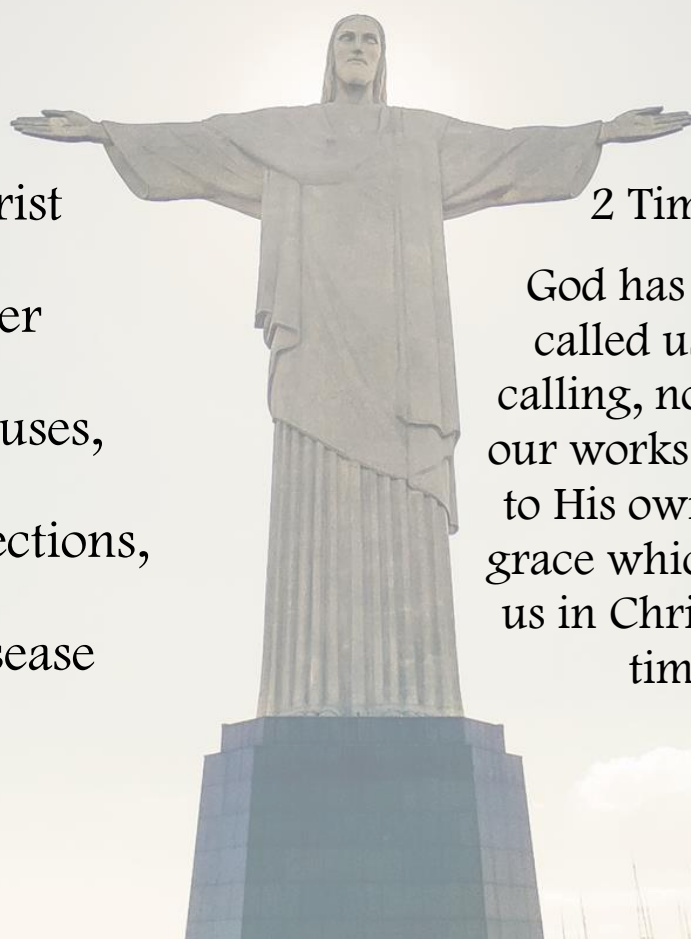


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Christ
Over
Viruses,
Infections,
Disease

2 Timothy **1:9**

God has saved us and
called us with a holy
calling, not according to
our works, but according
to His own purpose and
grace which was given to
us in Christ Jesus before
time began



This VBS Workbook Belongs To:

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Introduction

2020 has been a year of change and upheaval. Between fears and anxieties caused by COVID-19 and the protests and riots that have swept our nation, there are many outward reasons for us to be afraid, not only for our own lives, but for the future of our children and our churches.

It is because of this tendency toward fear, that now is the perfect time to look at what God has to say in His Word about sickness. After all, God has promised us that it is His Word that it makes us “**complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**” (2 Tim. 3:17 NKJV)

Indeed, God has some very important things to tell us in His Word about sickness. He tells us that sickness is a result of sin. He tells us that He uses sickness for His own good purpose. He tells us that He has power over sickness. He tells us that sin is the worst sickness of all. Most importantly, He tells us when sickness will be no more.

This year for Vacation Bible School we are not able to meet in person because of the restrictions that have been placed on us because of COVID-19. However, that does not mean that our study of God’s Word should stop! God wants all of us to be equipped with what He tells us about sickness, so that we can share it with others.

This all online VBS is designed for families to use together in their homes. It is designed to be understood by preschoolers and also to challenge teenagers and adults. This wide range of audience means that some things may seem obvious to you and others may seem less obvious, but all of it is based on God’s Word, which is powerful and effective to plant and sustain faith.

Each lesson is meant to be led by a YouTube video that you can find by searching for “Immanuel Mankato YouTube” or by finding it on our website: immanuelmankato.org

Every day of VBS will consist of 5 parts:

1. **Bible Lesson** which can be completely found in the YouTube Video.
2. **Discussion Questions** which are meant to initiate discussion between children and parents. There are no answers given. Instead we encourage you to discuss and look in your Bible for the answers. Reach out to a friend or a pastor for more discussion!
3. **Music** which includes our hymn of the week found on page 29 and some fun songs.
4. **Craft Time** which includes coloring and crafts found in this packet and are designed to need very common household supplies (see list on the next page)
5. **Daily Scavenger Hunt** in which you go on a search for something in or around your house that teaches an object lesson. Fill out the worksheet on page 30.

