

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 13:10-17

LIFE POINT

Jesus healed people.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus healed people.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus healed sick people.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: August 13**BIBLE VERSE**Jesus healed many people.
Luke 7:21 (*Paraphrase*)Jesus healed many people.
Luke 7:21 (*CSB*)[Jesus] cured many. Luke 7:21 (*KJV*)Jesus cured many. Luke 7:21 (*NIV*)[Jesus] healed many people.
Luke 7:21 (*ESV*)[Jesus] cured many. Luke 7:21 (*NKJV*)**SCHEDULE AND PROPS****Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)
Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Play Doctor”—dolls, bandages, pretend medical tools (*optional*)
- “Jesus Healed a Woman”—crayons, coloring sheets (*1 per child*)
- “Drop the Verse”—sheet of paper, permanent marker, large craft sticks (*enough for each word and the reference of the Bible verse*)

Countdown Video (*3 minutes*)
Props: none**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)
Props: none**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)
Props: none**Connection Point Game**
(*10 minutes*)
Props: 60 chenille stems**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)
Props: none**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)
Props: Bible, twisty drinking straw, non-bending drinking straw, bendable drinking straw**Worship Song and Offering**
(*3 minutes*)
Props: none**Connection Point Bible Verse**
(*5-8 minutes*)
Props: beach ball, marker**Connection Point Missions**
(*5-8 minutes*)
Props: none**Real Life Connections**
(*3-5 minutes*)
Props: none**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**
Countdown video
- **Worship Song:**
“Live Like Him”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**
Life Point and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Game:**
Connection Point Game slide
- **Worship Song:**
“Because He Loves Us”
- **Bible Story:**
Bible Story and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**
Connection Point Bible Verse and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**
Connection Point Missions and *Connect to Missions* slides; “Anne Bagby” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**
Real Life Connections and *Life Point* slides

Huddle Ups (Optional)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies (for each small group):
 - “Play Doctor”—dolls, bandages, pretend medical tools (optional)
 - “Jesus Healed a Woman”—crayons, coloring sheets (1 per child)
 - “Drop the Verse”—sheet of paper, permanent marker, large craft sticks (enough for each word and the reference of the Bible verse)

Huddle Up (Before the Session)

“Play Doctor”

Prep: none

- Provide dolls, bandages, and pretend medical tools (optional).
- Encourage preschoolers to care for sick baby dolls.
- As preschoolers play, lead them to talk about times when they have been sick.
- Ask questions such as, “Who took care of you? Did you go to the doctor’s office? What made you feel better?”
- Mention that Jesus healed sick people.
- Explain that to *heal* means “to make well.”
- Comment that Jesus could make people well because He is God’s Son.

Huddle Up (Before or After the Session)

“Jesus Healed a Woman”

Prep: Print this session’s coloring sheet (available on the DVD-ROM).

- Tell preschoolers that Jesus healed a woman who could not stand straight.

- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

Huddle Up (After the Session)

“Drop the Verse”

Prep: On a sheet of paper write your preferred version of Luke 7:21. On separate craft sticks write each word and the reference. (Play as 1 large group or several small groups. Make additional sets of craft sticks for each small group.)

- Review the Life Point: **Jesus healed people.**
- Remind preschoolers that in today’s Bible story, Jesus made a woman well. Jesus healed the woman’s back so she could stand straight.
- Read aloud from the paper Luke 7:21.
- Invite a child to hold all of the craft sticks and drop them on the floor or table.
- Remove any stick that lands with the word faceup.
- Continue dropping the sticks until preschoolers reveal all of the words.
- Help preschoolers put the verse words in order. (Allow children to reference the paper for the printed verse.)
- Lead preschoolers to say aloud the Bible verse.
- Mix the craft sticks and play again as time allows.
- Mention the names of sick people in your church family or others with whom your group is familiar.
- Lead your group to pray for their healing.

Countdown Video

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Countdown video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play the Countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “Live Like Him” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Coming to church to hear Bible stories is always fun. We can praise God and learn about His Son, Jesus. Let’s stand and sing!

(Show the music video.)

(Kids stand to sing.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STORY LEADER

Hi, friends! I’m glad to see you at church today! We will sing songs, play games, and hear an amazing Bible story!

Can anyone tell me who is God’s Son? *(Allow for responses.)* You’re right! Jesus is God’s Son! Jesus can do anything, and He helps people.

