



## Week of Jun 4 - a

### Scripture: Mt 8:28-34

**Main Idea:** In this story of Jesus healing two men of terrible demon-possession, we see contrasting storylines of healing by Jesus and the rejection of Jesus. We don't know why the townspeople wanted Jesus to leave, but it reminds us that some people will not want to believe in our savior.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** The townspeople wanted Jesus to leave. Do you have friends that don't know or believe in Jesus? If so, should you stop believing in Jesus, to be like your friends?

**Grade school:** Why do you think they wanted Jesus to leave? Because of him an entire herd of pigs died? Were they more afraid of him than the two demon possessed men he healed? Do you know anyone that doesn't believe in Jesus? Do you think you could convince them He's real?

**Teen:** What do you think was going through the townspeople's minds? They had just witnessed two extremely violent men (because of the demons) healed, lost their herd (which would be income) and met a man powerful enough that demons obey him. What are some reasons people today do not want to believe in Jesus? What can you do to show them Jesus, even though they do not believe?

**Adult:** We like to think we'd have been different than the people of the first century. We wouldn't have treated Jesus like....fill in the blank. But would we have been different? List the advantages we have that they didn't. Here are a couple examples: (1) Both Old and New Testaments. (2) We know the Messiah came for Jews and Gentiles

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us see the blessings of our faith in spite of what it may cost us

#### June Memory Verse:

#### Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!



## Week of Jun 4 - b

### Scripture: Mt 9:1-8

**Main Idea:** Jesus heals a paralyzed man, because of his faith and his friends' faith. When he's criticized for declaring the man's sins forgiven, Jesus points out, that yes, he has that kind of power as well. It is a reminder that even though our physical ailments may get our immediate attention, it is our spiritual sickness (sin) that is our greatest need.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** When we pray it seems easy to ask for help with physical pain that we feel, but praying for God to help us when we do wrong, is even more important. Do you feel bad when you sometimes do wrong?

**Grade school:** What do you think this crippled man wanted from Jesus? What did Jesus first give him? (A: forgiveness of sins) Which of those two are more important? Do you think when we ask God for things in prayer, that he gives us even more and better blessings than we ask for?

**Teen:** Jesus intentionally displayed his authority on earth over the physical (sickness in earthly body) and the spiritual (forgiveness of sin). Why did Jesus want the people to see he had the authority to do both of these things?

**Adult:** If you had been the paralyzed man, would you have been disappointed when Jesus told you that your sins were forgiven? Do you think they came to have his sins forgiven? Or to have him healed? Is it easy for us to get so caught up in our physical needs that we forget to ask God for our spiritual needs? When is the last time you prayed for wisdom to better understand a scripture you were studying? Should this type of request be in all our prayers? Why?

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us be healthy spiritually, and to remember how much more important it is, than our physical health.

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