

GOD WANTS TO HEAL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LESSON PLAN FROM WHO'S TEACHING THE BABIES?®



God is a Good Father

God created us to look like Him! He loves us first so we can know how to love others.

- ➔ How do we know that God created us? Because God's Word tells us.
- ➔ How do we know that God loves us? Because God's Word tells us, and Jesus died for us.
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Do you notice a pattern?

What is God's Word? It is God speaking to us. God does not lie—He keeps His Word!

Have you ever heard someone say, "You look like one of your parents?" We were also meant to look like our Heavenly Father.

Genesis 1:27: "So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God He created them. He created them male and female." (ICB)

How did you learn to walk, eat, love? Your parents or caregivers taught you, and you watched them do it.

1 John 4:8: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (ICB)

Who do you go to when you get hurt or when you are sick? What would your parents do if you broke a leg? Your parents would care for you and help you to get better.

Psalms 145:9: "The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation." (NLT)

Why do your parents discipline you? They do not harm you or make you sick. They discipline or give consequences for your choices so that you might learn the way you should go. They want you, and those around you, to have a good, happy life.

Sickness is not from God. It is not His will.

A Good Father does not bring sickness on His children, but heals and cares for them.

Psalms 107:19-21: "In their misery they cried out to the Lord. And he saved them from their troubles. God gave the command and healed them. So they were saved from dying. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his love and for the miracles he does for people." (ICB)

God is the giver of life. God is our healer. God protects us!



Psalms 41:2-3: "The Lord will protect him and spare his life. The Lord will bless him in the land. The Lord will not let his enemies take him. The Lord will give him strength when he is sick. The Lord will make him well again." (ICB)

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God hears and responds to our prayers for help!

Psalm 30:2: "Lord, my God, I prayed to you. And you healed me." (ICB)

He forgives us, He saves us from trouble and death, and He restores us to His image with His love and mercy. Even if we've done wrong, He always forgives us and always loves us, and is always ready to help us if we turn to Him!

Psalm 103:2-4: "My whole being, praise the Lord. Do not forget all his kindnesses. The Lord forgives me for all my sins. He heals all my diseases. He saves my life from the grave. He loads me with love and mercy." (ICB)

God Never intended for us to live with sickness. That is the effect of sin, and when He washed sin away by paying for it on the cross, He washed away the effects of sin as well. His heart for His children is for them to be blessed.

Exodus 23:25: "You must worship the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless your bread and your water. I will take away sickness from you." (ICB)

God is our Father and Maker. The giver of life. He is not our enemy.

So who is the one who harms us? Who is the one who accuses us and doesn't forgive us? The enemy! What is brought sickness and death into the world? Sin! Through Jesus, our sin has now been paid for, so its effects are paid for/healed too.

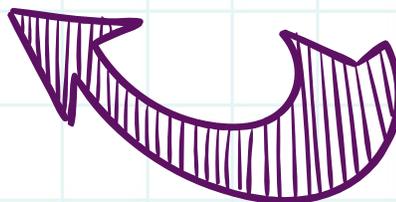
*John 10:10: "A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. **But I came to give life—life in all its fullness.**" (ICB)*

Jesus came to show us what God was really like.

Teacher Note: In this section, there are five "act it out" skits. You may want to team up the children into five groups ahead of time, allowing each group to act out one of the sections of Scripture. Explain the setting and characters to each group, assign each a role to play, and have them consider what they would have said, felt, and seen if they were a part of this scene. You may want to provide props to help paint the picture of what is happening. If teaching an age group that can read, it might be helpful to print out the Scriptures for their scene so that they can read and think about it. Optionally, if you have adult helpers, they can act out the scenes, involving the children as fits the classroom.

What is a good way to teach or explain something to someone, other than words, especially if they are afraid or don't believe you? You can show them or demonstrate—give them proof.

Can you think of any examples in the Bible of Jesus healing someone or performing a miracle?



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What kind of God would want to heal or help those who need it—even those that don't deserve it? A God is who compassionate, caring, and merciful.