This Virtual VBS will be coming out live every day of the week of July 27-31, 2020. However, it will be available for free to whoever wants to use it for one calendar year. Please feel free to share as much as you can and are able.

God bless and keep you all through these times of trial, remembering that Christ has already triumphed!

Pastor Joe Naumann
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Craft Supplies Needed this Week

- Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue or Glue Sticks
- 3 Paper Plates
- Index Cards
- Cereal Box
- Hole Puncher
- Flowers/Leaves (real or fake)
- Paper Clip or Paper Metal Fastener

Bonus Materials (not needed but add to the fun!)

- Construction Paper
- Band-Aids
- Googly Eyes
- Pipe Cleaners
- Pom-Poms
- Stickers

Day 1 – Why Is There Sickness?

Genesis 3:1-19

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" ¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." ¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."



Discussion Questions

Has there always been sickness in our world?

What happened that caused sickness, disease, and death to come into our world?

Can you remember a time you tried to run and hide like Adam and Eve?

Adam and Eve sinned, but that was a long time ago. Why are we effected today?

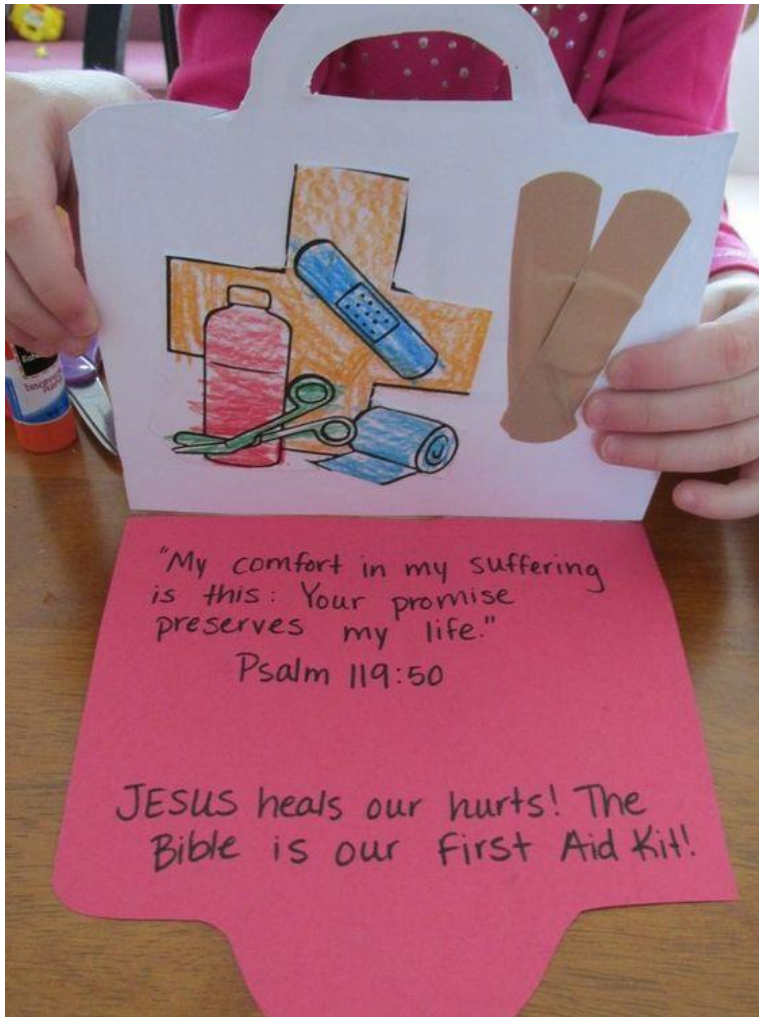
What consequences are there for sin now for men and women?

