

February 3/7 – Reconciling Authority - Luke 7.1-17

Opening Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
when people hurt
we sometimes know what to do,
but sometimes we do not.
Sometimes a bandage or medicine can help.
Sometimes rest and time away can help.
Sometimes a friend to listen can help.
But at other times
our hurts are too bad,
our pain too much,
like losing a partner or a child,
and there are no easy words or actions
that can make things better.
Help us to know what to say and do
when we are unsure.
Amen.

Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story of Jesus and the disciples breaking the rules of Sabbath.

The Story: Play Video/Videos

Check Video Folder

Game/Activity:

Emergency Pack

You will need: images of medical instruments/equipment used when emergency organizations go into disaster areas (for example, water pumps, tents, sterile packs, water tanks, clothing, blankets). (IMAGES ON SCREEN)

Discuss with the children if they can identify what each piece of equipment is and what they are used for. Would the children immediately think of all of these things as being emergency supplies? For example, is a tent something they would think of as an emergency supply?

The charity ShelterBox (<http://www.shelterbox.org>) has information about the kind of emergency care they provide in boxes for families which may be helpful for your gathering discussion.

Use this activity to lead into the story of Jesus showing care and compassion to others when he chose to heal them.

Try to encourage the children to think of people in need of help in other countries, too. Who is helping them? Talk about who they might be able to help with their 'First Aid Box' and if there is anything they think it might be useful to add to their box

Miracles

You will need: paper and pens.

Challenge the children to come up with as many of the miracles of Jesus they can remember from the Bible. How many did they find?

How did Jesus help people?

Craft:

Family Faith Questions:

Discuss these topics as you do your crafts together.

How have you seen God work through human helpers?

Healing Collage

You will need: logos from various charity organizations, magazines, newspapers and charity newsletters, crepe bandages, a length of frieze paper, felt tip pens, scissors, PVA glue and glue spreaders.

Give the children the pile of magazines, newspapers and newsletters and ask them to identify and cut out pictures of those in need of help or healing. Next, ask them to create a collage by piecing together the pictures of those they have identified.

Talk about the story and Jesus showing care and compassion for those he healed. Discuss some of the charities they know which help people around the world. Give each child some of the logos of these worldwide aid organizations and allow them to cut out and add these logos decoratively to their collage.

Discuss the ways in which they themselves can show care and compassion and then encourage them to write their thoughts, ideas and prayers onto pieces of the crepe bandage using the felt tip pens before then adding them to their collage.

Ask for magazines, pictures of helpers too.

Next Week:

Next week we will focus on John's the Baptists hope in Jesus.

Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.