★ SCENE #1 *NEED 2-3 PEOPLE

Matthew 8:14-17: "Jesus went to Peter's house. There Jesus saw that Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a high fever. Jesus touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she stood up and began to serve Jesus. That evening people brought to Jesus many who had demons. Jesus spoke and the demons left them. Jesus **healed all the sick**. He did these things to make come true what Isaiah the prophet said: '**He took our suffering on him. And he felt our pain for us**.'" (ICB)

Jesus proved that God **wants** to heal us, and He wants us to be whole.

★ SCENE #2 *NEED 2-3 PEOPLE

"Matthew 8:2-3: "Then a man sick with a harmful skin disease came to Jesus. The man bowed down before him and said, '**Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want**.' Jesus touched the man and said, '**I want to heal you. Be healed!**' And **immediately the man was healed** from his skin disease.'" (ICB)

Jesus came to save us from being destroyed. No sickness was too big/impossible for him.

★ SCENE #3 *NEED 2 OR MORE PEOPLE

Luke 8:43-48: "A woman was there who had been bleeding for 12 years. **She had spent all her money on doctors, but no doctor was able to heal her**. The woman came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his coat. **At that moment, her bleeding stopped**. Then Jesus said, 'Who touched me?' All the people said they had not touched Jesus. Peter said, 'Master, the people are all around you and are pushing against you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone did touch me! I felt power go out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not hide, she came forward, shaking. She bowed down before Jesus. While all the people listened, she told why she had touched him. Then, she said, she was healed immediately. Jesus said to her, 'Dear woman, you are healed because you believed. Go in peace.'" (ICB) ****Can also look at story of Jesus healing man at pool of Bethesda, John 5:1-15 (would need 2 or more people).**

Jesus healed **All** who came to Him.

Matthew 9:35: "Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues and told people the **Good News** about the kingdom. And He **healed all kinds of diseases and sicknesses**." (ICB)

Jesus demonstrated the Truth of who God is so we will trust Him, believe Him and His Word, and follow Him.

★ SCENE #4 *NEED 3 OR MORE PEOPLE

Luke 8:49-50: "While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue ruler and said to the ruler, 'Your daughter has died! Don't bother the teacher now.' When Jesus heard this, he said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid. **Just believe**, and your daughter will be well.'" (ICB)

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Jesus even healed those that “didn’t deserve it” like outsiders (people that aren’t part of their religion), people that had sinned, people that didn’t believe He could heal, and people that hadn’t earned being healed. Jesus has all the authority to heal, right now.

SCENE #5 *NEED 2 OR MORE PEOPLE

Matthew 8:5-10,13: “Jesus went to the city of Capernaum. When he entered the city, **an army officer came to Jesus and begged for help.** The officer said, ‘Lord, my servant is at home in bed. He can’t move his body and is in much pain.’ Jesus said to the officer, ‘I will go and heal him.’ The officer answered, ‘Lord, I am not good enough for you to come into my house. All you need to do is command that my servant be healed, and he will be healed. I myself am a man under the authority of other men. And I have soldiers under my command. I tell one soldier, ‘Go,’ and he goes. I tell another soldier, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and my servant obeys me. When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those who were with him, ‘I tell you the truth. This man has more faith than any other person I have found, even in Israel. Then Jesus said to the officer, ‘Go home. **Your servant will be healed just as you believed he would.’ And at that same time his servant was healed.**” (ICB)

 **Jesus gave His life for us and suffered for us, so that we might receive His life, become God’s children, and be restored to God’s image. This is not a God who wants us to be sick.**

He took every punishment for everything that we can ever do wrong.

*Isaiah 53:4-5: “But **he took our suffering on him and felt our pain** for us. We saw his suffering. We thought God was punishing him. But he was wounded for the wrong things we did. He was crushed for the evil things we did. **The punishment, which made us well, was given to him. And we are healed because of his wounds.**” (ICB)*

He took our every weakness. If we receive His payment for our lives, we are made as if we never sinned (righteous), we are made strong in Him. We are set free from any chain of pain, or sin or thing we don’t want to do (ungodly).

