



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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? (Put his fingers into the man's ears, spit and touched the man's tongue, looked to heaven and said, "Ephphatha!")

meaning "be opened.") **Jesus opens our ears so we can hear what He wants us to do. He heals our tongue so we can speak clearly when we tell others about Him. He opens our hearts to believe in Him.**

Jesus healed the man's ears and tongue. In what other ways can Jesus heal us? Jesus can heal us from sickness, loneliness, worrying, and from habits of sinning (doing wrong in God's eyes). Jesus 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.

After the miracle, people continued telling others about Jesus. Who can you tell about Jesus today? Your Treasure Treat is a heart with a cross. Use it to tell others about the greatest miracle of all—the healing of our hearts. Giving His life on the cross made the way for our hearts to be close with God forever.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Heart with a cross
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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