

At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 2, Lesson 9

# Healing the Deaf and Mute Man

Lesson Aim: To hear the salvation message, to be invited to respond to it, and to share it with others.

# THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET: What is your favorite sound?** 

**GAME:** Silent Hunt

## **THE WORSHIP** JESUS AS THE GOD OF HEALING

Read Worship Scripture: Romans 10:9.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Lead children in the ABC Prayer.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

## **THE WORD** JESUS HEALED THE DEAF AND MUTE MAN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed the sick woman.

Today, we find out about the healing of a deaf and mute man. The people brought him to Jesus when He came into the region of the Decapolis. Point to the Decapolis region. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Mark 7:32-37. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Mark 7:37. Pray. Read.

# **THE WAY** JESUS CAN HEAL OUR HEARTS

Why did the people bring the man to Jesus? (For healing.) Jesus wanted to talk alone with the man, away from the crowd. We may focus so much on something that it crowds our life. Even good things like games, sports, and music can distract us. What crowds your life? What has your heart focused on more than Jesus?

Imagine Jesus came to spend time with you. What do you think He would say to you? What would you say to Him?

**What did Jesus do to heal the man?** (He put his fingers into the man's ears. He spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and

said, "Ephphatha!" meaning "be opened.") Jesus is the only one who can open our ears, eyes, and hearts in a way that we can listen and know what we must do to be saved. We would never hear or understand Him without that miracle.

Jesus explains how He heals the hearts of those who are open to Him. Listen as I read what Jesus said. Read Matthew 13:15-17. How has Jesus opened your ears to listen to Him? How has he opened your eyes and your heart to know Him?

Everyone who comes to Jesus has experienced a miracle. He opens our eyes, ears, and mouths. He can heal us from sickness, loneliness, worrying, and from habits of sinning (doing wrong in God's eyes). He can also heal our hearts from being separated from God.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Nearly 600 years before Jesus healed the man's ears and tongue, Ezekiel spoke about God's plan to heal our divided hearts and bring us close to Him. Reveal Ezekiel 11:19-20. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Sin separates us from God. Jesus came to heal us and give us an undivided heart—a heart that loves God and wants to follow His ways. Review the heart symbol.

Let's take 60 seconds of silence for you to be alone with Jesus and listen for what He wants to tell you. If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart, and you want to, use this time to ask Him open to your heart and heal the place where sin separates you from God. You can pray it in your own words or come pray the ABC Prayer with me. Provide a minute of silence before praying.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

TREASURE TREAT: Heart with a cross

W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #9

• OFFERING OF ART: Jesus touching the man's ears to heal them

PRAYER REQUESTS

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Loud Crunchers

GAME: "Speak His Praise" Balloon Bounce

**CRAFT:** Heart Cross

**DISCUSSION:** Justified in Our Hearts

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Bible Memory Verse Brainstorm,

Hot Potato Scramble

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**