*1 Peter 2:24: “Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross. He did this so that we would **stop living for sin and start living for what is right.** And we are healed because of his wounds.” (ICB)*

 **We get to RE-present Christ on the earth.**

Who does the president of the United States represent when he goes to other countries? Who does the queen of England represent? What if it is a Saturday—does she still represent her country and her people? God has given you, as a believer or Christian (a follower or disciple of Christ), the Authority and Power to represent Jesus and His Kingdom.

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Mark 16:17-18: “And **those who believe will be able to do these things as proof**: They will use my name to force demons out of people. They will speak in languages they never learned. They will pick up snakes without being hurt. And they will drink poison without being hurt. They will touch the sick, and **the sick will be healed.**” (ICB)

We just simply **believe** that God is telling the truth in His Word to us about what He has done and will do through us!

Mark 11:23-24: “I tell you the truth. You can say to this mountain, ‘Go, mountain, fall into the sea.’ And if you have no doubts in your mind and believe that the thing you say will happen, then God will do it for you. So I tell you to ask for things in prayer. **And if you believe that you have received those things, then they will be yours.**” (ICB)

Jesus is on the throne and He has been given power and authority over all things. He has also given authority and power to us, His believers, over all power of the enemy. We are victorious. We are now to demonstrate that as we grow into this understanding.

Luke 10:19: “Listen! I gave you power to walk on snakes and scorpions. **I gave you more power than the Enemy has. Nothing will hurt you.**” (ICB)

The power and authority to preach the gospel, work miracles, heal the sick, and cast out demons is not just for Jesus. His followers were to do this also. This is why Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, to do what Jesus did.

Acts 3:1-9: “One day Peter and John went to the Temple. It was three o’clock in the afternoon. This was the time for the daily prayer service. There, at the Temple gate called Beautiful Gate, was a man who had been crippled all his life. Every day he was carried to this gate to beg. He would ask for money from the people going into the Temple. The man saw Peter and John going into the Temple and asked them for money. Peter and John looked straight at him and said, ‘Look at us!’ The man looked at them; he thought they were going to give him some money. But Peter said, ‘I don’t have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you: **By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth—stand up and walk!**’ Then Peter took the man’s right hand and lifted him up. **Immediately the man’s feet and ankles became strong.** He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk. He went into the Temple with them, walking and jumping, and praising God. All the people recognized him. They knew he was the crippled man who always sat by the Beautiful Gate begging for money. Now they saw this same man walking and praising God. The people were amazed. They could not understand how this could happen.” (ICB)

Don’t cover up the incredible authority, power, and identity that you have in Jesus. Now is the acceptable time. We are no longer waiting on God’s blessings. We are not waiting on His decision to heal us. He already decided this and paid for it to be done, on the cross. Once we receive His salvation, **now is the time to receive and release all of His blessings.**

2 Corinthians 6:1-2: “We are workers together with God. So we beg you: **Do not let the grace that you received from God be for nothing.** God says, ‘I heard your prayers at the right time, and I gave you help on the day of salvation.’ I tell you that the **“right time” is now.** The “day of salvation” is now.” (ICB)



CRAFT TIME!

