Jesus Heals a Man's Hand

Matthew 12:1-16

Matthew 12

[1]At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. [2]When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

[3]He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? [4]He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. [5]Or haven't you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the day and yet are innocent? [6]I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. [7]If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. [8]For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

[9]Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, [10]and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

[11]He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? [12]How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

[13]Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. [14]But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

[15]Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, [16]warning them not to tell who he was.

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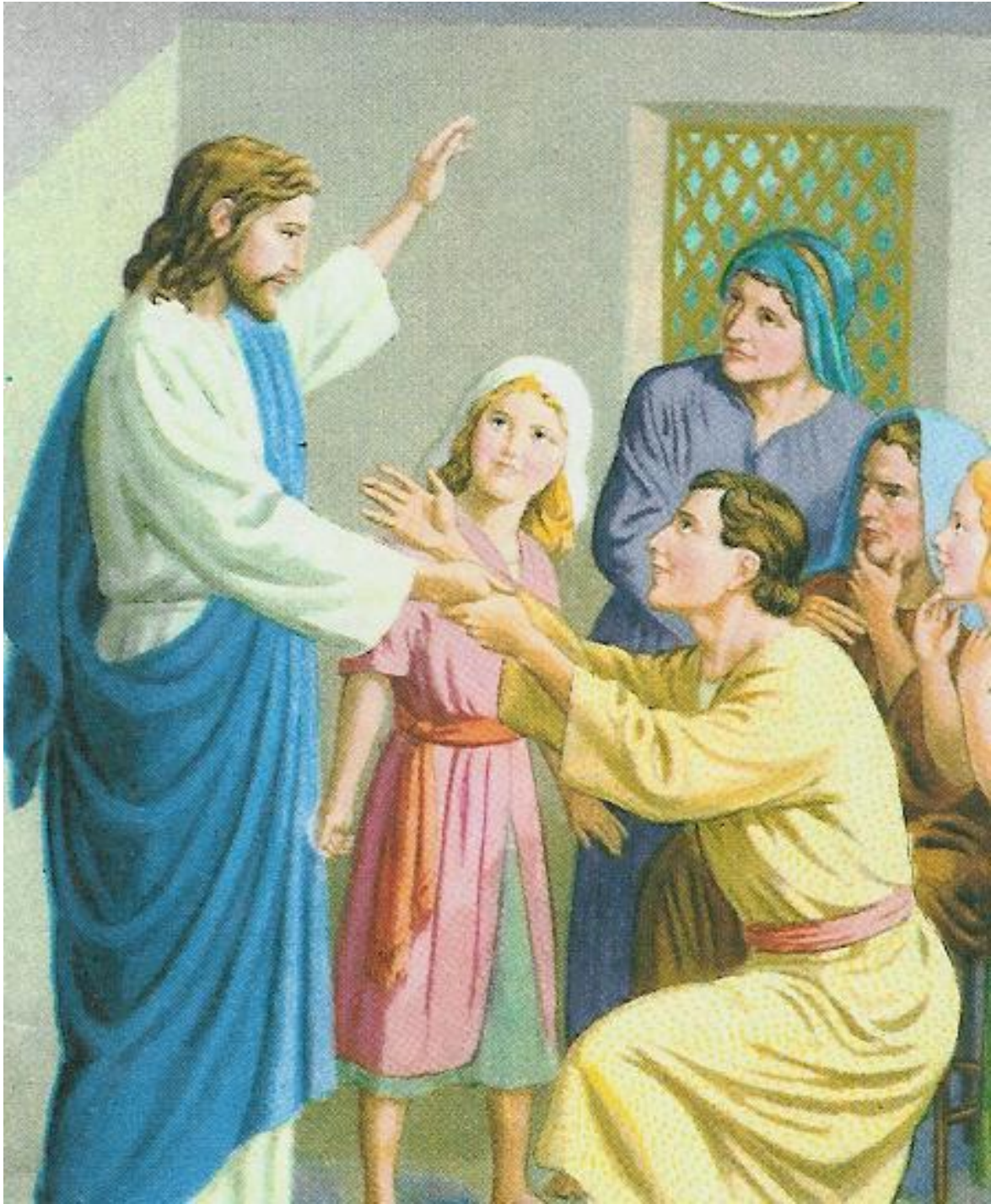| Possible Points	My Points	Questions
5		1.) What did Jesus' disciples do as they went through the grain fields?
5		2.) What did the Pharisees say to Jesus?
5		3.) What did Jesus do for the man with the shriveled hand?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath?