Today, we will hear that Jesus healed sick people. To *heal* means “to make well.” Jesus healed people who could not see, who could not walk, and who were very sick.

(Show Life Point slide.)

Jesus healed people. Say that with me: **“Jesus healed people.”**

Our Bible verse says that Jesus healed many people. Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- Jesus healed many people. Luke 7:21 *(Paraphrase)*
- Jesus healed many people. Luke 7:21 *(CSB)*
- [Jesus] cured many. Luke 7:21 *(KJV)*
- Jesus cured many. Luke 7:21 *(NIV)*
- [Jesus] healed many people. Luke 7:21 *(ESV)*
- [Jesus] cured many. Luke 7:21 *(NKJV)*

Jesus loves people and wants to help them. Let’s thank God for sending Jesus to heal people.

God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that the Bible tells us so many things that Jesus said and did. Thank You for loving people and wanting to help them. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 6 kids
- ➔ Props: 60 chenille stems

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose 6 kids.
- Form 2 teams.
- Set 30 chenille stems on the floor in front of each team.
- Explain that when you say to begin, players will pick up 1 stem at a time and bend it in half.
- Continue playing until a team bends all of its chenille stems.
- Name the first team to finish as the winner.
- Straighten the stems, choose 2 new teams, and play again as time allows.

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Let’s race! Who would like to play? *(Choose six kids. Form two teams.)*

This game is easy, but you need to work fast! When I say to begin, each player will pick up one stem and bend it in half. How many should you pick up? (*Allow for responses.*) That's right. Pick up only one at a time. After you bend the stem, you may put it down and pick up another one.

Keep playing until your team bends all of the stems. The team that finishes first will be the winner.

Does everyone know what to do? (*Answer any questions and play the game.*)

Good job, friends! What a great race!

(*Show a bent chenille stem.*) Can you bend over like this stem? (*Allow kids to respond.*) Now, can you stand straight? (*Allow kids to respond.*)

Today's Bible story is about a woman who was bent over. She could not stand straight. Do you think Jesus can help her? (*Allow for responses.*) We will hear what happened after we sing!

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: "Because He Loves Us" (*lead sheet available on DVD-ROM*) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

I wonder what will happen to the lady in our Bible story. I'm excited to hear how Jesus will help her.

Can Jesus help us? (*Allow for responses.*) Yes, He can! Jesus loves us and wants what is best for us. He can help us when we are sick or have a problem. Let's sing about Jesus' love for us.

(*Show the music video.*)

(*Lead kids to sit as song ends.*)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, twisty drinking straw, non-bending drinking straw, bendable drinking straw

Option 1: *Show the Bible Story Time video and conclude with a short prayer.*

God, thank You that Jesus helped the woman stand straight. Thank You for all of the ways that You help us, too! Please make us good helpers and teach us to be like Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Option 2: *Tell the following Bible story.*

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(*Show Bible Story slide.*)

(*Show the twisty straw.*) Have you ever used a straw like this one? It's all twisty and curvy! (*Use your finger to follow the path of the straw as you speak.*) Your drink comes up the straw and turns and loops before it gets to the top! I think that's fun!

(*Pick up and show the non-bendable straw.*) Most straws are like this one. It's different from my fun, twisty straw. This straw is straight. (*Use your finger to trace from the bottom of the straw to the top as you speak.*) Your drink starts at the bottom and goes straight up to the top.

(*Pick up and show the bendable straw.*) This straw is a lot like the straight one, but if I do this (*bend the straw*), it bends over! It's not as curvy as my twisty straw, but it's still fun.

These straws remind me of a Bible story. (*Show the unbendable straw.*) Most people stand straight and tall like this straw, but not the lady in today's Bible story. (*Show the bendable straw.*) Instead of standing straight, she was bent over. She could not stand up at all! Let me tell you about her.

(*Open the Bible to Luke 13.*)

It was a special day to worship God. Jesus went to the synagogue and taught the people. The synagogue was like a church.

(Read Luke 13:11.)

A woman was there who had been disabled ... for over eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

Jesus saw the woman. He called out to her and laid His hands on her. Suddenly, the woman was well! She could stand up straight! The woman was very happy and praised God.

The church leader was not happy that Jesus healed the woman. The leader said, "This is a special day to worship God. You should have made this woman well on another day!"

Jesus answered and said, "This woman has been bent over for 18 years! Shouldn't I make her well?"

