



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle B - V Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147, 1-2.3-4.5-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39*

### Jesus Cures Peter's Mother-in-Law

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many, who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

### Reflection

**Jesus leaves the synagogue and goes to the home of Simon Peter. What does He do there?** He heals Peter's mother-in-law who had a fever. **What does she do after she is healed?** (Serves Jesus.) **In the afternoon, many took their sick and possessed to Jesus for healing. Why does Jesus heal them?** (Jesus loves them and has compassion upon them. Also, these miracles will, in the future, confirm that He is God.) **But Jesus does not allow the demons to speak and say who He is. Why doesn't Jesus want everyone to know?** (Possibly because they expected the Messiah to liberate them from the oppressive Romans; they expected another like King David to lift God's people politically. Jesus still had to show them with His life the reason the Son of God came to them.) **Why did Jesus, the Messiah, come?** (He came to preach, to serve, and to show us God's love by dying on the cross, paying for our sins and opening the gates of Heaven for us.) **When the apostles found Him praying, they hurried Him because the sick were waiting; but Jesus wanted to continue preaching the gospel in other towns. Why?** (He preached that the Kingdom of God was near; convert to God. Jesus came to save souls and to show us how to love and serve.) **How can we serve Jesus like Peter's mother-in-law did?** Share.



### Activity

Choose from the following activities: Jesus Heals Me doctor's bag; Jesus Cares About Me card (older children); a card for someone who is sick to pray for them throughout the week.

### Prayer

Lord, you came to earth to show us how to serve and love our neighbor. You also healed those sick of body or spirit. Give us the strength we need to endure all and the generosity to serve others. Amen.

**Song:** Jesus is the Healer, IDMC Kids, <https://youtu.be/yjmTLwKE3GY?si=kVW-UPnao0ip9I7N> (3-7 yrs.)

Healer, Casting Crowns, [https://youtu.be/57S\\_NBOmyx0?si=OKbVNjJRdu2OBsoA](https://youtu.be/57S_NBOmyx0?si=OKbVNjJRdu2OBsoA) (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Xo3\\_tHsOie8EbHXjXC4dEaGcVvRXPgef/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Xo3_tHsOie8EbHXjXC4dEaGcVvRXPgef/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



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Instructions: Doctor's bag: Fold a red construction paper in half. Cut a white cross, 2"x2"; glue to front with sign JESUS CURES ME. Cut 2 white handles (4"x 2"x 0.5") and glue to outside, middle edge. Cut and color picture and glue to inside of red paper. Talk about how Jesus heals.

**JESUS CURES ME**



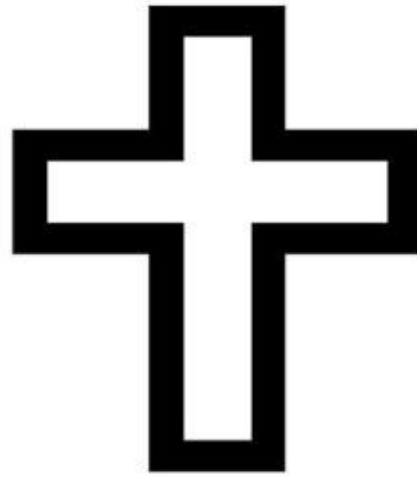
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# JESUS CARES ABOUT ME

**AMEN**

I love you so much

I know my purpose is to

Thank you for giving me joy when

Thank you for my friends and family

Give me hope when

Please help me to have peace when

Please heal me from

**Dear Jesus,**

