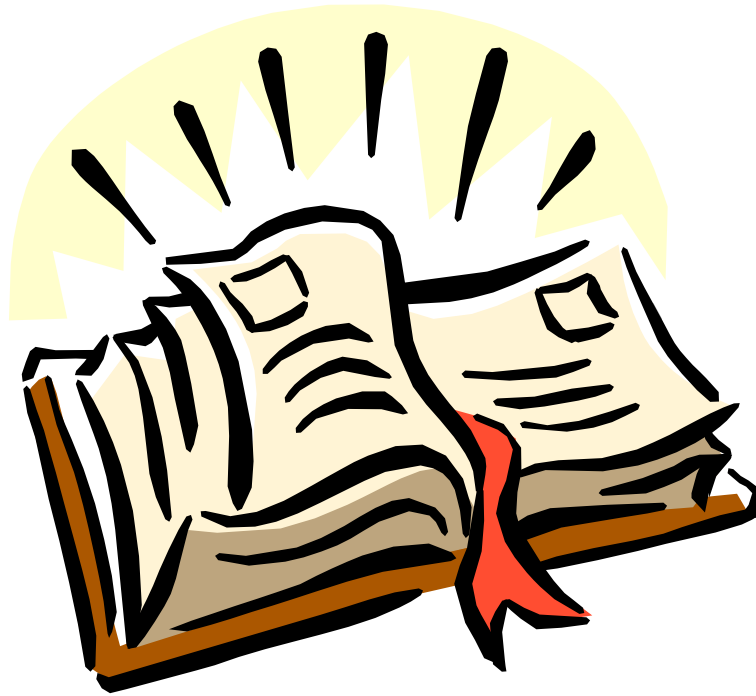


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: _____

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand

THEME: Jesus cares about our needs.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:6-11



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when **Jesus healed a man's withered hand**. Jesus had a great deal of compassion. He always put people first, even before all of the religious leader's traditions. We learn from this story that **Jesus cares about our needs**. He will always take care of us because of His great love for us.

For children sometimes things may happen that are hard for them to understand. It is important to remember that Jesus cares about what happens to us and wants to help us in all of our needs. We can always trust in Him no matter what.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 6:6-11**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

Jesus Cares - Part One

Text: Psalm 105:5 - "Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,"

Also read Psalm 105:1-6

Note - This week all five devotions are one story. They are split into five days with five separate applications. Enjoy as we read together about Janis and Sam who learn about how Jesus takes care of our needs.

Janis couldn't find her homework. She looked everywhere, but the math paper was gone. While she was looking for her paper, Sam watched her very closely. He knew what she was looking for and saw the paper sticking out from under her wheelchair. But he didn't say anything. Sam always felt funny about talking to Janis because she was in a wheelchair. She was different from everyone else and he didn't want the other kids to make fun of him.

Janis bowed her head and Sam thought she was crying. He knew that all the other kids might be watching so he decided to just walk away. Then he noticed something. Janis wasn't crying, but rather she was folding her hands and praying. He couldn't believe it! She was praying and asking the Lord to help her find her math paper.

The Bible teaches that we should bring all of our needs to God; even things that we may think are little. It takes faith to live our lives and to be pleasing to the Lord. Janis remembered something we all need to remember: even the smallest details of our lives are important to God. We need to come to the Lord and seek His help in time of need. Jesus cares for our needs, and He hears our every prayer. Janis knew that God cared and would help her. Sam was about to learn a very important lesson from Janis' example. **(Continued on Day Two)**

- Have you ever stopped to think that Jesus cares about your every need?
- Is there someone you know of that you feel funny about talking to, the way Sam did?
- Do you ever feel like praying, but don't because you are afraid other people might think you are weird or different?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Glorify: To praise or honor.

Day Two

Jesus Cares - Part Two

Text: Luke 17:15 - "Now one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,"

Also read Luke 17:11-19

(Continued from Day One) Sam was still at his desk watching Janis and wondering what he should do. He still felt funny about talking to Janis. He knew in his heart that he should do something to help her, especially when he saw her praying for help. He had to search in his heart and ask himself the question whether it was more important for him to help Janice, even though some of the other kids might think he wasn't cool, or if he should just do nothing. The funny feeling inside wouldn't go away. He knew that if he didn't help Janis he would feel bad all day, but still the other kids were watching. He didn't want anyone to laugh at him for helping her. The struggle continued in his heart.

Janis was upset, but she knew that Jesus loved her and cared about her every need. He was bigger than any problem that she might be having. She knew that God would help her find the lost paper and that He wouldn't let her down. She remembered how Jesus had helped her with all of her physical problems. He was there with her during all of the doctor's appointments and operations she went through. He never left her, not even for a moment. He always answered her prayers - even when the answer was no. So she just gave the problem over to the Lord and began to smile. Jesus would help her now.

Jesus always sought out people who were in need or those who others rejected. Once Jesus healed 10 lepers even though only one of them remembered to come back to thank Him. He cared for all 10 lepers and even though nine lepers rejected him one came back to bless him. Jesus is looking to help us with our needs if we would only bring our needs to Him. There is nothing too small or too big that we can't bring to Jesus. The next time that you need help with something in your life, remember to bring it to Jesus. But also, remember to thank Him when He answers your prayers. **(Continued on Day Three)**

- Have you ever had a funny feeling that you were supposed to help someone, but didn't?
- Can you remember a prayer Jesus answered in your life recently?
- Do you glorify the Lord when He answers your prayers, even if He tells you "no"?

Kid's Prayer Time



Leper: A person who has leprosy, a serious disease that affects the skin and had no cure. A person with leprosy had to stay away from other people.

Day Three

Jesus Cares - Part Three

Text: John 5:15- "The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well."

