



LIFE OF JESUS

# Jesus Heals a Leper

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

We are going to be learning a really awesome lesson today but first I have a question for you guys! Have you ever felt left out? (allow kids to answer). We've all probably felt left out before and it's the worst. No one likes feeling like they don't belong or aren't included.

Today, we're going to take a look at a guy who was REALLY left out. He had a disease called leprosy. Back in Jesus's day, when people had leprosy they had to live on the outside of town and no one would talk to them or touch them because they didn't want to catch their disease. Talk about feeling left out!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

## Song

*Learning to Be the Light*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

*Jesus cares about everyone, especially those who feel left out. (Repeat)*

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What disease did the man have? (leprosy)
- What did Jesus do for the leper? (healed him)
- True or False: Jesus only cares about important people. (F)

Jesus doesn't just care about the popular kids at school, or important people like the President. He cares about everyone! He doesn't want us to feel left out and lonely. He wants us to know that even when we are alone, he is right there with us. So, that should make us want to treat our friends this way, too. When we see a kid sitting alone at lunch, or playing all alone on the playground, we should be their friend! We can make their whole day by just sitting by them or playing with them. And we can tell them all about how much God loves them and how if they follow him they will never be alone again!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Jesus reached out and touched him (reach hand out). 'I am willing.' He said. 'Be healed!' And instantly the leprosy disappeared." Matthew 8:3 *(Repeat)*

This is such an awesome verse because it shows us two really important things. First, it shows us how powerful Jesus is. He healed a man from a terrible disease just by touching him! How crazy is that?! Second, it shows us how much Jesus cares about people. He was willing to touch this man who had a very contagious disease. He wasn't worried about getting sick. He also wasn't worried about what people would think of him! Remember, no one wanted to be around lepers. But Jesus was willing to do whatever it took to help this man.

Guess what? Jesus cares about us, too! He loves us and wants to help us. Remember, Jesus came and died on a cross for you and me. I think he has more than proved that he doesn't want us to feel left out or unloved. So, let's remember that when we feel alone, God is there. And, let's learn from Jesus and how he treated the leper. He was kind and caring and made him feel a part of the group. Let's make sure to do that for others in our own lives, too.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Lean on Me*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Jesus cares about everyone especially those who feel left out. *(Repeat)*

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.