

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 7th February
"Jesus Heals"



Jesus and his followers left the synagogue. They all went at once with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. The people there told Jesus about her.



So Jesus went to her bed, took her hand, and helped her up. Immediately the fever left her, and she was healed. Then she began serving them. That night, after the sun went down, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick. They also brought those who had demons in them. The whole town gathered at the door of the house. Jesus healed many who had different kinds of sicknesses. He also forced many demons to leave people. But he would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. Early the next morning, Jesus woke and left the house while it was still dark. He went to a place to be alone and pray. Later, Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. They found him and said, "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus answered, "We should go somewhere else, to other towns around here. Then I can preach there too. That is the reason I came." So he travelled everywhere in Galilee. He preached in the synagogues and forced demons to leave people.

Mark 1:29-39

THINK



- Who takes care of you when you are sick or hurt?
- What kinds of things help you feel better?
- Have you ever helped take care of someone else who needed help?

We don't know how long Simon's mother-in-law had been sick, but we know how long it took her to get better. Jesus didn't have to give her rounds of antibiotics. He just took her by the hand, and she was better right away! Jesus cared for the crowds. He had strength and curing power from God, and He used it to do great miracles. He healed many people. But you know what? It probably took a lot of effort and work for Jesus to do all that. He was the son of God, of course, but He was also a human, and He got tired.

Sometimes Jesus needed time to Himself, and He withdrew from others to pray. Jesus went out to a spot where He could be all by Himself. He probably needed to recover and remember His mission on Earth. The verses don't say how long Jesus was away, but it was long enough for His disciples to form a search committee and come hunt Him down.

Taking time out for yourself is a good thing. God wants and invites us to take time for ourselves. God wants to hear from us. Jesus recognized, though, that He was needed in the world. He took time to contemplate His purpose on Earth, and then He responded to His seeking disciples to explain that purpose. Jesus was sent to Earth to heal, preach, teach, love, care, and show how much God loved His people. Most importantly, He came to die so that we might have eternal life. He took care of our hurts inside and out. He has come back to life so that we might live. We can take hope in remembering that Jesus promised to be with us always. He heals physical hurts, but most importantly He heals our inner trouble. Jesus cares for us always!



Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for healing our hearts and curing our sickness.
Please help us care for those around us.
Amen!

Show Others You Care

The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases.
Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)



Based on Mark 1:29-39

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FEVER	SIMON	HAND	DOOR	ANDREW
SUNSET	VILLAGES	PREACH	BED	DEMONS
JOHN	SYNAGOGUE	PEOPLE	JESUS	HELPED
HEALED	TOWN	EVENING	JAMES	SICK