

SESSION 1

Jesus Helped a Man Walk

BIBLE PASSAGE

Mark 2:1-12

LIFE POINT

Jesus showed God’s love by helping others.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus is God’s Son.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus healed sick people.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: June 6

BIBLE VERSE

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Luke 7:21 (*Paraphrase*)

Jesus healed many people of diseases. Luke 7:21 (*CSB*)

[Jesus] cured many of their infirmities and plagues.
Luke 7:21 (*KJV*)

Jesus cured many who had diseases. Luke 7:21 (*NIV*)

[Jesus] healed many people of diseases and plagues.
Luke 7:21 (*ESV*)

[Jesus] cured many of infirmities.
Luke 7:21 (*NKJV*)

SCHEDULE AND PROPS

Huddle Ups (*optional; time varies*)

Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Footprint Path”—construction paper, scissors, tape
- “Jesus Helped a Man Walk”—crayons, coloring sheets
- “I Can Help”—none

Countdown Video (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Worship Song (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Welcome and Prayer (*5 minutes*)

Props: Bible

Miss Lindy’s Library

(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

Connection Point Game

(*10 minutes*)

Props: 2 towels, 2 baby dolls, painter’s tape

Worship Song (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Bible Story (*10 minutes*)

Props: Bible, bicycle helmet

Worship Song and Offering

(*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Connection Point Bible Verse

(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: Bible, bookmark

Connection Point Missions

(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: empty soda can

Real Life Connections

(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

MUSIC AND MEDIA

- **Countdown:**
Countdown video
- **Worship Song:**
“That’s Who Jesus Is”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**
Life Point and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Miss Lindy’s Library:**
Miss Lindy’s Library video
- **Connection Point Game:**
Connection Point Game slide
- **Worship Song:** “Be a Friend”
- **Bible Story:** *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**
Connection Point Bible Verse and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**
Connection Point Missions slide; “Kids Can” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**
Real Life Connections and *Life Point* slides

Huddle Ups (Optional)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies *(for each small group)*:
 - “Footprint Path”—construction paper, scissors, tape
 - “Jesus Helped a Man Walk”—crayons, coloring sheets
 - “I Can Help”—none

Footprint Path

Prep: Cut many footprints from construction paper. Tape the footprints on the floor to create a path. Put some footprints close together for “baby steps” and others far apart for “giant steps.” Make the path hard to follow.

- Guide preschoolers to follow the path, stepping on each footprint.
- As the children walk, comment on parts of the path that are hard and parts that are easy.
- Encourage preschoolers to follow the path slowly the first time.
- Challenge preschoolers to move more quickly each additional time.
- Say: “You did a great job walking along the path! Today we will hear a Bible story about a man who could not walk.”

Jesus Helped a Man Walk

Prep: Print a coloring sheet for each child.

- Tell preschoolers they will hear a Bible story about some friends who carried a man to see Jesus.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

I Can Help

Prep: none

- Review the Life Point: **Jesus showed God’s love by helping others.**
- Ask: “How did Jesus help the man in today’s Bible story?” (*Jesus helped the man walk.*)
- Suggest that kids can help others and show God’s love, too.
- Invite a child to name a person she can help.
- Teach the following lyrics to the tune of “God Is So Good.”
 - I can show love.*
 - I can show love.*
 - I can show love.*
 - I can help (name of person child mentioned).*
- Invite another child to name a person he can help.
- Sing the song, using the new name.
- If time allows, invite kids to name ways to help.
- Sing the song again:
 - I can show love.*
 - I can show love.*
 - I can show love.*
 - I can (name a way to help).*
- Encourage preschoolers to be helpers at home.
- Remind preschoolers that they can show God’s love by helping others.
- **Leader note:** *Lead motions as you sing. Point to yourself when singing “I.” Cross arms over chest when singing “love.”*

Countdown Video

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown* video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “That’s Who Jesus Is” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

What is a way that you could move from one side of the room to the other? *(Allow a child to respond.)* Yes. You could walk! *(Choose several children to walk from one side of the room to the other.)* Great.

What is another way to move? *(Allow a child to respond.)* Yes. You could jump. *(Choose several children to jump from one side of the room to the other.)* Good job!

