

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 (five per week) for children and their families through which we hope to reinforce Sunday's lesson, provide ideas for the application of God's Word, and encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. Since the age of your child will affect how they respond to the content, we suggest you make them age appropriate by adding your own ideas.

In the lesson this week, we learned about the time when **Jesus healed a man's withered hand (Luke 6:6-11)**. We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. 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**. Though we may not understand all the circumstances of our life, we can be confident God will always take care of us because of His great love for us.

We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's 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. He 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 did not want the other kids to make fun of him.

Janis bowed her head. Sam thought she was crying! He knew that all the other kids might be watching, so he decided to just walk away. When he looked back he realized Janis was not 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)**

- What did Janis do when she realized she could not find her math paper?
- Was Sam more concerned about what God thought about her actions or what His friends thought of His actions? What about Janis?
- Have you ever stopped to think that Jesus cares about your every need? Can you think of some small things that bother you that you have not prayed about? Take them to the Lord in prayer.

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: "Was it important for him to help Janice, even though some of the other kids might think he was not cool, or should he just do nothing?" The funny feeling inside would not go away. He knew that if he didn't help Janis, he would feel bad all day; but still, the other kids would see his actions. 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 would not 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. He never left her, not even for a moment. He always answered her prayers—even when the answer was no. God was a faithful friend. 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. In Psalm 147:2 we read, "He gathers together the outcasts of Israel." Once ten lepers approached Jesus. Lepers were cast out of society for fear their disease would spread. No one would even come near them. When they cried out to Jesus, Jesus healed all ten. How thankful we can be that our God cares for those that others have rejected. If we are to walk closely to God, our hearts and attitudes will begin to reflect His. In 1 John 1:6, we read, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." In 1 John 3:16,17 we read, "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" **(Continued on Day Three)**

- How does God feel about those that have been outcast, rejected, by people?
- If we walk closely to God, will it affect the way we treat others?

Kid's Prayer Time



Leper: A person who has leprosy, a serious disease that affects the skin and has 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 wanted to do what was right, but unfortunately, he was afraid of what the other kids would think. 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 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. He did not want the other kids to laugh because he helped the girl in the wheel chair. 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. His plan had not worked. Now, she was talking to him. Janis was different from all the other kids in more ways than just her wheelchair—the smile on her face even though she was frustrated, her gentleness to others. Sam remembered her bowing her head to pray. All of this was quite new for Sam. He did not know very much about Jesus. But, now he was helping Janis. What will Sam do next?

In a crowd of people, Jesus always seemed drawn to the person with the greatest need. In John 5:1-16 we read that a certain man had laid by the pool of Bethesda for 38 years, hoping to be healed. Jesus asked, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man replied, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool...." Jesus declared, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." Though no other man was there to help him, Jesus was there! In Luke 4:18, we read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." **(Continued on Day Four)**

- Jesus is a friend to the friendless. How does it make you feel to know that?

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. Sam questioned, "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. "I don't know anything about Jesus," Sam stated honestly. Janis became even more joyful, "I'd be glad to tell you about Him."

Janis just had a little need in her life, finding her homework paper. 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. It is amazing how God can use simple things in our lives to get some big things done. Through a lost math paper, Janis will have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. As we follow God and bring our daily needs to Him, we will find that even our difficulties and inconveniences will fit into His good plan. We can trust Him!
(Continued on Day Five)

- Why did Janis say Sam was the "hands of Jesus"?
- Ask your parents to tell you about a time when they realized a difficulty or inconvenience fit into God's good plan.

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.

Janis smiled at Sam, "Thank you, Sam, I appreciate you helping me with my paper. 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 Jesus will always be my friend even if I don't have a lot of other friends. As the days went by, Janis was had opportunity to share about God's love and plan to save sinful man. She explained that Sam could have a special friendship with God just like the one she experienced. Sam was eager to meet the One who was making such a difference in Janis' life. "I would like to do that," responded Sam.

Sam asked Jesus to come into his heart and became 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. It is amazing how God can use little things for big purposes. God can use you and me for His plans and purposes if we let Him. Life becomes exciting as we walk closely with the Lord. Let's be looking for opportunities to serve Jesus.

In our Bible reading, today, we learned 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.

- What made Sam interested in learning more about Jesus?
- Do you know someone you might be able to share the love of Jesus with?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week, as you pray, remember to thank the Lord for caring for all of your needs, even the small ones. Pray for others who you know who may have a special need for help and friendship like Janis. Pray for those who do not know Jesus.

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