(Read Luke 13:17.)

When [Jesus] had said these things, ... the whole crowd was rejoicing over all the [wonderful] things he was doing.

(Close the Bible.)

Before the woman met Jesus, she could not stand up straight. (Show bendable straw that is bent over.) She was bent over. Jesus called out to the woman and put His hands on her. Jesus made the woman well. (Straighten the bendable straw.) Now, she could stand up!

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Jesus healed sick people! To *heal* means "to make someone well." Jesus could heal people because He is God's Son.

Jesus taught about God's love by helping people. You can't make a sick person well, but you CAN be a helper! You can be a helper at home by putting away your toys. You can be a helper at church by being a good listener. What's another way you can help? (Allow for responses.) Those are great ideas! When you are a helper, you're being like Jesus and showing God's love to others.

I like this Bible story, and I had fun telling you about it! I know that all of you will be good helpers this week. Let's pray and ask God to help us.

God, thank You that Jesus helped the woman stand straight. Thank You for all of the ways that You help us, too! Please make us good helpers and teach us to be like Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

How do you think the woman felt after Jesus healed her? (Allow kids to respond.) She must have been very excited! She had been bent over for many years. Now, she could stand straight!

Optional Giving Segment:

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money that people give at church helps those who are sick. If you would like to give an offering today,

(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After you collect the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)

CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Connection Point Bible Verse and Bible Verse slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: beach ball, marker

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- On the beach ball write these actions: march in place, jump up and down, wave hands in the air, clap hands.
- Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.
- Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.
- Toss the beach ball to a child.
- Help the child read aloud the action that is closest to his right hand.

- Guide preschoolers to say the Bible verse together while doing the action.
- Repeat the activity as time allows.

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

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CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)

It's time to say our Bible verse! Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)

Whom did Jesus heal (*cure*) in today's Bible story? (Allow for responses.) Jesus healed (*cured*) a woman who was bent over. Jesus touched the woman and made her well! The people were excited when they saw how Jesus helped the woman.

(Lead the activity.)

CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides, "Anne Bagby" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader
- ➔ Props: none

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Missions slide.)

Buck and Anne Bagby were the first Baptist missionaries to Brazil. God used the Bagbys to help many people in Brazil know about Jesus. Let's watch a video to see more about the Bagbys and their missionary work.

(Show the missions video: "Anne Bagby.")

Buck and Anne both knew that God wanted them to do missions work in Brazil. Another couple, Z. C. and Kate Taylor, joined the Bagbys in Brazil a year later. These four people along with one man from Brazil started the first Baptist Church in Salvador, Bahia, of Brazil. Two years later, they began another church in Rio de Janeiro.

(Show the Connect to Missions slide.)

Soon the Bagbys moved to São Paulo. Anne organized and ran a school in São Paulo. (Direct attention to the slide.) This is a picture of a sign at the school. It says that the school was started by Anne and Buck Bagby.

The Bagbys were able to tell many people about Jesus in the churches and schools they started. Today missionaries have started even more churches and schools!

Let's pray and thank God for people like the Bagbys who tell people about Jesus.

God, thank You for sending missionaries to places all around the world. We pray that many people will hear that Jesus is Your Son. Please help the people believe Your Words. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Lead preschoolers to sit in a circle.
- Select a child to be "It."
- Play a version of "Duck, Duck, Goose," saying instead: "Sick, Sick, Healed."
- Explain that "It" will walk around the outside of the circle saying, "sick, sick, healed," as he gently taps each person on the shoulder.
- Comment that when "It" touches a person and says: "Healed," that person will jump up and chase "It" around the circle.
- If the healed child tags "It," he may return to his seat and "It" begins the game again.

- *If the healed child does not tag “It,” he becomes the new “It.”*
- *Play as time allows or until each child is “It.”*

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Real Life Connections slide.)

Today we heard that Jesus healed people. Jesus made sick and hurt people well. Have you ever been sick or hurt? What happened? *(Allow for responses.)*

I’m so glad that Jesus made you well! Jesus can do anything because He is God’s Son!

(Lead the activity.)

(Show Life Point Slide.)

Jesus healed people. Say that with me: **“Jesus healed people.”**

Did you know that Jesus still can help people who are sick? When we know about a sick person, we can pray for him.

I’m so happy that none of you were sick today and you were able to come to church. I’ll see you again next time!

Leader note: *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*