Possible Points	My Points	Memory Verse
10		"...The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27

Possible Points	My Points	Home Connection	Parent/Guardian Signature
5		*I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.*	
5		*I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.*	
10		*I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.*	

Total Points	Club Connection
	Leader's Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

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The man no longer has a shriveled hand

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Craft/Activity: Stuffed Hands

Students will make "stuffed hands" to remind them that Jesus healed a man's hand that was shriveled.

Materials

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Stuffed Hand Patterns
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Stapler
6. Tissues

Directions

1. Make a copy of the "Stuffed Hand Patterns" onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the two hands.
3. Allow students to cut out the two hands.
4. Staple the two hands back-to-back leaving an opening large enough to stuff tissue into. This will make the hand look puffy and more life-like.
5. Staple the hand shut.

For Discussion

As students are assembling their "stuffed hands", remind them that Jesus healed the man regardless of what day it was. Help students realize that Jesus desires mercy, not sacrifice (Matthew 12:7). Christianity is not about following a set of rules; it's about a relationship with Jesus. This story helps illustrate this point.

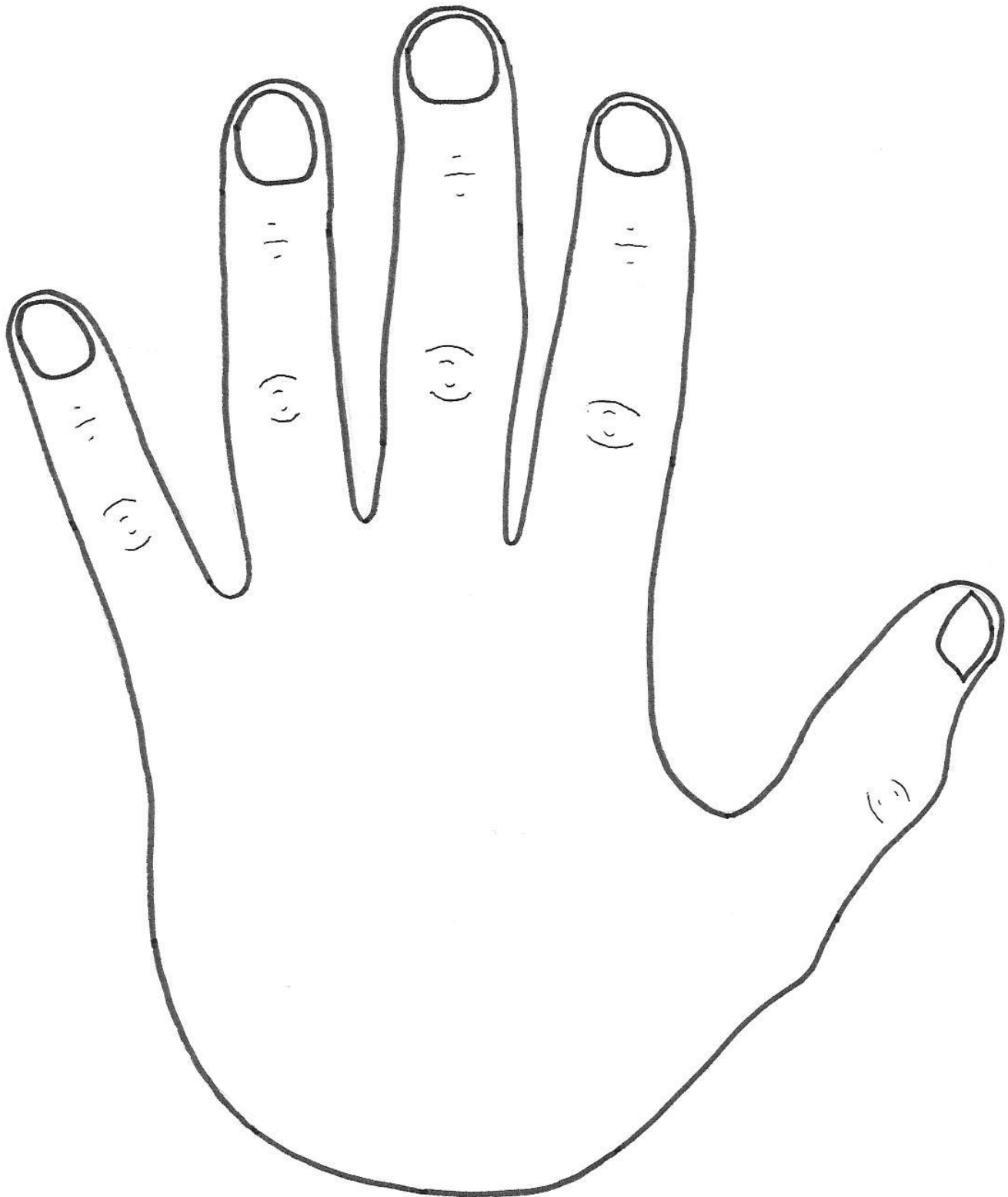### Time Needed to Complete:

