



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 17, 2010
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"Many Amazing Healings"

Lesson Text: Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6

Background Scripture: Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6

Memory Verse: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear" (Matthew 11:5).

Matthew 9:27-34

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

Matthew 11:2-6

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Help the children understand that the wonderful things Jesus did show that He was God.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus made blind people see.
2. Jesus sent away one of Satan's bad angels who kept a man from talking, and He made the man well.
3. Jesus showed that He was God by the things He was able to do.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, you will need a sign that says "SHOW."

For Telling the Lesson, bring pictures of Jesus healing, the two blind men, and the mute man. You will use the "SHOW" sign again.

For Helping to Remember, provide for each child crayons and a sheet of white construction paper.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 28

Place: Galilee

Who was Jesus? This week's Bible lesson raises that question again. John the Baptist sent friends to ask Jesus, "Are You really the Messiah, or is the promised One still coming?" Jesus had recently given sight to two blind men. He had cast out a demon from a mute, a miracle the Jews of that day believed only Messiah would be able to do. He was healing every sickness brought to Him. The lame walked, lepers were healed, and the dead were raised. Jesus' answer was, in short, "Tell John to look at the evidence."

The things Jesus did were things only God could do. Who was Jesus? This lesson will use some of Jesus' amazing healings to reemphasize to the children that He truly was "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Suppose that one day you visit a room in another school. The bell rings, and a boy named Jimmy gets up and closes the door. When the boys and girls have recess, that same boy is leader. At art time, Jimmy passes out paper to the class. And later it is Jimmy who puts all the scissors in the scissors box. Now who do you suppose was the teacher's helper for that day? What makes you think it was Jimmy? You could tell just by the kinds of things Jimmy did.

Jesus wanted people to know He was the special Person, the Messiah, God promised to send. Sometimes He told them, but many times He would just *show* them. (Stand up "SHOW.")

TELLING THE LESSON:

Jesus began to make sick people well everywhere. (Show Jesus healing.) He healed a skin disease that the doctors could not help. He made well a woman who was bleeding. A girl died, and Jesus made her live again.

One day, two blind men heard what Jesus was doing. (Show blind men.) They thought that Jesus could make their blind eyes see. Somehow they found Jesus, and they followed Him down the street, calling, "Jesus, have mercy on us. Help us." When Jesus and His friends went into a house, the blind men went in too. "Jesus, help us."

He asked, "Do you believe I can?"

They answered, "Yes."

Jesus touched their blind eyes. He said, "Then what you believe will really happen." Suddenly they could both see! Jesus could make blind men see because of who He is. Jesus was showing that He is God. (Point to "SHOW.")

As Jesus left the house, somebody else needed help. (Show mute man.) This was not a blind man. This was a man who could not talk. One of Satan's bad angels had come to live inside the man and was keeping him from speaking.

Jesus did something about that too. He sent the wicked angel away, and all at once the man could talk. Jesus could do that because of who He is. He was showing again that He is God. (Point to "SHOW.")

You would think that by now everybody would know who Jesus was. People were saying, "No one has ever seen anything like this before!" But the leaders were saying, "It is just Satan who is helping Him."

About that time somebody else had started to wonder about Jesus. Remember John the Baptist, the man who preached by the river? He heard what Jesus was doing. He sent some friends to ask, "Are You really the One that God promised would come, or should we look for somebody else?"

Jesus said, "You go back and tell John what you have seen. Lame people are walking. Deaf people are hearing. Those with skin diseases are made well. Dead people are alive again. Poor people are hearing God's good news."

Those were all things God said would happen when His special One came. By doing them, Jesus was showing that He was that special One. (Point to "SHOW.") What Jesus meant was "Tell John that what I am doing shows who I am." What He did showed that Jesus was the Messiah!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Because Jesus is God, He could die for the sins of all of us. No one else could do that. Because Jesus is God, He can forgive our sins when we ask Him to. No one else can do that. Because Jesus is God, He can give us eternal life. No one else can do that. Because Jesus is God, He can take care of us and protect us and be our leader and give us a home in heaven. But not everybody knows this. We should thank Jesus for showing us who He is?

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Tell the children that today they are going to draw pictures to decorate their Sunday school room. Let each decide which part of the lesson he/she wants to draw, the blind men or the man who could not talk. Put the pictures on the wall, or display them in some other location as they are finished. If possible, let them stay in place until next week.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear" (Matthew 11:5).

Jesus wanted people to know He was the One God had promised to send. Sometimes He told them, but most of the time He *showed* them by doing special things that no other man could ever do.

He made blind eyes see. He made people who could not walk able to run and jump. He made deaf ears able to hear. Only God can do things like that.

CONCLUSION:

The amazing healings of Jesus showed who He was and is. The things Jesus did were things only God could do. He was the promised Messiah. The people did not need to look for another. Jesus' miracles settled the issue!

He was the long awaited Messiah and came to minister to the world and to give His life (Matthew 20:28). The works of Jesus showed that He did what only the Messiah could do. His works showed that He was who He claimed to be!

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to heal and to save us. Thank You for the wonderful things that Jesus has done. Help us to share these things with others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Giving Thanks" and shows that there are many reasons to be thankful. This includes Jesus' promise of rest to those who come to Him. Study Matthew 11:25-30.

WORD SEARCH

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Find the following keywords from the lesson:

JOHN	SIGHT	DEVIL	BLIND
AMAZING	GOSPEL	WALK	FAITH
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