Also read John 5:1-16

(Continued from Day Two) Sam finally figured out a way to help out Janis without anyone suspecting anything. He thought that maybe if he just sneaked up behind Janis that he could scoot the paper out enough to where she could see it. That way he wouldn't have to talk to her and maybe none of the other kids would see him. Sam wanted to do what was right, but unfortunately he was more afraid of what the other kids would think. This was all because Janis was in a wheelchair, and he did not want the other kids to laugh at him. But he knew he would feel bad if he did not help her. He inched around behind the wheelchair and tried to scoot the paper out from under the wheel where it was stuck.

While Sam was doing this, Janis heard something, looked down and saw Sam trying to get at something under her wheel. She then saw the corner of the paper and realized that maybe that was her math lesson. She looked down at Sam and said, "Hi, would it help if I moved the wheel a little bit?" Sam was rather stunned when she talked to him because he thought his plan would work, and he could help her without having to talk to her. She was different from all the other kids, but Sam began to realize that she was different in more ways than one. It was not only the wheelchair that made her different--it was the prayer, the smile on her face even though she was frustrated, and her gentleness to others. All of this was quite new for Sam. He did not know very much about Jesus. But it sure seems like He was helping Janis. What will Sam do next?

Jesus loves everyone in the world but He made it clear that He loves to help the weak. While He was here He healed many people. He was never ashamed to help people, no matter who was around. The Pharisees, the religious leaders of His day, often tested Jesus. In fact, the Pharisees persecuted Jesus and they wanted to kill Him because He healed the lame and said He was the Son of God. Jesus loved all of us so much that He died for us so we could have eternal life. We'll find out tomorrow what happens.

(Continued on Day Four)

- Do you know anyone who doesn't know Jesus as their friend?
- Do you think Janis prayed to God very often?

Kid Bible Dictionary



Sabbath: Rest; a time when a person does no work (4th commandment).

Jesus Cares - Part Four

Text: Philippians 4:6 - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"

Also read Philippians 4:4-7

(Continued from Day Three) "Hi Janis. My name is Sam. I saw you looking for this," he said as he pulled the paper out from under the wheelchair, handing it to Janis. Janis looked up at Sam and smiled. "Thank you," she said. "Thanks for helping me out and being the hands of Jesus." Sam wondered what she meant when she said that he was the "hands of Jesus."

Sam felt very happy when he saw Janis smile. At this point he really didn't care any more about what the other kids thought. He just wanted to find out more about who Jesus was. He realized that Janis truly was different, but different in a good way. "Janis," Sam began to ask, "what do you mean that Jesus is in my hands?" "Well, actually I mean that you were Jesus' hands, not that He was in your hands. What I meant was that when I lost my paper I prayed and asked Jesus to help me. He sent you to find my paper and help me. He used you to answer my prayer." "Really? Jesus used me?" Sam asked. "Yes", said Janis. "Can I find out more about Jesus?" asked Sam. "Sure, I'd be glad to tell you more about Him."

Sam is learning a valuable lesson about the Lord and how much He cares for people. And the Lord is using Janis to introduce Sam to Himself. It is amazing how God can use simple things in our lives to get some big things done. Janis just had a little need in her life, finding her homework paper. So she prayed and asked God to help and he used someone else to help her. But she had no idea that God was going to use her to introduce Sam to the Lord. The Lord can use us every day when we allow Him to work in our lives. We need to bring our needs to the Lord and then see how He is going to take care of us and use us for His plans. **(Continued on Day Five)**

- Why did Janis say Sam was the "hands of Jesus"?
- Tell about a time when the Lord used you to tell someone about Him.
- If God knows everything, why do you think we need to pray?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Anxious: To be worried or upset about something.

Supplication: Requests that are made through prayer.

Day Five

Jesus Cares - Part Five

Text: Joshua 2:15 - "Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall."

Also read Joshua 2:1-21

(Continued from Day Four) A couple of other boys in the class began to notice Sam talking to "the girl in the wheelchair" and started to make fun of him. Sam felt very bad for Janis and he just ignored them. Suddenly it didn't matter anymore what the other kids in the class thought about him. He knew there was something different about Janis and something very different about Jesus. He felt good inside because he helped her and he couldn't wait to hear more about Jesus.

"Thank you Sam, I appreciate you helping me with my paper and not listening to the other kids. It is hard being in a wheelchair. A lot of people seem to be afraid of me because of it. But I'm just like any other kid. I like to have fun and play and do all the things that any other kid likes to do. But even if I don't have a lot of friends, I know that Jesus will always be my friend. He wants to be your friend also if you ask Him to come into your heart." Janis shared. "I would like to do that. Can I come to church with you sometime to learn more." Sam asked. "Sure," Janis replied.

Sam asked Jesus to come into his heart and became really good friends with Janis. He started going to her church and found out that she was even more fun than the other kids who made fun of her were. Isn't it amazing how the Lord can answer someone's prayer and use that answer to lead another person to Himself? God can use you and me for His plans and purposes if we let Him. Let's be looking for opportunities to serve Jesus.

In our Bible reading today, we learn about Rahab who did not know God before she met Joshua's spies, but she helped God's children and God saved her and her whole family from destruction in the city of Jericho. Just like Sam who helped Janis and ended up coming to know Jesus. Rahab became one of God's children.

- Do you know someone you might be the "hands of Jesus" to?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week, as you pray, remember to thank the Lord for caring for all of your needs. Pray for others who you know who may need the Lord's help. Ask the Lord if He would like to use you to help that person. Also, if you have any needs, great or small, just take them to the Lord.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"And the prayer of
faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise
him up."

Third Grade and Above

"And the prayer of
faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise
him up."

James 5:15a