Can you think of someone in your family who has gotten very sick before?

What promise did God make to the Devil that was good news for us?

Will we ever get to go back to the Garden of Eden?

Day 1 Craft: A Christian's First Aid Kit



Materials:

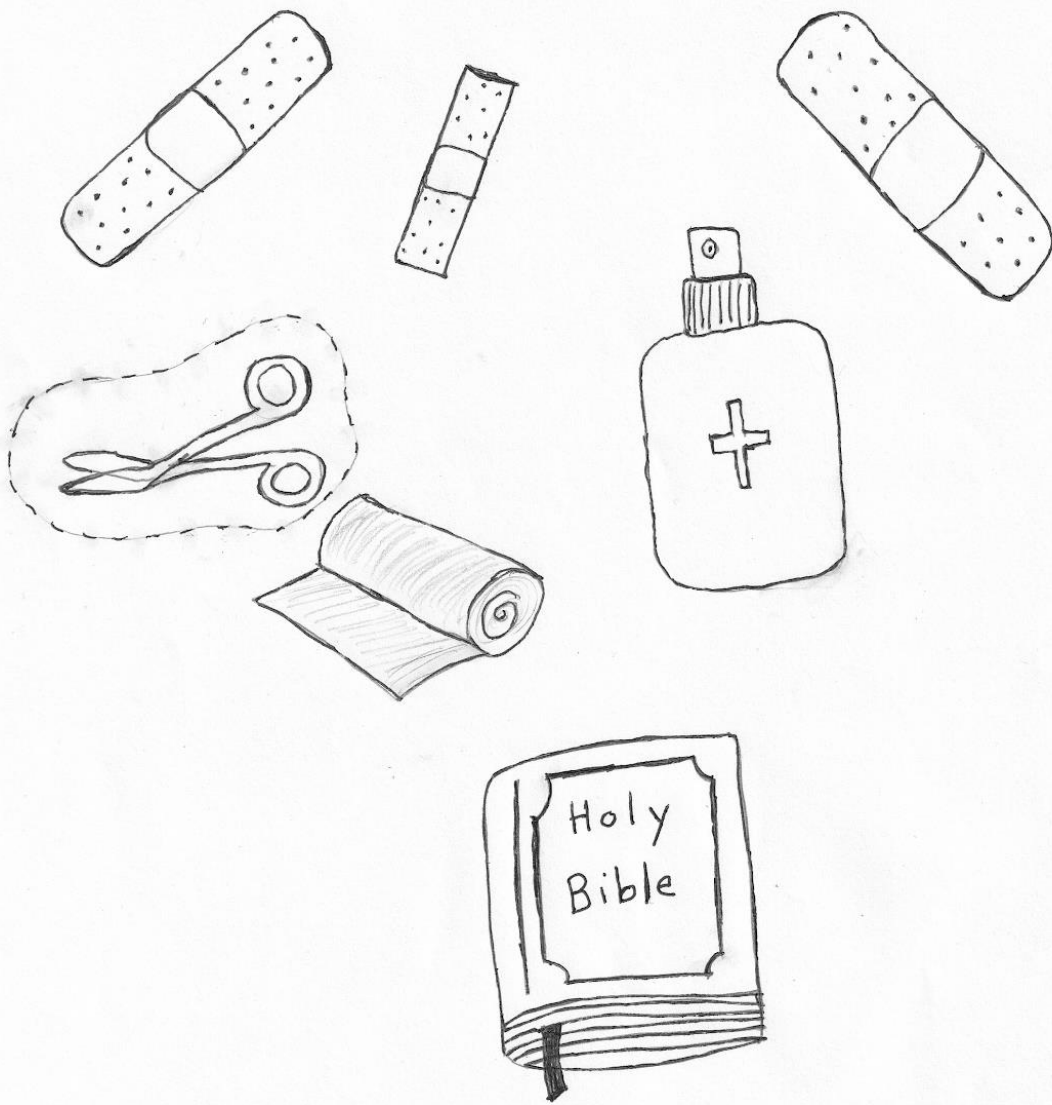
- Printed templates
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Black marker or pen

