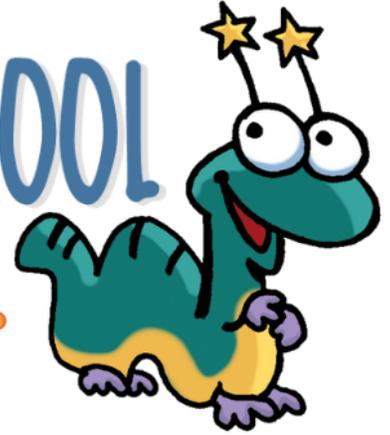


SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVATE FAITH

UPPER ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



Jesus Heals

Lesson Focus: **Jesus goes with us wherever we go.**

Scripture Reference: Mark 1:29–39

Spark Story Bible Pg. 256

GATHER

Check In with your High & Low for today/this week.

Check-In Question: What can you use your hands for?
How can you help people with your hands?

Dealing with sickness can be scary. And risky. And tough. Sometimes it's just as hard to visit someone who is sick as it is to be sick! Today we're going to learn about how Jesus healed people and cast out demons. Jesus dared to care. And he didn't just wait for people to come to him. He went out to find people that needed healing.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are a healer. Today we lift up people that need your healing.
(Write down the names of people you want to pray for here and then finish your prayer).

Be with all of these people and those we hold silently in our hearts. Our trust is in you. Amen

STORY

In today's Bible story, Jesus Heals, the mother-in-law of one of Jesus' disciples was very sick. Then Jesus came on the scene and did something spectacular to help her. What did Jesus do? Let's read about it to learn more.

Look up **Mark 1:29-39** in the **NRSV**, or turn to **page 356** in the **Spark Story Bible**.

Questions to Ponder

- What would it be like to be healed instantly?
- What do you think it was like for Jesus to have all these people wishing to be healed?
- What do you think it would be like to be able to heal people with a touch?
- Why do you think Jesus went to pray so early in the morning?
- Why did Jesus go to other places rather than stay in one place?
- What does this teach us about Jesus?

RESPOND

Try out the **Hands Can Heal** activity.

Retell the story as you **decorate** the **coloring** page.

MEMORY VERSE

Look up **Mark 1:38**. This is our Memory Verse for today.

SEND

Responding to God's Word

*These are ways God uses us to come back for others!
Sometimes the best way to come back is to go out!*

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

- ___ I want to tell you about Jesus healing people.
- ___ Set an alarm and get up before sunrise to pray.
- ___ Find a map of the world and mark places you would love to care for others.
- ___ Jesus' hands helped people heal. Collect handprints from people in your home. Trace their hands on a sheet of paper or use paint to make handprints.
- ___ Ask Pastor Joe to share about the most daring thing he felt called by God to do.
- ___ Write a thank-you note to someone who has healed you physically or emotionally.
- ___ Try out the Tongue Twister Page
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse & doodle around it in your Faith Formation Journal
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse and place it somewhere you will see it often
- ___ Give you a big hug!
- ___ Invite you to worship with you (outside or online) or invite them to Sunday School with you
- ___ Pray for _____
- ___ Say "I'm sorry" _____ My own idea: _____

PRAY

Dear Jesus,
We know that you can do things
That no one else can do.
Please heal . . .
Give them strength, and hope, and peace.
Amen.

Hands Can Heal

Jesus healed people with his hands. Look at these hands. They spell out "Jesus heals" in American Sign Language. Can you make your hands look like these? Remember: You have to move your hand for "j"!



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Jesus Heals



Tongue Twisters

TONGUE TWISTER 1	ACTION
Jesus dared to care enough	Make cross with hands then raise them up
He healed her who had fever	Cross comes down to forehead, then hands brush hair back from face
He healed her holding hands and had	Prayer hands in front of body, then hands clasp together
Her healed and happy, helping.	Arms in air, smile and jump
TONGUE TWISTER 2	ACTION
All the citizens sick in the city	Arms out to sides, move hands to either side of face, then point down
Came to see the Savior	March in place, point to eyes, then make cross with hands in front of face
Sick at sunset saw some serious	Move hands to either side of face, then bring one arm over head like setting sun, and then point to eyes again
Saving seeking speaking healing	Prayer hands in front of body, march in place, point to mouth, then move hands above head and down to sides.
TONGUE TWISTER 3	ACTION
Jesus dared to care for the world	Make cross with hands, then bring arms wide and above head in semicircle like the shape of the world
All everyone and any who are in it	Bring arms down point to sides, bring arms around to front point to those around, bring arms inward, point to self
Healer having heart for he	Prayer hands in front of body, then point to heart, then make heart shapes in front of body with fingers and thumbs, then pull heart shape back on top of own heart
And she and they and them	Point out, up, down, and all around
All anyone and every who are in it	Start pointing down, then bring arms up to point out, then bring arms up to point up. Stop pointing and raise hands faced up.