

JESUS HEALS A DEAF & MUTE MAN

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³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which

means, "*Be opened!*").

³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was wrong with the man?
5		2.) How did Jesus heal the man's ears?
5		3.) What did Jesus do to help the man begin to speak?
5		4.) Why do you think the people told others about the healing?

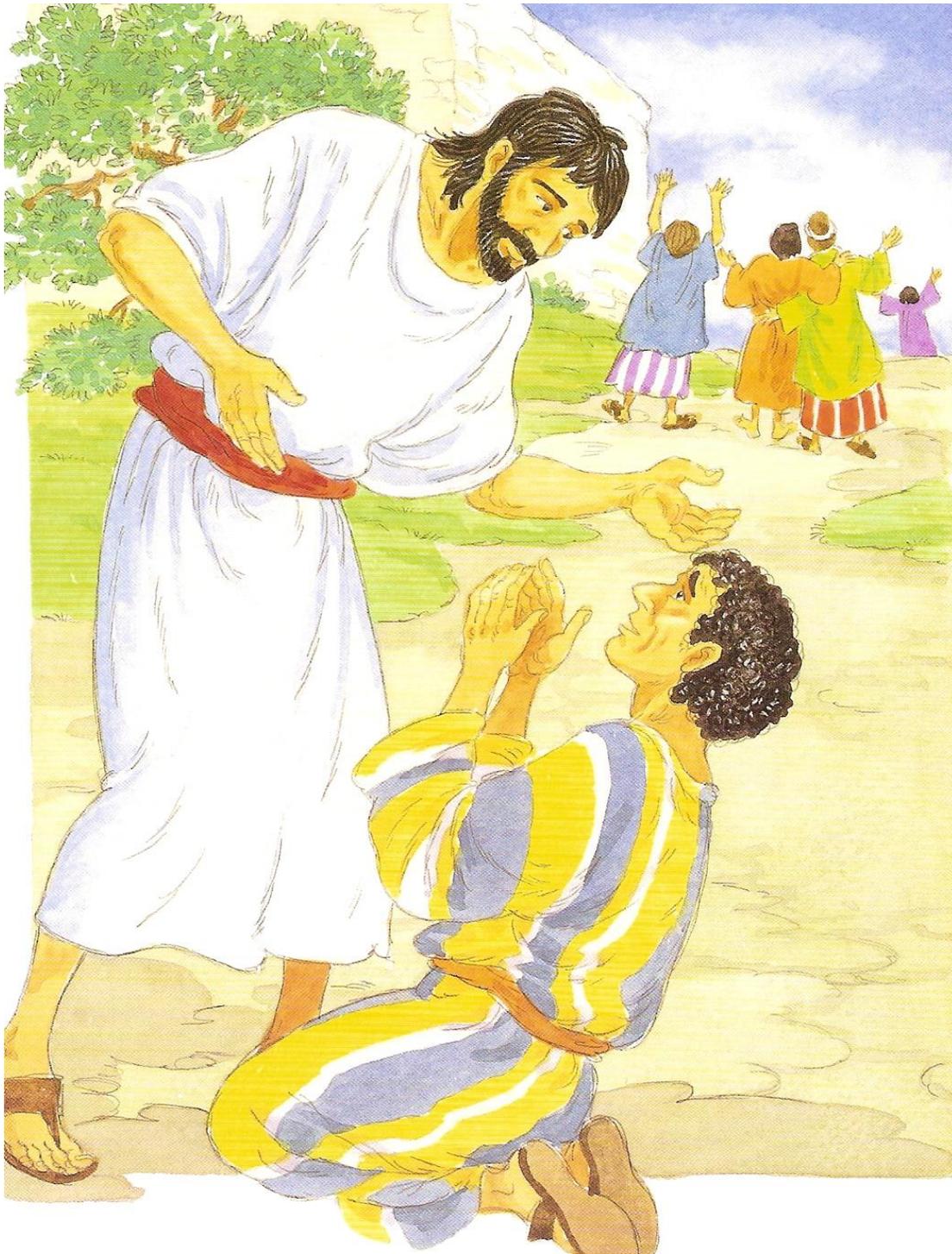
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jeremiah 17:14</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus helps this man speak and hear

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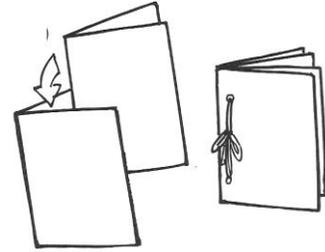
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BOOKS

Students will make books that can be used to review the key events from the story.