Corresponding to the healing of the lame man in Acts 3:1-9

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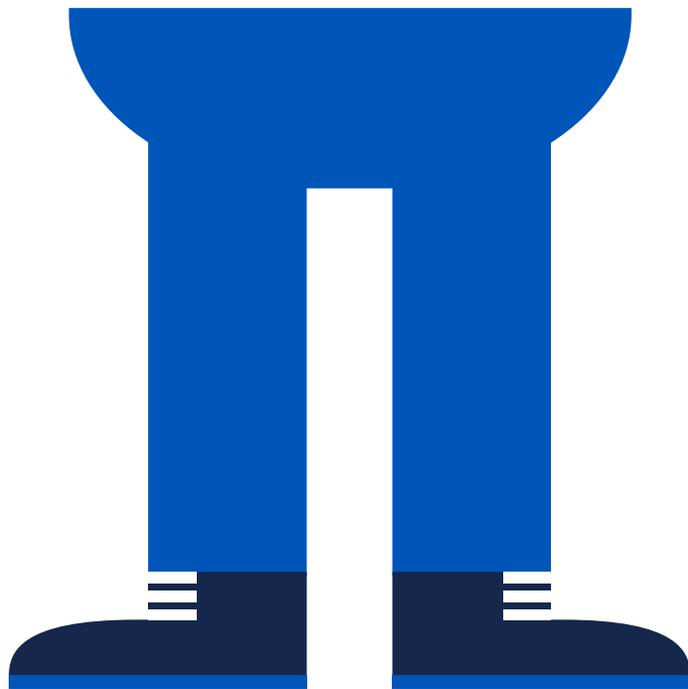
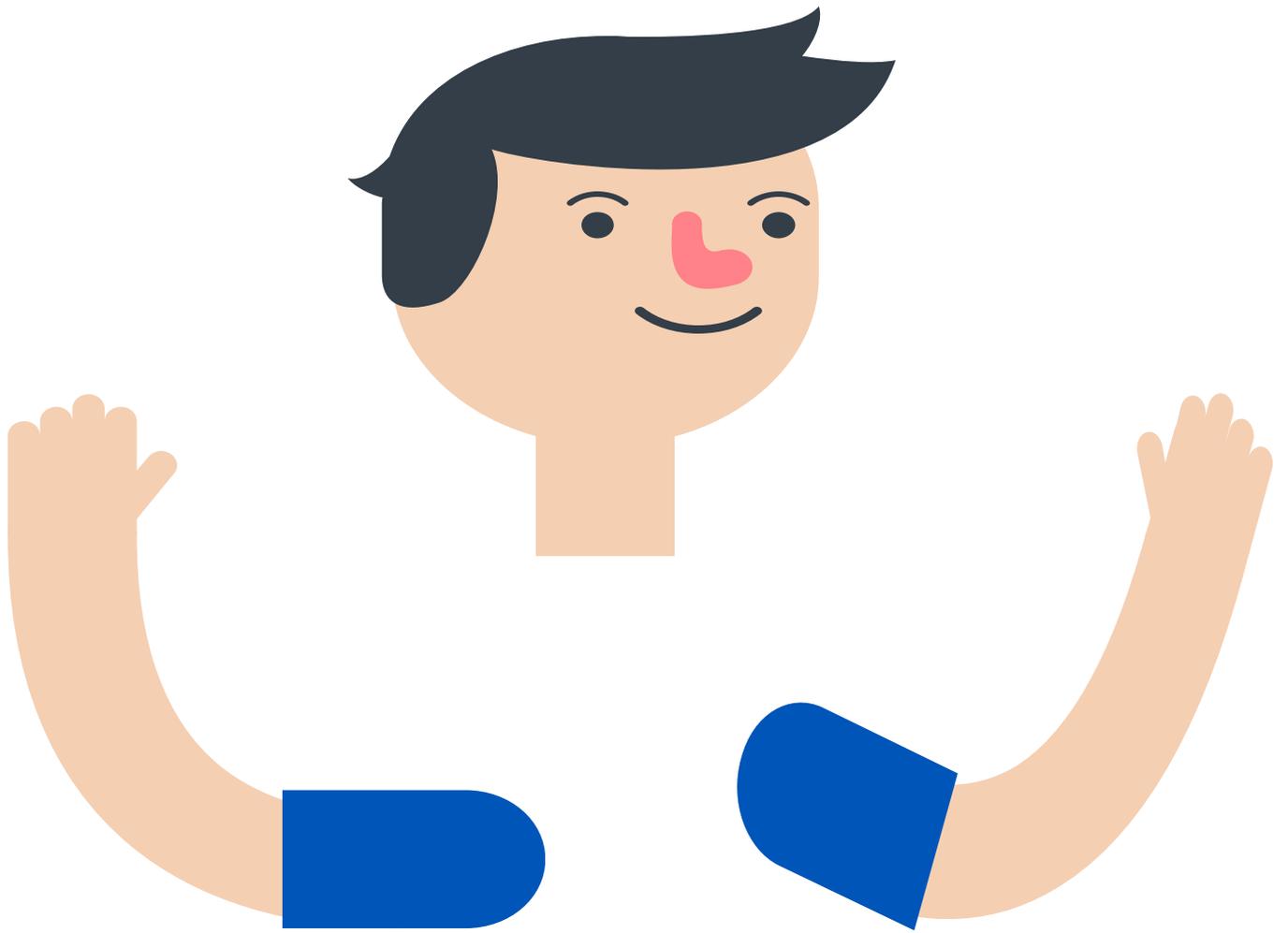
- 9 oz paper or foam party cups (solid color) (one per child)
- New, unsharpened pencils (or wooden dowels about 8 inches long) (one per child)
- Clear tape
- Yarn or string
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Pen
- Printout of man (next page) on card stock (one per child)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- ➡ Cut out the head, legs, and each arm from the printout.
- ➡ Using the hole punch, punch a hole in the bottom of the neck and in the top of the waist. Then fold and crease the neck where it meets the head.
- ➡ Turn the cup upside down, and using a pen, poke a hole in the center.
- ➡ Pull yarn through the hole into the bottom of the cup and then through the hole in the legs cutout. Tie a knot to secure the yarn to the man's waist.
- ➡ Pull the waist up into the cup until the legs are sticking out at the bottom. Then tie a knot in the yarn sticking out the top of the cup. You can secure the legs by taping the waist to the inside front of the cup.
- ➡ Take the yarn sticking out of the top of the cup and put it through the hole in the head cutout, putting the yarn through the front of the neck and pulling it through until the fold at the neck sits flat on the cup. You can secure the head by placing a piece of tape at the back of the neck and to the cup.
- ➡ Using the yarn coming out of the top, tie it to a pencil about 7-8 inches above the top of the cup.
- ➡ Crease the two arm pieces at the sleeves. Use a piece of tape and attach one arm to each side, with the blue sleeve pressing against the cup.
- ➡ Tape a piece of yarn to the back of both hands and tie to the pencil. All three strands of yarn should be nearly taut.
- ➡ As you hold the pencil, you should now see the man "dance" as you tilt it back and forth. This can demonstrate how the once lame man in Acts 3 left "walking, and jumping, and praising God."







