



[This week's video broadcast link!](#)

GETTING READY:

You will need:

- internet access for video and activity links;
- Spark Story Bible or Connect Bible; and
- Plain paper, shape to trace, scissors, crayons, pen or marker, small zip top bag and a small stone

This week's take home kit supplies:

- Plain paper for creating the encouraging note

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Leave an Encouraging Note!

This week's Challenge is creating an encouraging note that you can put in a zip top bag with a stone and leave along a path for someone to find. Sometimes surprise encouragement is just what we need to have hope! [Here are the directions and a list of Bible verses to pick from.](#)

TALK TO GOD!

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of this day and for people who love and care for us. Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus. Thank you for all of the nurses and doctors and people who work at the clinics, hospitals and dental offices. Thank you for hearing our prayers and for loving us every day. Please help us to be kind, helpful and thoughtful for all the people around us. Amen.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS WEEK:

Jesus Heals!

Jesus was unlike anyone the people had ever seen. When he first arrived in Galilee to begin his ministry, he said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:14-15. The people were curious about Jesus, and when he healed the man in the temple, word spread quickly that Jesus could make sick people well. The next person he healed was Simon's mother-in-law (his wife's mother).

Bible Story - Jesus Heals

After Jesus and the first four disciples left the synagogue where Jesus had taught and then healed the man with an unclean spirit (last week's lesson from Mark 1:21-28), they went to Simon (Peter) and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Just by Jesus touching her, the fever left her body. That evening many people brought Jesus loved ones who needed to be healed.

Read the story **Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House** in your *Connect Bible* (Mark 1:29-34, pg. 1120) or **Jesus Heals** in your *Spark Story Bible* (pg. 256).

Older learners: Read the story as found in Luke 4:38-41. How is it told differently from what we read in Mark? Talk with your adult about how the demons knew that Jesus was the son of God.

Talk about these questions:

- If you could bring someone to Jesus to be healed, who would you bring? Why?
- Do you think Jesus ever felt overwhelmed? The disciples were sort of like Jesus' team. Talk about how important the disciples were in supporting Jesus and helping Jesus do his work.

Consider talking about this story the Faith5 way:

1. Share your highs and lows
2. Read the scripture or story
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs/lows - or - what you heard that sounded important
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another by making the sign of the cross of each other's foreheads, saying "God loves you and so do I."