MATERIALS

1. Construction Paper (2 Pieces Per Student)
2. Book Pattern
3. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Hole Punch
7. Yarn



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Book Pattern” for each student.
2. Using two sheets of construction paper, preassemble each book (before class) according to the diagram above. Punch two holes and tie a piece of yarn to keep the pages together.
3. Have students cut apart the pictures and captions.
4. Allow students to glue one picture and caption to each page in the book.
5. Time permitting, have students color the pictures in their books.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their books, encourage them to brainstorm various miracles they know of from the Bible. Help students to understand that Jesus healed many people’s physical problems, but he was more concerned with addressing their spiritual needs.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

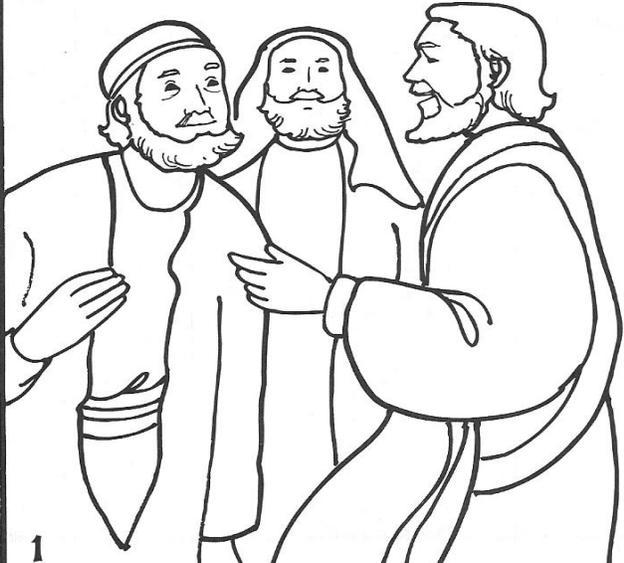
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BOOK PATTERN

<p>Some people brought a man who could not hear to Jesus for healing.</p>	<p>Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears.</p>
<p>Jesus spit and touched the man's tongue.</p>	<p>Jesus looked up to Heaven and said, "Be opened!"</p>
 <p>1</p>	 <p>2</p>

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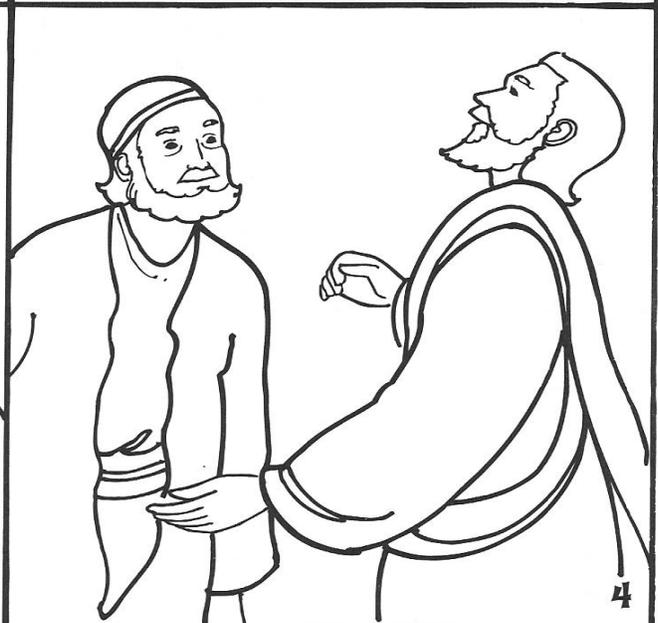
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BOOK PATTERN

The man could hear and speak!



The man told everyone he could about Jesus.

