

JESUS THE HEALER

Family Reflection • February 2021

FAMILY SCRIPTURE READING

Parishioners, here is a great story from the Bible about Jesus and his powerful ministry of healing. I encourage you to find a time to read through these verses as a family, perhaps over dinner, and discuss the following questions. To end, one parent can pray the included prayer over the family.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest

and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.

He spread the report abroad

so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.

He remained outside in deserted places,

and people kept coming to him from everywhere.



QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT

1. What did the leper have to do in order to be healed of his disease?
2. Why did Jesus decide to heal him?
3. How does Jesus heal him?
4. Why do you think the man went around, telling everyone about his experience?
5. What is the result of the man's publicizing of the miracle?

6. What are some things Jesus has healed you of in the past? Did you tell other people? Why/why not?

7. What are some non-physical things in your life that you need Jesus to heal you of?

FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, it is truly amazing how you healed so many people from their sicknesses when you walked this earth. It is amazing how you continue to heal people today. Thank you for loving us so much that you want to heal us from all sorts of things — like physical sickness, pride, vanity, guilt, depression, social isolation, shame, bad habits, addictions, and many other things. Give us greater faith to believe in your healing power, and when you do heal us, may we, like the leper in the story, tell others about your incredible love. Amen.



Jesus' love healed the leper.

Be healed.