



LESSON 2

REFERENCES: LUKE 4:38-44; THE DESIRE OF AGES, PP. 259, 260.

Jesus' Get-Well Party

Have you ever had a high fever? Do you remember how it felt to be so hot and sick? A long time ago Jesus helped someone with a high fever.

Jesus had spent a busy day teaching the people, and He decided to go to Peter's house. The Bible doesn't tell us why He decided to go there.

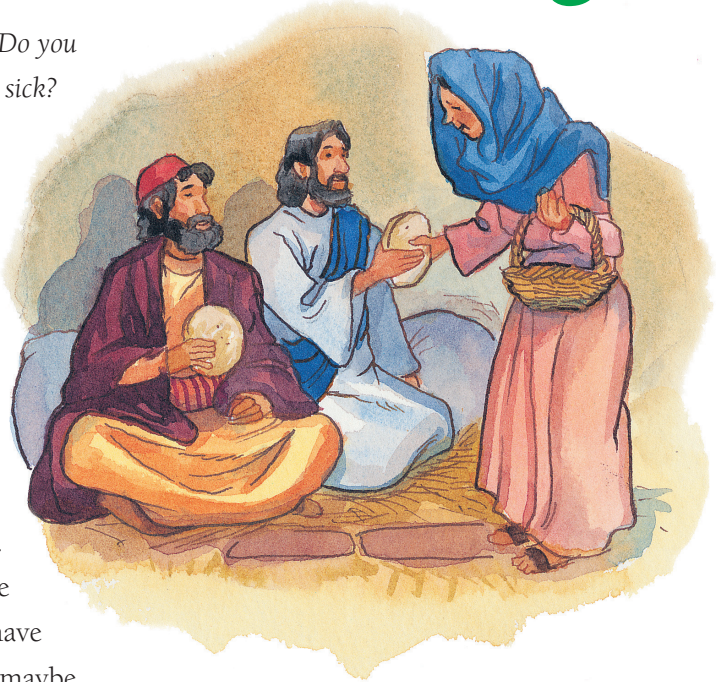
Memory Verse

"I was sick and you looked after me."

MATTHEW 25:36, NIV.

The Message

We serve God when we help sick people.



Maybe He went to have lunch or maybe take a nap. Or maybe He went to talk with His friends away from the crowds. Or maybe it was all of those reasons. The Bible does tell us what happened when He got there.

There was a problem at Peter's house. Peter's wife's mother was sick. She had a high fever, and Peter's family was worried about her.

"I'll ask Jesus to help her," Peter decided.

So Peter told Jesus about his wife's mother and the terrible fever that wouldn't go away. He really wanted Jesus to help her.

Quietly Jesus went with Peter into the room where the sick woman rested. She was so sick! She was too sick to get up and take care of her family.

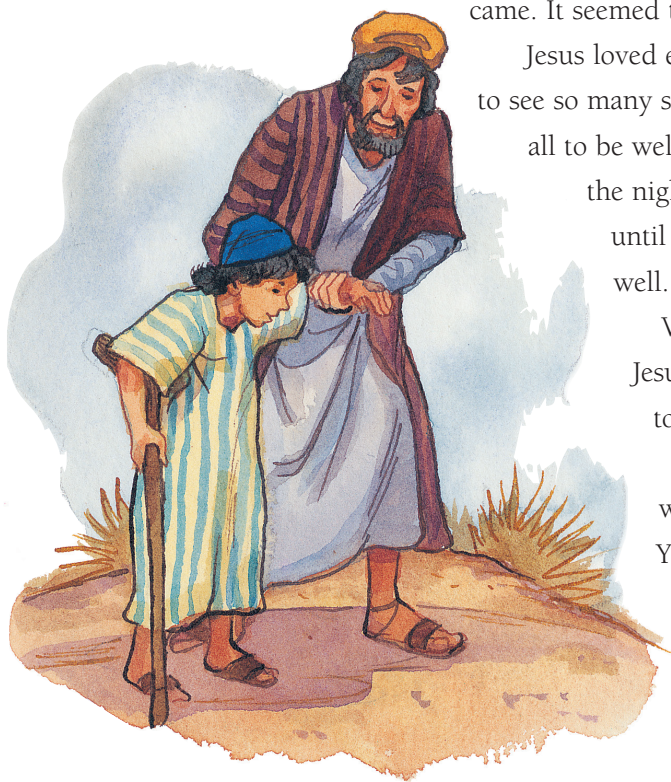
Jesus smiled kindly at her. Then He quietly bent over the woman and told the fever to leave. Immediately, her fever was gone! Right away she got up and fixed food for Jesus and His helpers.

That was big news! Someone visiting Peter could heal the sick! Someone told a neighbor, who told someone else, who told someone else. Soon people all over town knew that Jesus had healed Peter's mother-in-law. And at sunset the people were lining up at Peter's house. Some were sick themselves. Others brought friends or loved ones who were sick. Some walked on their own; others had to be carried by friends. But on and on they came. It seemed they would never stop!

Jesus loved every one of them. It made Him sad to see so many suffering people. He wanted them all to be well. And so hour after hour, late into the night, He healed them. He did not stop until the last person who came was made well.

What a long, exciting day it had been. Jesus was happy that He had been able to help so many sick people.

Jesus wants you to help people who are sick too. What can you do? You can smile. You can sing a happy song. You can give them a drink of cool water. But most of all you can pray and ask Jesus to help them get well.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week read the lesson story together and use the following motions as you review the memory verse.

I Point to self.

was sick Hand on forehead.

and you Point to others.

looked after me . . Put arms around self and give self a hug.

Matthew 25:36 . . Palms together; then open as if opening a book.

SUNDAY

Help your child give or mail the card or picture made in Sabbath School to someone who is sick. Pray for that person.

MONDAY

Give someone in your family at least four hugs today. Try to keep track of the times. Remember that hugging someone can help them feel better.



TUESDAY

Sing a happy song to help someone feel better.

WEDNESDAY

People who are healthy drink lots of water and eat healthy foods.

Help your child get two glasses of a favorite healthy drink and share one with a family member or friend.



THURSDAY

If you know someone who is not feeling well, help your child call him or her on the telephone or visit the person. Isn't it good to know that we can help people who are sick?

FRIDAY

For family worship, act out the lesson story. Have someone in your family share how they feel when they are sick. Think of ways we can be like Jesus and help others. Pray for someone who is sick. Sing "thank-You, Jesus" songs.