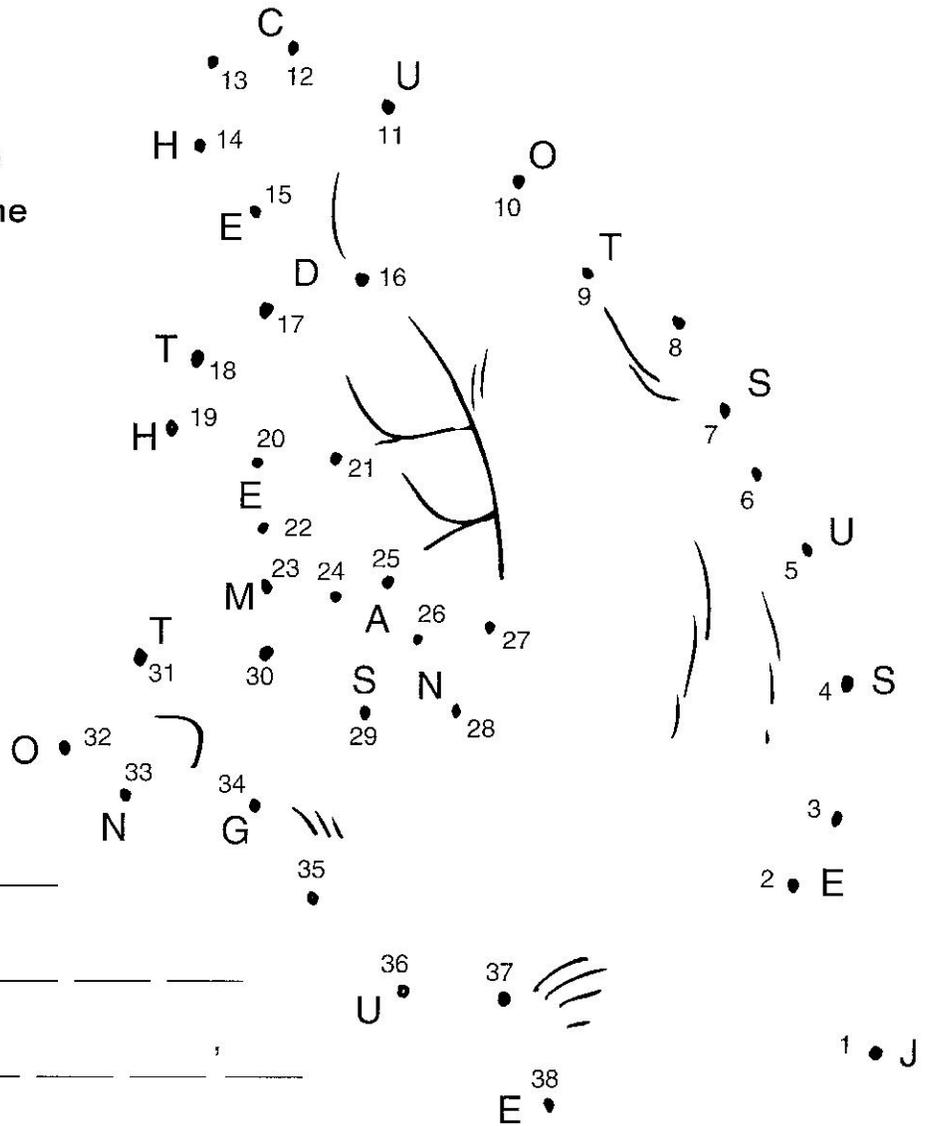


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Some people brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could not talk. His friends begged Jesus to heal him. Jesus did—he did something to the man and then he could hear and speak.

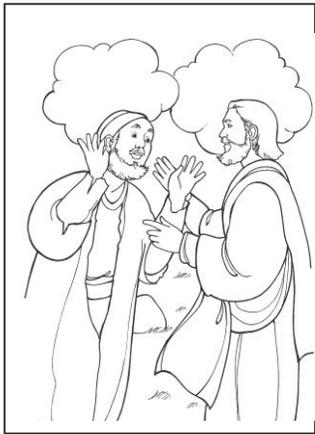
What did Jesus do?
Follow the numbers in the dot-to-dot to make a picture. Then write the letters, in order, on the lines below.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MARK 7:31-37

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While Jesus traveled through the region of Decapolis, some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk. They

begged Jesus to place his hand on the man to heal him.

Jesus took the man aside, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into the man's ears. Then Jesus spit and touched the man's tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to the man, "Be opened!" Then the man's ears were opened and his tongue was loosened. Then man began to speak and hear!

Jesus told the people not to tell anyone about the miracle, but they did not obey. The people spread the word about what Jesus had done for the man.

To find out more, check out Mark 7:31-37 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was wrong with the man?
2. How did Jesus heal the man's ears?
3. What did Jesus do to help the man begin to speak?
4. Why do you think the people told others about the healing?

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

spit	speak	hear
ears	tongue	man

Some people brought a _____ to Jesus. He could not hear or _____.

Jesus put his fingers into the man's _____. Then Jesus _____ and touched the man's _____. Now the man could _____ and speak!