Let’s move to the music as we sing a new song about Jesus!

(Show the music video.)

(Kids stand to sing.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible

BIBLE STORY LEADER

Hi, everyone! I’m happy to see you at church. Today, we will hear a Bible story about Someone very special. Can you guess who? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Our Bible story is about Jesus!

Jesus is special because He is God’s Son. The Bible *(hold up Bible)* tells many stories about the things that Jesus did. All of them are true! The things in the Bible really happened!

Our Bible verse tells us that Jesus healed many people. To *heal* someone means “to make him well.”

Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- Jesus healed many people. Luke 7:21 *(Paraphrase)*
- Jesus healed many people of diseases. Luke 7:21 *(CSB)*
- [Jesus] cured many of their infirmities and plagues. Luke 7:21 *(KJV)*
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- [Jesus] cured many of infirmities. Luke 7:21 *(NKJV)*

Jesus made sick people well! Many people brought their sick family members and friends to Jesus so He could heal them. Later, we will hear a Bible story about some men who brought their friend to Jesus. The friend could not walk! Do you think Jesus could help him? *(Allow for responses.)*

(Show Life Point Slide.)

Jesus showed God’s love by helping others. Let’s say that together: **“Jesus showed God’s love by helping others.”**

Jesus loved and helped people. Jesus loves and helps us, too! Let’s pray and thank God for sending His Son, Jesus. After we pray, we will visit Miss Lindy at the library.

God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that we can come to church and hear Bible stories about the things that Jesus did. Thank You that we can pray to You and ask for Your help! We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

MISS LINDY'S LIBRARY

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Miss Lindy's Library* video (optional)
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play the video.)

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 8 kids
- ➔ Props: 2 towels, 2 baby dolls, painter's tape

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- Tape a path along the floor.
- Choose 8 kids.
- Form 2 teams.
- Lead each team to stand at the beginning of the path.
- Give each team a towel and a baby doll.
- Guide each player to hold a corner of the towel.
- Place the baby doll in the center of the towel.
- Challenge teams to carry the baby doll on the towel as they walk along the path.
- Caution teams to not drop the baby doll.
- Explain that players should stop and replace the doll if it falls.
- Lead teams to race to the end of the path.
- Name a winning team.
- If time allows, choose new teams and play again.

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Let's play a racing game! Who would like to play? (Choose eight kids. Form two teams. Give each team a towel and doll.)

Each team will race to the end of the path while carrying a doll on a towel. (Demonstrate how to carry the towel.) The first team to reach the end of the path will be the winner! Move quickly but be careful. If your team drops the doll, stop, pick it up, put it

back on the towel, and continue the race.

Does everyone know what to do? (Answer any questions and play the game.)

Today's Bible story is about a man who could not walk. His friends carried him to see Jesus! After we sing, we will hear more about what happened.

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "Be a Friend" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

I'm excited to hear about the men taking their friend to Jesus. Do you have friends? Who is your friend? (Allow kids to respond.)

I'm glad that God gives us friends. It's fun to play with friends and go to church together. Friends can help us when we have a problem. Let's sing together about being a friend.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, bicycle helmet

Option 1: Show the *Bible Story Time* video and conclude with a short prayer.

God, thank You that Jesus helped people and told them about You. Please help us show Your love by being good helpers. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Option 2: Tell the following Bible story.

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

Look what my friend gave to me! She brought me a bicycle helmet (*hold up the helmet*). It's important to wear a helmet when you ride your bike. Do you wear a helmet like this one? *(Allow for responses.)*

We show God's love when we help others. Do you think my friend showed God's love when she gave me the bike helmet? *(Allow for responses.)* She did! My friend loves me and wants to help me stay safe.

The Bible tells about lots of times when Jesus showed God's love to people. Let me tell you about a time when Jesus helped a man who could not walk.

(Open the Bible to Mark 2.)

One day Jesus went to the town of Capernaum (*kuh-PERR-nay-uhm*). When people heard that Jesus was in their town, they wanted to see Him and hear Him teach about God.

(Read Mark 2:2.)

So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and he was speaking the word to them.

