

## **Great Physician**

### **Socksies**

Warming Up – 5 Minutes – Game

Equipment: Lots of socks and a blindfold

Put a pile of socks on the floor. When you say “go!” the children have to find and put on as many socks as they can.

After 2 or 3 minutes ask the children to stop and see who has the most socks.

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### **It would be hard...**

Getting Started – 10 minutes – Discussion

Ask the children what illnesses or disabilities might cause most problems for the person suffering from them.

Come up with a list of five illnesses/disabilities that they think would really affect quality of life. How would the people’s lives be affected?

Now ask the children to imagine they are alive in the time of Jesus.

Say that there is not much medicine or technology. For instance, no wheelchairs for people who find walking hard and only walking sticks, no proper crutches. There are no guide dogs or hearing dogs and no system of Braille. People with physical disabilities wouldn’t be able to go to work – and there were no government benefits to help!

Ask the children how being unable to walk or see, for instance, would have been harder in the time of Jesus?

How could people help their friends who had physical problems to overcome?

Say that it is no wonder that once people discovered that Jesus could heal people crowds of people followed him wherever he went!

**The Point:** To see why Jesus’ healing ministry was so welcome!

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### **Jesus Heals a Man**

Digging In – 10 Minutes – Bible Study

Read Mark 2:1-12 and discuss the questions below: -

1. Why was it almost impossible for the men to get their friend to where Jesus was?
2. How did they solve this problem?
3. Did Jesus heal the crippled man?
4. Did Jesus show compassion and provide comfort for this man?
5. How would you feel if you were one of the people who saw this miracle taking place?
6. Have you ever been sick, and prayed to God to make you better? What happened?
7. If you were crippled like this man, and Jesus made you walk again, what would you do?

This is just one of Jesus' many healings, lots of people were amazed at what he done but other people were really unhappy with him too!

Read John 5: 10-17

1. In this passage a man has just been healed after being unable to stand up for 38 years. Why were the Pharisees annoyed with the man?
2. Why were they annoyed with Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus healed the man? Do you think it mattered that it was the Sabbath?
4. What did the leaders start to think and do as a result of Jesus healing this man?
5. Why do you think Jesus thought that healing people was more important than obeying "silly" rules?

**The Point:** These passages look at why Jesus healed people and what it proved about him – and the third begins to look at why Jesus became unpopular.

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## I Pray For Healing

### Response – 5 Minutes – Prayer

Jesus can still heal today, if we ask him to.

Write a list of people who need praying for, this could be a list of people you know or a list of a group of people e.g. people who are in hospital. Lots of people are hurting from physical and mental health at the moment.

You can pray in a group out loud or silently on your own.

**The Point:** To give the children an opportunity to pray for people who are sick.