Believe what God says about Jesus and about us, even if you haven't seen it yet.

Just like many things in life, just because we haven't seen that we are able to do something yet, doesn't mean that we can't. Sometimes we must grow up into understanding and be able to do the things we are supposed to do. If we don't keep trying, we won't see it. If we know that God wants us to be healed and He wants to heal others through us right now, we won't think about the times that hasn't happened, but instead, we will think about all the times it happened through Him and what He has said about us, too. Where we are weak or not able, Jesus in us by the power of the Holy Spirit is able. Don't let a bad experience change what you believe is true.

If you haven't seen it when you tried, go back to the Word of God and understand what God says, and even ask Him for more understanding and help. **DON'T GIVE UP!** Our prayers and belief through action (faith) are powerful and effective no matter what we see!

James 5:16: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much." (AMP)

God has always wanted us to be blessed and to be a blessing to creation around us, through believing Him. We are believers, and we get to freely give what we have been given. That's God's plan from the beginning. He wants to give through us. That glorifies the Father.

*Galatians 3:5,8-9: "...God gives you his Spirit and works miracles among you **because you heard the Good News and believed it.** The Scriptures say the same thing about Abraham: 'Abraham believed God, and God accepted Abraham's faith, and that faith made him right with God.'" ...This Good News was told to Abraham beforehand, as the Scripture says: '**All nations will be blessed through you.**' Abraham believed this, and because he believed, he was blessed. It is the same today. All who believe today are blessed just as Abraham was blessed." (ICB)*



HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING

Doing what Jesus did.