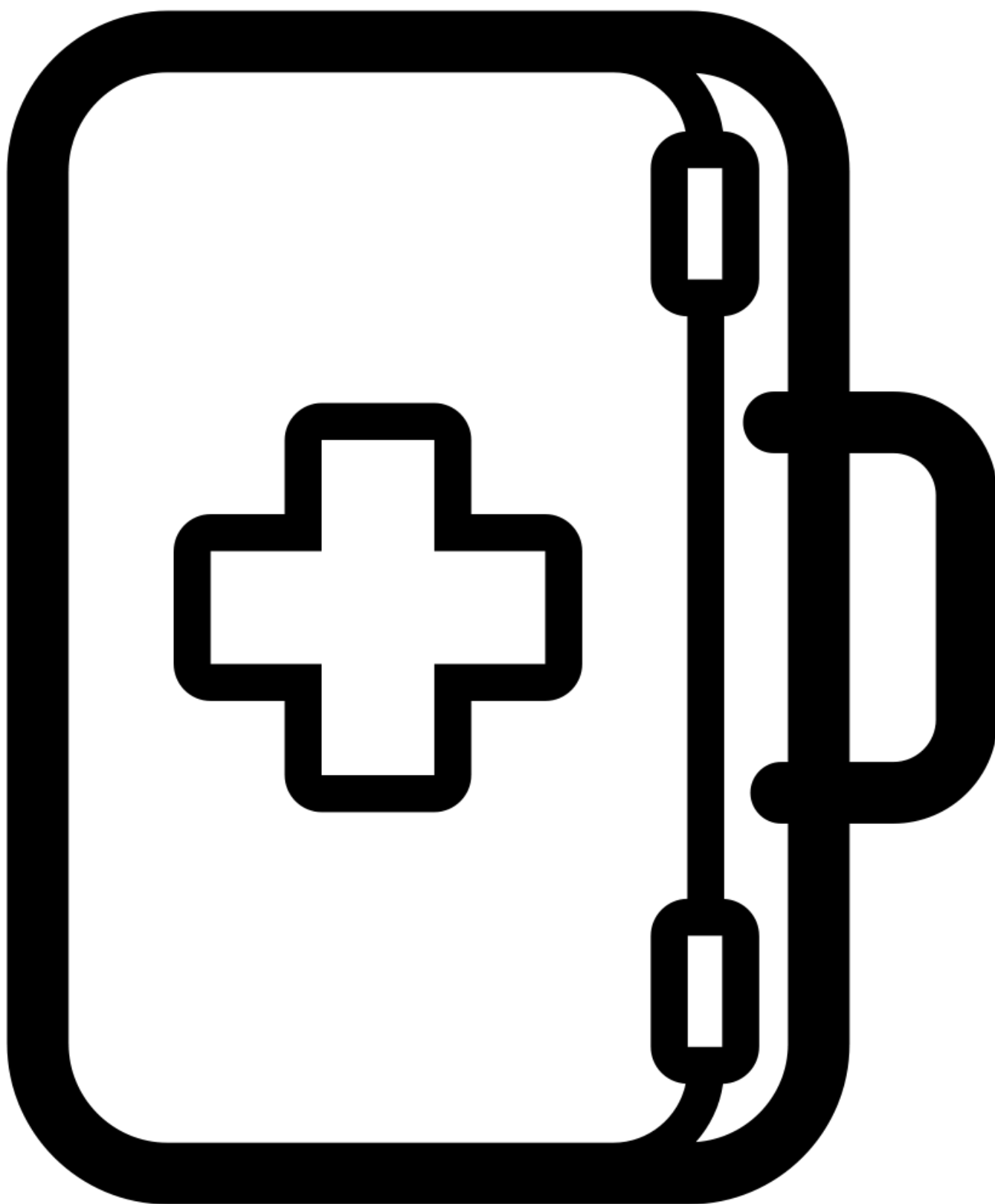
Bonus materials if available:

- construction paper
- Real bandages

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1. Print out templates if not done so already.
2. Color First Aid bag and medical supplies.
3. Fold First Aid bag template sheet in half and cut out leaving the bottom attached
4. Find favorite verse of comfort and write it in the First Aid bag. (or the outside on front or back for more room inside fold)
5. Cut out medical supplies and glue them to the inside of the folded bag cutout. (around the verse)





Day 2 – How Does God Use Sickness?