Approximately 10 minutes

Memory Verse

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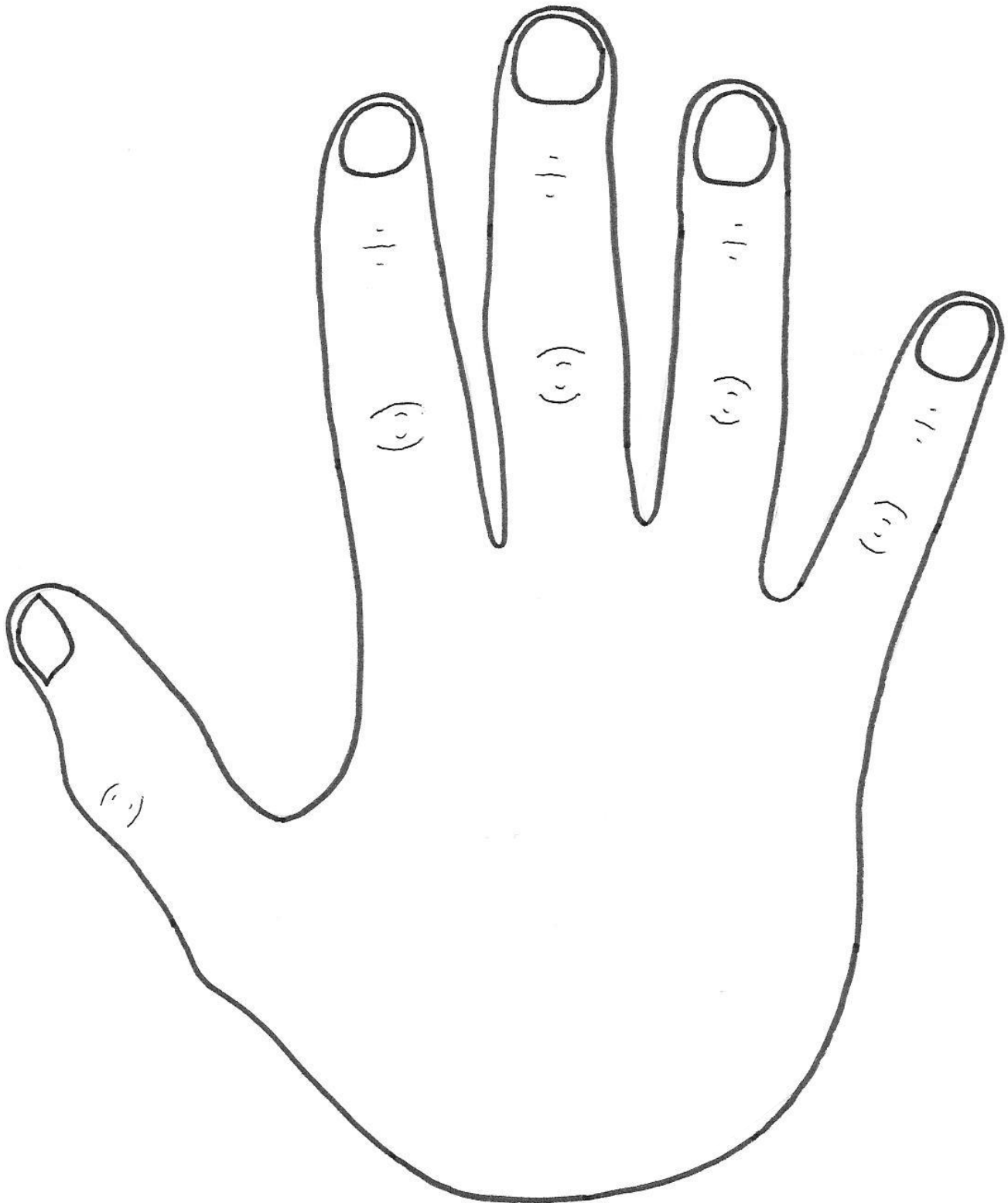# Jesus Heals a Man's Hand

