



Jesus Heals Us

Engage: Page 51

- ▶ Take turns feeling each other's foreheads or using a thermometer to check for a temperature. **Say:** *Sometimes our bodies need God's healing. Sometimes our hearts or minds need God's healing, like when we are sad.*
- ▶ **Say:** *Let's read a poem about caring for someone.* Read aloud and discuss each line of the poem. **Say:** *Jesus cares for us when we get sick.*
- ▶ Discuss how families can care for one another when they get sick. Then pray aloud the prayer together. Conclude by praying *Amen*.

Explore: Pages 52–53

- ▶ Brainstorm a list of things that help you and your child feel better when you are sick. (rest, quiet activities, medicine) **Say:** *When you are resting quietly, ask Jesus for patience and healing.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 52. Have your child point to the word *heal*. Help him or her find it in the Glossary and discuss the definition. Then read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Did You Know? feature. Briefly retell the story of Jesus healing Jairus's daughter, found in Luke 8:40–56.
- ▶ **Say:** *We can ask Jesus to help us heal when we are sad, angry, or hurt. He is always there for us.* Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 53. Have your child point to the word *faith*. Help your child find it in the Glossary and discuss the definition. Read aloud the directions and have your child draw a picture.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. Pray the Sign of the Cross together.



Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 9 Blackline Master

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of Jesus healing someone.
- ▶ **Ask:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including the actions and expressions of the people.
- ▶ **Say:** *Jesus helps people who are sick. Jesus helps us even when we don't look or feel sick.*
- ▶ Display the Art Print Blackline Master for Session 9. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud the section A Healing Message. **Say:** *The soldier believed in Jesus. He knew Jesus could help. We know Jesus loves us and can heal us too.*
- ▶ Read aloud the section Jesus Heals Bookmark. Help your child decorate and cut out the bookmark.
- ▶ **Say:** *We are blessed and comforted because Jesus heals our hearts when we are sick or sad.* Help your child cut out a construction-paper heart and paste it on a large sheet of drawing paper. Then have your child place first-aid bandage strips on the heart. Help your child write the title *Jesus Heals My Heart* at the top of the paper. Display it in your home.

Reflect: Pages 54–55

- ▶ Together look at page 54. **Ask:** *Why do you think the girl in the picture looks so happy?* Remind your child that Jesus gives us comfort when we are hurting, and we ask him to heal us.
- ▶ **Say:** *I am going to pray a line of the prayer. Then you pray "Jesus, heal us" after me.* Pray aloud the prayer together. Close by praying the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 55. **Say:** *I am going to tell you a Bible story about a man who could not walk. Listen for the miracle performed by Jesus.* Read aloud the story found in Mark 2:1–12 from a children's Bible or retell it from your Bible using simple language. Then complete the activity together. Use the pictures to take turns retelling the story. Remind your child that Jesus is always with us—when we are happy and when we are hurting.

Respond: Page 56

- ▶ Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the words *heal* and *faith*. **Say:** *We have talked about how we can be like Jesus and help people who are hurting.*
- ▶ Invite your child to pray silently as you pray aloud. **Say:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for taking care of me. Help me care for others the way you care for me.* Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.