Numbers 21:5-9

And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." ⁶ So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.



Discussion Questions

Why did Israel complain when the Lord miraculously provided them with manna?

Should they have complained?

What things do we complain about? Should we complain about them?

Why did God send serpents to bite the children of Israel?

Why do our parents give us punishments?

How did God rescue Israel from the fiery serpents?

We suffer from a spiritual poison. What is it?

How did God rescue us from this poison? Read John 3:14-16

Day 2 Craft: Serpent in the Wilderness



Materials:

- Paper plate
- 2 different colored markers
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors

Bonus materials if available:

- Googly eyes
- Pink pipe cleaners or pink felt for tongue
- Pompom for tail

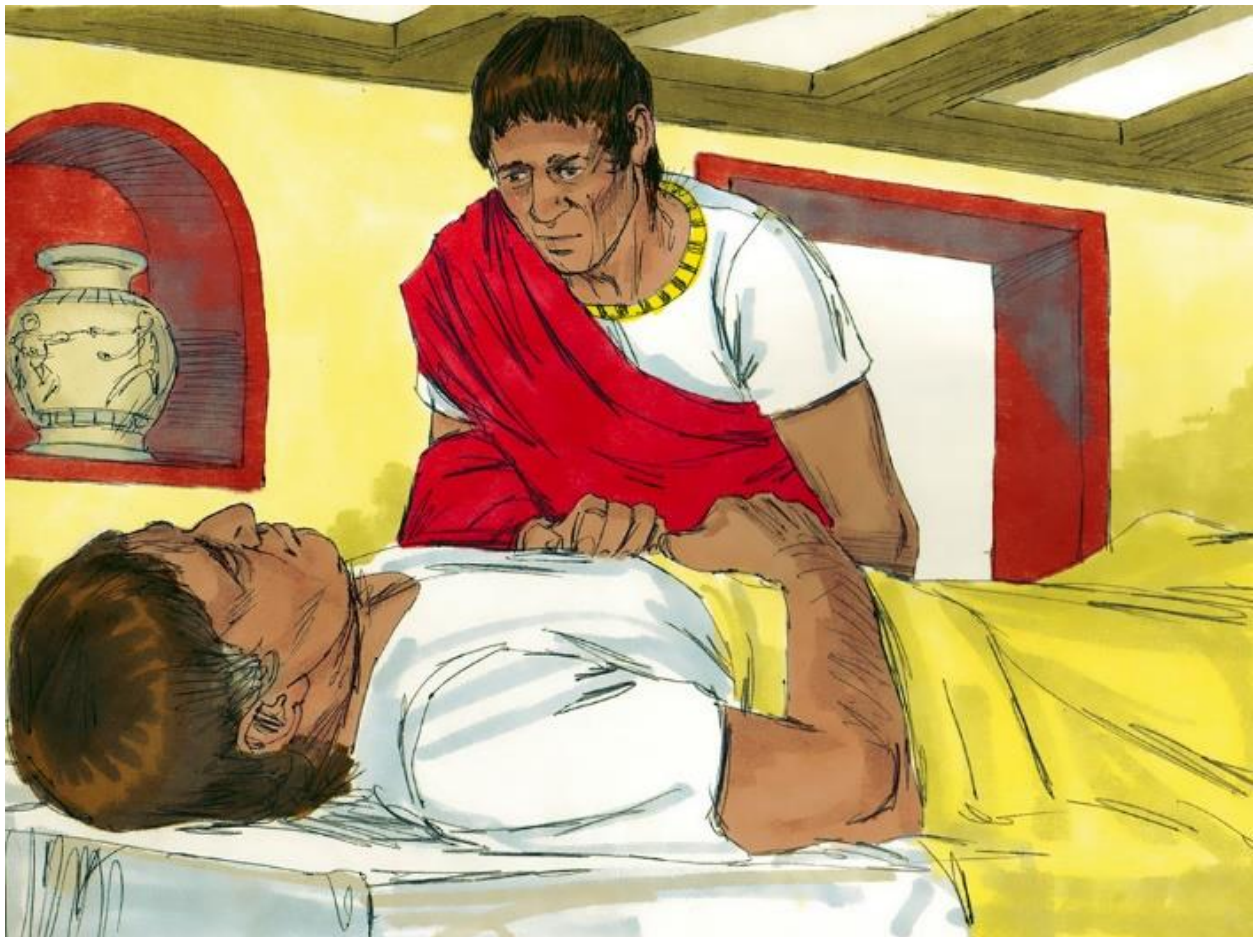
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1. Draw outline for serpent in a circular motion including head
2. Draw face (or glue on extra materials for face)
3. Write out verse along the body: **John 3:14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up”**
4. Color body any color you wish the serpent to be
5. Cut along the spiral line