We've seen examples in God's Word where Jesus and His disciples healed with speaking a word, speaking a command, touching or laying hands on someone, or lifting them up or commanding them to walk, and even using mud on their eyes. We can learn from these examples how to pray for someone to be healed.

Teacher Note: Walk the children through the following steps, making it very simple and hands-on. Have the children pair up in small groups, taking turns praying for one another. They can use real-life needs for healing, or use pretend scenarios in order to practice.

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- 1** Ask the person if you can pray for them, and if so, what they would like Jesus to heal them of, or what their need is.

*Mark 10:49-52: "Jesus stopped and said, "Tell the man to come here." So they called the blind man. They said, 'Cheer up! Get to your feet. Jesus is calling you.' The blind man stood up quickly. He left his coat there and went to Jesus. **Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'** The blind man answered, 'Teacher, I want to see again.' Jesus said, 'Go. You are healed because you believed.' At once the man was able to see again, and he followed Jesus on the road." (ICB)*

- 2** Tell the person you are going to pray for them now, and ask them if you can put your hand on them (like on their shoulder or hand). If you can't or don't want to touch them, you don't have to—remember Jesus healed people with speaking a word.

*Matthew 8:8,13: "...All you need to do is command that my servant be healed, and he will be healed... Then Jesus said to the officer, 'Go home. **Your servant will be healed just as you believed he would.'** And at that same time his servant was healed." (ICB)*

- 3** Begin praying for the person to be healed in the Name of Jesus. Command the problems to be well, command body parts to be healed, command pain or sickness to go, and pray to God and thank Him for His healing power, mercy, and love to heal the person.

*Acts 3: 6-8: "But Peter said, 'I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you: **By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth—stand up and walk!**' Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him up. Immediately the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk." (ICB)*

Remember that as a believer in Jesus, you can be sure that God wants to heal through you. God wants the person to be healed and whole all the time. His/her healing has already been paid for through Jesus' work on the cross.

- 4** Once you have prayed your short prayer, ask the person to test out their healing and look for their miracle. Ask them if they can do something that they couldn't do before or if there is a change in any pain that they were having.

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- 5** If the person's problem is not totally healed yet, ask them how much it has gotten better and if they felt God doing anything in their body. After they tell you what is happening, pray again. Remember to thank God for what He is doing and bless what He is doing.

Example: "God I thank you for touching Jim's back and healing it half-way so far. I bless what you are doing in his body. I thank you for totally healing his body in Jesus' name."

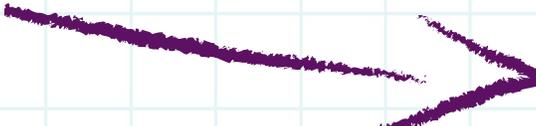


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After your short prayer, have them test it out again. Continue doing these steps as long as the person is comfortable and they are able to tell that things are changing.

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When you are finished praying (either because they are healed or it is time to stop), thank God for loving them, wanting to heal them, protecting them, and for all that He has done. Bless the person in Jesus' name.



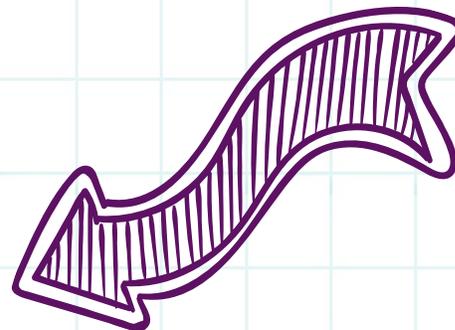
MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 103:2-4:



“My whole being, praise the Lord. Do not forget all his kindnesses. The Lord forgives me for all my sins. He heals all my diseases. He saves my life from the grave. He loads me with love and mercy.”

SPEAK THE TRUTH!



Jesus came to bring freedom and healing. Since Jesus is in me, I can bring freedom and healing to others through Him.



Miracles, signs, and wonders are in my hands. Jesus said that I can lay hands on the sick and see them be healed.



God's power is stronger than every other power. I tell pain and sickness to go in Jesus' Name and it must go!



I believe what God's Word says. I trust in Him!