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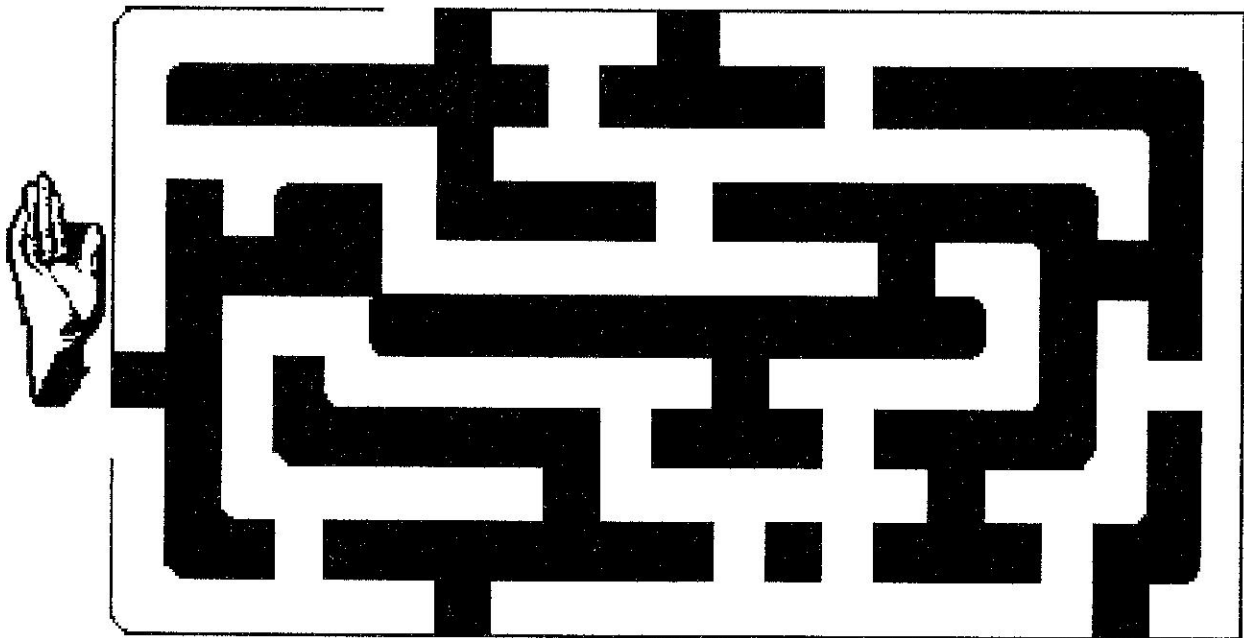*Matthew 12:1-16*

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HAND	RESTORED	SYNAGOGUE
HEAL	SABBATH	TAUGHT
JESUS	SAVE	WITHERED
MAN	SCRIBES	

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It was the Sabbath and Jesus and his disciples were walking through a grain field. His disciples were hungry and began to pick and eat some of the grain.

The Pharisees were watching and told Jesus that they were breaking the law because they were working on Sabbath. No work was to be done on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a day for resting. Jesus said, "The Son of Man (Jesus) is Lord of the Sabbath."

Jesus then went into the synagogue and saw a man with a shriveled hand. The Pharisees wanted to see if Jesus would heal the man's hand on the Sabbath. Jesus knew they were testing him. Jesus asked them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! You are not breaking the law if you do good on the Sabbath."

Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand. So the man stretched out his hand and it was healed.

To find out more, check out Matthew 12:1-16 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus' disciples do as they went through the grain fields?
2. What did the Pharisees say to Jesus?
3. What did Jesus do for the man with the shriveled hand?
4. Why do you think Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath?

MEMORY VERSE

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

pit	working	healing
disciples	Jesus	good

The Pharisees did not like the fact that the _____ "worked" on the Sabbath. _____ asked the Pharisees if they would lift out their sheep if it fell into a _____. That would be considered _____ on the Sabbath. Jesus said it was alright to do _____ on the Sabbath. Jesus proved it by _____ a man's hand.

Take-home Activity Sheet