Day 3 – Who Has Power Over Sickness?

Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." ⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ¹¹ "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.



Discussion Questions

How many people is a centurion in charge of?

Ask your parents how many people God has put them in charge of. Work? Family?

What are some things that a centurion would need to be concerned about?

Why did Jesus see the centurion as having such great faith?

Where did Jesus get the power to heal the centurion's servant?

What else does Jesus have power over?

Who is someone you know who is sick that you can pray for?

Day 3 Craft: Recipe Cards for Comfort

There is a tradition of bringing food to an ill person or to families of people who have gone to be with the Lord.

Make a recipe card of food that you like or food you think would be good to share with someone who needs comfort.

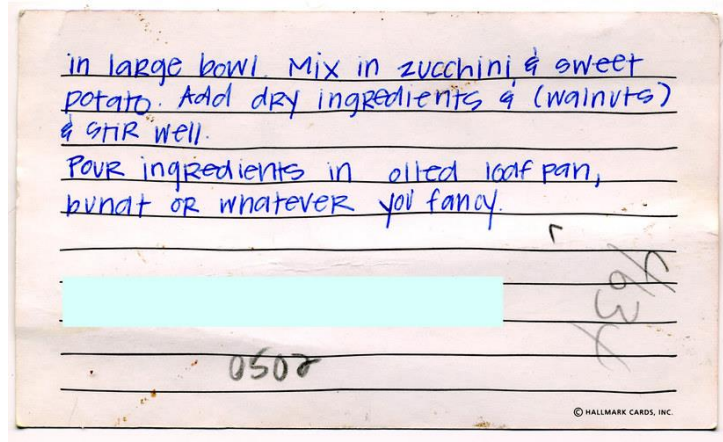
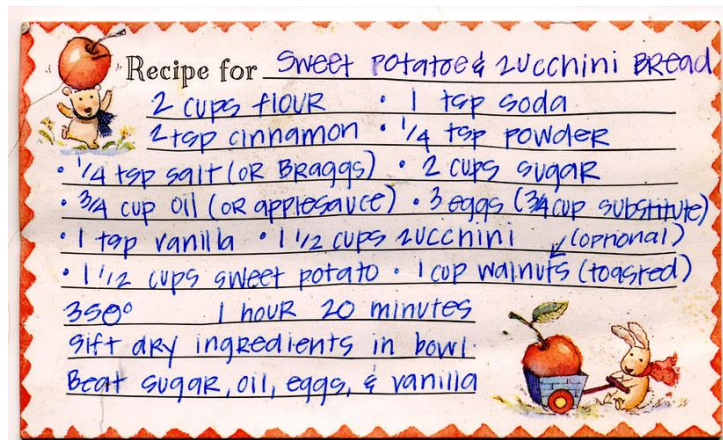
You can use a recipe that is a part of family tradition, from a cookbook, or from the internet.