Everyone crowded into the house where Jesus was teaching. There was not room for one more person!

Four men came to the house where Jesus was teaching. They were carrying a man who could not walk. The four men wanted to take their friend to Jesus, but the house was too crowded!

Do you know what the men did? They carried their friend up onto the roof, dug a hole, and lowered him into the room where Jesus was!

Jesus told the man that his wrong choices were forgiven. Some of the leaders were upset by what Jesus said. They thought to themselves, *Why is Jesus talking like this?* The leaders did not know that Jesus is God's Son!

Jesus knew what the leaders were thinking. Then Jesus did something amazing to show that He is God's Son. Jesus spoke to the man who could not walk and said: "Get up! Pick up your mat and go home."

(Read Mark 2:12a.)

Immediately he got up, took the mat, and went out in front of everyone.

The man got up and walked! The people were surprised, and they praised God. "We have never seen anything like this," they said.

(Close the Bible.)

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Wow! What an amazing Bible story! Jesus healed the man and made him able to walk. Jesus could make the man well because Jesus is God's Son.

Jesus showed God's love when He helped the man. You can show God's love by being a helper, too. *(Show helmet.)* My friend helped me be safe on my bike. You can help your friends, your mom, or your church leaders!

When you help, you are being like Jesus and showing God's love to others. Let's pray and ask God to make us good helpers.

God, thank You that Jesus helped people and told them about You. Please help us show Your love by being good helpers. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

What do you think the man did when Jesus healed him? *(Allow children to respond.)* I think the man might have hurried home to tell his family what happened. Maybe he ran because he was so excited! Can you run in place while I count to 10? Ready, go. *(Let children run in place as you count.)*

Jesus loved the man and helped him. I'm glad that Jesus loves and helps us, too. Let's sing to tell Jesus how much we love Him!

Optional Giving Segment:

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money people give at church helps others hear about Jesus and the amazing things He did. If you would like to give an offering today,

(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)

CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: Bible, bookmark

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Place a bookmark at Luke 7:21.*
- *Say the verse and encourage the children to repeat it after you.*
- *Repeat the verse in an amazed and excited voice.*
- **Leader note:** *If your preferred version uses unfamiliar words, talk about them and help the children understand the Bible verse.*

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

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CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)

Our Bible verse is Luke 7:21. *(Open the Bible to the marker.)* Luke tells about the things that Jesus said and did while He was on earth. Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)

How many people did Jesus heal? Does the Bible verse say Jesus only healed a few people? *(Allow for responses.)* No, Jesus healed MANY people! Jesus helped lots of people get well.

Do you remember whom Jesus helped in today's Bible story? *(Allow for responses.)* That's right! Jesus helped a man who could not walk.

Show me the face that you think the people made when they saw the man walk. *(Allow for responses.)* The people were probably surprised and excited.

Let's stand and say the Bible verse again. This time let's say it as if we are surprised and excited!

(Lead the activity.)

CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* slide, "Kids Can" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader
- ➔ Props: empty soda can

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the "Kids Can" missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.)

(Show the soda can.) This can looks like something we would recycle or put in the trash. The kids in today's video did something different. They gathered cans and sold them to make money. The kids did not keep the money. They gave it away!

The kids used the money to help buy Bibles, supplies, and boats so that missionaries could teach people that Jesus loves them. Let's thank God for the kids who helped and for the missionaries who tell others about Jesus.

God, thank You for the boys and girls who sold cans so people can learn about You! Thank You for the missionaries who tell people about Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Real Life Connections slide.)

I liked hearing how Jesus helped the man who could not walk. Let's remember today's Life Point.

(Show Life Point Slide.)

Jesus showed God's love by helping others. Let's say that together: **"Jesus showed God's love by helping others."**

We can be like Jesus when we love and help others. Let's think about ways we can be helpers. I'll pretend to help, and you guess what I'm doing.

(Play out several ways to help, such as picking up toys, folding laundry, cleaning the table, and so on. After kids guess, invite them to join you in doing the action.)

You are great helpers! Remember to show God's love and help others at home this week. I'm glad you came to church today. I can't wait to see you again next time!

Leader note: *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*