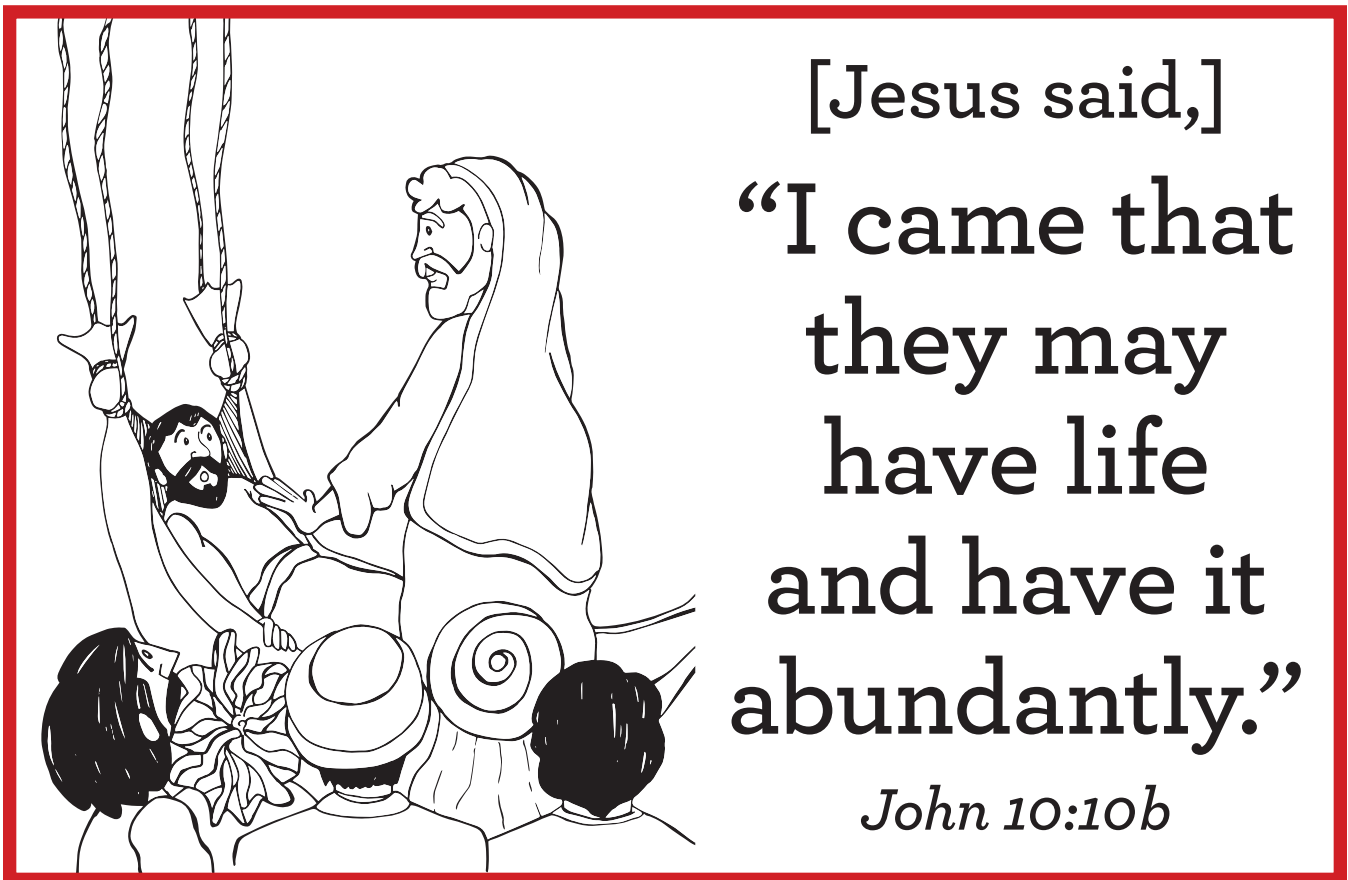
AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Ask your child about the lesson illustration in which the teacher was worried about a little problem while ignoring a much bigger problem. (For example, it may have been that the teacher was worrying about cleaning a dirty spot on a bicycle that was missing its front tire.)

- Does Jesus understand when people have problems that hurt? Was Jesus able to feel pain and weakness in His body? [Yes, Jesus had a real body just like us.] What was Jesus able to do for the man who couldn't walk? How was Jesus able to do that?
- What was that man's biggest problem? What did Jesus do for him? See Mark 2:5. Why was this even better than being able to walk? Could the man really have been happy with strong, healthy legs, but a sinful heart? Why not?
- What problems do you have in your life? What is your biggest problem? Do you feel that sin is your biggest problem? Why can it be easy to sometimes forget that sin is our really biggest problem?
- Who is the only one who can help you with your biggest problem? Are you looking to Jesus to forgive your sin?

ACTION STEP

Fold a large piece of drawing paper in half. On the outside draw a picture of the man who couldn't walk, before he met Jesus. Open up the paper and on the inside draw a picture of the man after Jesus had healed him. Use the drawing to tell someone about what Jesus did.



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