

November 12, 2017

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Withered Hand Made Well*

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises, despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God kept His greatest and best promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

This week our children learn about another story in which Jesus confronts the Pharisees over their rigidity with the law and understanding of the Old Testament. The Pharisees purposely are spying on Jesus waiting for a slip up, and Jesus knows this. His healing of the withered hand is completely antagonistic: Jesus did not have to heal on the Sabbath – a violation of the law because it was not an emergency – but could have waited until the next day. But, Jesus wants to show his audience, and us too, that God’s compassion is what matters more than compliance. But more than this, His healing was an indictment that the Pharisees had missed the purposes of God’s law. It’s summary of loving God and loving neighbor had been neglected. Jesus’s healing foreshadows and anticipates that Jesus’s mission to rescue and heal will be costly – His death on the Cross.

Scripture: Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

Story: Vos Story Bible, chapter 19 (pages 284-285).

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Craft: Reaching out for Jesus’s healing.

Supplies: Purple card stock, cut-out hand, card stock “arm”, tape, verse sticker.

- Instructions:*
1. Affix verse sticker to top of purple card stock.
 2. Crumple up hand, then flatten; tape to “arm”. (Try to make tape smooth, so does not catch on slit.)
 3. Slip “arm” through slit in purple card stock.
 4. Use “arm” to out stretch hand for healing!



Cherub Church for 3’s (Classroom’s: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5’s – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom’s: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3’s/4’s – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom’s: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: The “medicine bag”; Jesus is the great Physician and Healer.

Supplies: White card stock “medicine bag”, red crayon, card stock hearts, glue stick, pen / crayons.

- Instructions:*
1. Affix verse sticker to back of medicine bag.
 2. Color cross on bag with red crayon.
 3. Glue heart inside medicine bag for Jesus to heal! (Write on heart what else you want to give to Jesus to heal!)



Relay of the Day: Duck Duck Goose with Catechism.

Story: *The Withered Hand Made Well*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, what if you could only use one hand for a day, what would be hard to do? [Allow for answers; prompt if need be (putting on a shirt or pair of pants)]. Well, today in our story a man only has one hand to use, but Jesus does something miraculous to help him. Let's find out more...
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps his promises, even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected for the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus went to teach in the synagogue, and outside of the synagogue was a crippled man.
- The Pharisees were spying on Jesus, watching Him to see what He would be doing.
- Jesus saw the man and healed Him, on the Sabbath.
- The Pharisees were mad because Jesus healed – worked – on the Sabbath. The Pharisees understood that work was not to be done on the Sabbath, unless it was an emergency.
- After Jesus healed the man, the Pharisees began to plan a way to get rid of Jesus.

Story

Transition

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The Withered Hand Made Well

On one Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue to teach. A man with a crippled right hand was at the entrance of the synagogue. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees were also at the synagogue. They had been following Jesus and spying on him, watching his every move. They were watching him very carefully this one time to see if Jesus would heal on the Sabbath day.

The Pharisees and teachers of the law believed that no work was to be done on the Sabbath, even healing. They would have preferred people to come for healing the other six days of the week, just not the Sabbath (Luke 13:14). The Pharisees had become so caught up in keeping the rules and traditions that they lost sight of what was most important: showing the grace and mercy of God to others.

The Pharisees wanted to see Jesus do something wrong, so that they could accuse him. And Jesus knew what they were thinking. Jesus asked them a question, "If any of you has a sheep, and it falls into a ditch on the Sabbath day, then you will take the sheep and help it out of the ditch. Surely a man is more important than a sheep. So, the law of Moses allows people to do good things on the Sabbath day."

Then Jesus said to the man with the crippled hand, "Get up and stand before these people."

The man got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is it right to do on the Sabbath day: to do good, or to do evil? Is it right to save a life or to destroy one?" Jesus looked around at all of them, but they said nothing to answer him. Jesus was angry as he looked at the people. But he felt very sad, because they were stubborn.

He said to the man, "Let me see your hand." The man stretched out his hand, and it was completely healed.

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law became very angry. They said to each other, "What can we do to Jesus?" They began making plans about a way to get rid of Jesus.

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What place did Jesus return to?
- Who was near the entrance of the synagogue?
- Who was watching Jesus – spying on Him?
- What miracle did Jesus perform?
- What day was it that Jesus healed the crippled man?
- Why were the Pharisees mad?
- What did Jesus say was more important?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Memory for November:

Jesus said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." -Mark 2:17

Catechism Questions (1-20)

Hymn of the Month:

Doxology