

LUKE 5:12-26 *Jesus Heals a Leper*

INTRODUCTION

Jesus, with His new disciples, continued from town to town, preaching the Good News and healing people. He touched a man with leprosy – a terrible skin disease- and healed him. A paralyzed man’s friends tore open the roof where Jesus was teaching and lowered him down to be healed. But this time Jesus did something different. He told the man, “Your sins are forgiven.” Many believed Jesus could heal people. But forgive their sins? Only God could do that.

DISCUSSION

Why do you think Jesus healed people?

EXPLANATION

- Jesus didn’t have to touch the man with leprosy to heal him. Why do you think He did?
- What did Jesus tell the man to do? *Don’t tell anyone and go show yourself to the priest.*
- Why do you think Jesus went off by Himself to pray?
- How did the paralyzed man’s friends bring him to Jesus? *They broke through the roof and lowered him down.*
- What did Jesus do in response to their faith? *He forgave the man’s sins.*
- Why were the Pharisees angry that Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven? *Only God can forgive sins.*
- What did Jesus do in response to what the Pharisees were thinking? *He healed the man.*
- What did Jesus say was the reason for doing what He did next? *To show He had authority to forgive people’s sins.*

APPLICATION

The man with leprosy believed Jesus could heal him. And even with a terrible disease that other people might catch, he came to Jesus and asked to be healed. The paralyzed man’s friends knew Jesus could heal their friend, and they did whatever they could to get him to Jesus. We all have a terrible disease that paralyzes us. It’s called sin. Do you believe that Jesus wants to forgive your sins? Why or why not? Do you know anyone like the leper- someone people don’t want to be around? How can you show them love like Jesus did?

Memory VERSE

Luke 5:24- “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

