



# Walk As Jesus Did

A study for children on the life of Jesus

## Family Devotional (3/22/20)

**Key Point:** Jesus has authority over sickness.

*Today, we want our kids to learn that Jesus has authority over sickness. He has the authority to heal sick bodies and to forgive sins, making sick hearts new.*

### What we want the kids to know:

- Everyone is born spiritually sick.
- Jesus has the power and compassion to heal the sick, both spiritually and physically.
- God has authority over everything, even sickness.

### What we want the kids to do:

- Rightly respond to Jesus' authority:
  - Go to Jesus for healing.
  - Pray with greater belief for both physical and spiritual healing.

### Text for Study: Luke 5:17- 26 (Read it together)

*On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."*

**Create discipleship time:** As a family, spend time reading and talking about God's word.

1. Are there any words you do not recognize or understand?  
[Paralyzed](#)- Unable to move part or all of your body.  
[Blasphemies](#)- Lies about God.  
[Authority](#)- The right to be in charge.  
[Glorified](#)- Showed, honored, and enjoyed God as most valuable.
2. In this text, who has the authority over sickness? Why?  
[Jesus, because He is God.](#)
3. Was the paralyzed man able to heal himself? [No.](#)



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4. Why did the man's friends take him to Jesus? What did they believe about Him?  
**They believed that He had the power and compassion to heal the sick.**
5. What did Jesus do before he healed the paralytic man's body?  
**He forgave the man's sins.**
6. What was Jesus showing when He healed the man's physical, paralyzed body?  
**Jesus was showing that He had authority on earth to forgive sins and heal spiritual hearts that are sick with sin.**
7. Was it hard for Jesus to heal the man?  
**No. All He had to do was speak. He didn't even touch the man. He just spoke and his broken body was healed.**
8. Which was the greater healing – giving the man the ability to walk or forgiving him of his sin? Why?  
**The greater healing was being forgiven for sin. There is no other remedy for hearts sick with sin other than coming to Jesus and being forgiven by him. There are physical diseases that cause great pain and even lead to physical death., but sin leads to eternal spiritual death and separation from God forever.**
9. Who else has hearts sick with sin?  
**We all are born with hearts sick with sin.**
10. Are we able to heal our hearts sick with sin?  
**No.**
11. Who is the only one with authority to forgive sin and heal hearts sick with sin?  
**Jesus.**
12. How are God's children healed from their hearts sick with sin?  
**By turning away from sin to follow Jesus.**
13. What questions do you have about Jesus' authority to heal sickness or forgive sins?
14. As a family, how can we pray for those who are physically and spiritually sick?

**Capture discipleship moments:** Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. Today you learned about Jesus' authority. What is authority?  
**The right to be in charge. He has this right because He is God.**
2. Which kind of healing was more important for the man? Why?  
**His spiritual healing. Only Jesus can heal a heart sick with sin.**

**Pray together as a family.** Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person's request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

## **This Month's Memory Verse**

*The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.* **John 3:35**