Materials:

- Index cards or cut out card stock
- Pen or pencil
- Favorite recipe

Bonus materials if available:

- Coloring utensils
- Gel pens
- Stickers



1. Select a recipe
2. Write the name of the dish at the top of the index card (or a cut out on card stock paper)
3. Write out the ingredients on the front and the cooking instructions on the bottom or back side of card.
4. If there is space, draw a picture of the food or other happy images. (flowers, smiles, etc.)
5. Maybe add a bible verse if you still have room.
6. Find a place to keep your recipe for when you need to make it.

Day 4 – What is the Worst Sickness of All?

Mark 2:1-12

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ² Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." ⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-- He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"



Discussion Questions

What is the time when you have been the sickest? Yet, what is your worst sickness?

Does paralysis get better by itself? Does sin?

Even paralysis does not affect you after death, but what effect does sin have after death?

Which was easier for Jesus to say to the man? “Get up and walk?” or “Your sins are forgiven?” Why?

Which was easier for Jesus to do? Heal the man’s paralysis or forgive his sins? Why?

Who is the only One who has the power to perform miracles, like healing someone’s sickness?

Who is the only One who has power to heal our greatest sickness of sin? How did He do that?

Why are all of Jesus’ miracles recorded in Scripture for us? Read John 20:30-31.

Day 4 Craft: Bouquet for Someone Special



Materials:

- Cardboard/Cereal box
- Markers
- *Hole punch, nail, screwdriver, or scissors*
- Flowers and leaves (real or fake)

1. Cut out about 8.5x11 size piece of cardboard (cereal box works best)
2. Use a marker to draw out a vase
3. Decorate vase with markers or stickers
4. Poke about a dozen or so holes above the vase in an irregular fashion (not clustered together)

5. Find flowers and leaves to fill in the holes. **Make sure you have an adult's permission to pick flowers and leaves**

You can draw other images, such as a cross, to put flowers and leaves into.

Another idea

Ask parents to press flowers to preserve them longer.

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Day 5 – When Will Sickness Be No More?

Revelation 21:2-7

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.



Discussion Questions

Who wrote the book of Revelation? Was he old or young?

What is the New Jerusalem?

Why can't God the Father dwell with us right now?

How did Jesus come and dwell with us? What name of Jesus emphasizes that fact?

Did Jesus ever cry? Why did He cry?

What are some things that God says will not be in heaven?

What part of you (body or soul) will be made new in heaven?

What is the price Jesus paid so that we can go to heaven?

What is the price we pay so that we can go to heaven? (verse 6)

What is your inheritance because you are a child of God?

Day 5 Craft: “In Heaven...”

Materials:

- 2 Paper plates
- Marker
- Scissors
- Coloring utensils
- Paper clip or metal paper fasteners

1. On the first plate, draw out 6 “pie slices”
2. On the second plate, draw out 1 “pie slice”
3. In the 6 slices, write out the attributes of Revelation 21:4
 - a. God Himself will be with them and be their God
 - b. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
 - c. There shall be no more death
 - d. No sorrow
 - e. No crying
 - f. There shall be no more pain





4. On the second plate, write out "IN HEAVEN" then draw a picture of Heaven. (clouds, gates, sun, angels, Jesus)

5. Each of the 6 slices can be decorated or colored to the child's creative imagination

6. Cut out the 1 slice on plate 2

7. Poke holes in the middle of both plates

8. Use a paper clip or fastener to put together plates.

9. The bottom plate should be able to rotate to see each message about Heaven



Hymn of the Week

1. Christ be my Healer in ill and well-being.
Sickness is conquered, for He is my King.
In every condition, Lord, help us to know
The grace You have given; the mercy You show.
2. Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
3. Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
4. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Daily Scavenger Hunt Worksheet

Day 1

What object did you find? _____

How does this object relate to our lesson? _____

Day 2

What object did you find? _____

How does this object relate to our lesson? _____

Day 3

What object did you find? _____

How does this object relate to our lesson? _____

Day 4

What object did you find? _____

How does this object relate to our lesson? _____

Day 5

What object did you find? _____

How does this object relate to our lesson? _____

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