

JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON

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⁴³After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) ⁴⁵When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.

⁴⁶Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

⁴⁸**“Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,”** Jesus told him, **“you will never believe.”**

⁴⁹The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰Jesus replied, **“You may go. Your son will live.”**

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵²When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.”

⁵³Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, **“Your son will live.”** So he and all his household believed.

⁵⁴This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did the official go to see Jesus?
5		2.) What did Jesus tell the royal official?
5		3.) What did the royal official's servants tell him on the way back home?
5		4.) Why do you think everyone in the royal official's house believed in Jesus?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 5:31</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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An official asks Jesus to heal his sick son

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: DOCTOR'S BAGS

Students will make a doctor's bag to remind them that Jesus, the great physician, healed the official's son.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Doctor's Bag Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Bandages
7. Tongue Depressors
8. Cotton Balls



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a doctor's bag pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students color the doctor's bag pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the suitcase on the black lines, and have them fold on the dotted lines.
4. Students will then put glue on the tabs that say "glue" and attach them to the corresponding tabs.
5. Cut out the handles and glue them to the suitcase.
6. Fill the doctor's bags with a bandage, tongue depressor, and cotton ball.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their doctor's bags, remind them that Jesus healed the official's son without even touching him. This was one of the many miracles Jesus performed. Though Jesus healed people's physical needs, he was more concerned with their spiritual needs. Help students realize that he wants to heal their hearts. Because of sin, our hearts need a "doctor". Jesus is the only "doctor" that can heal our broken hearts.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

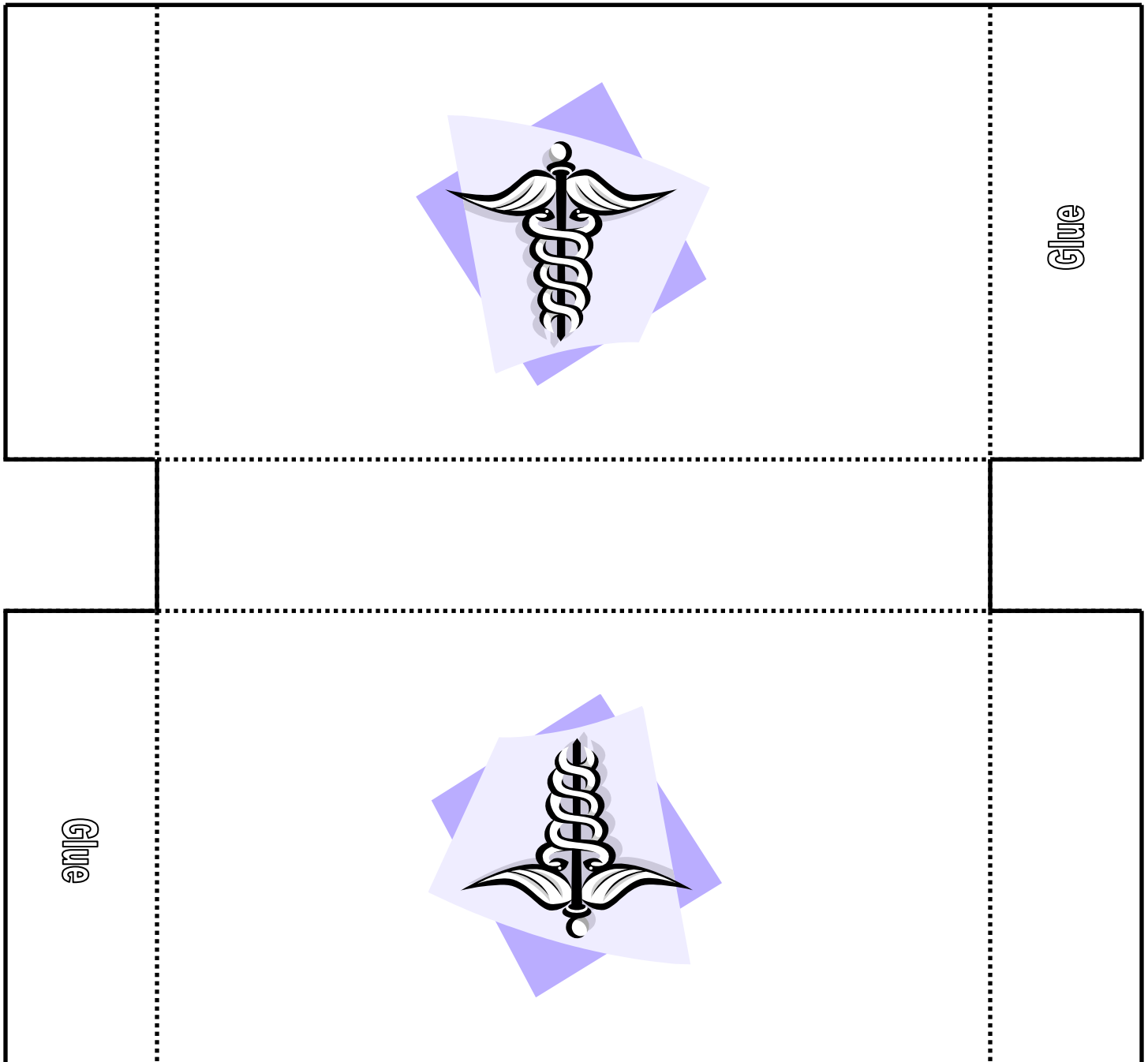
MEMORY VERSE

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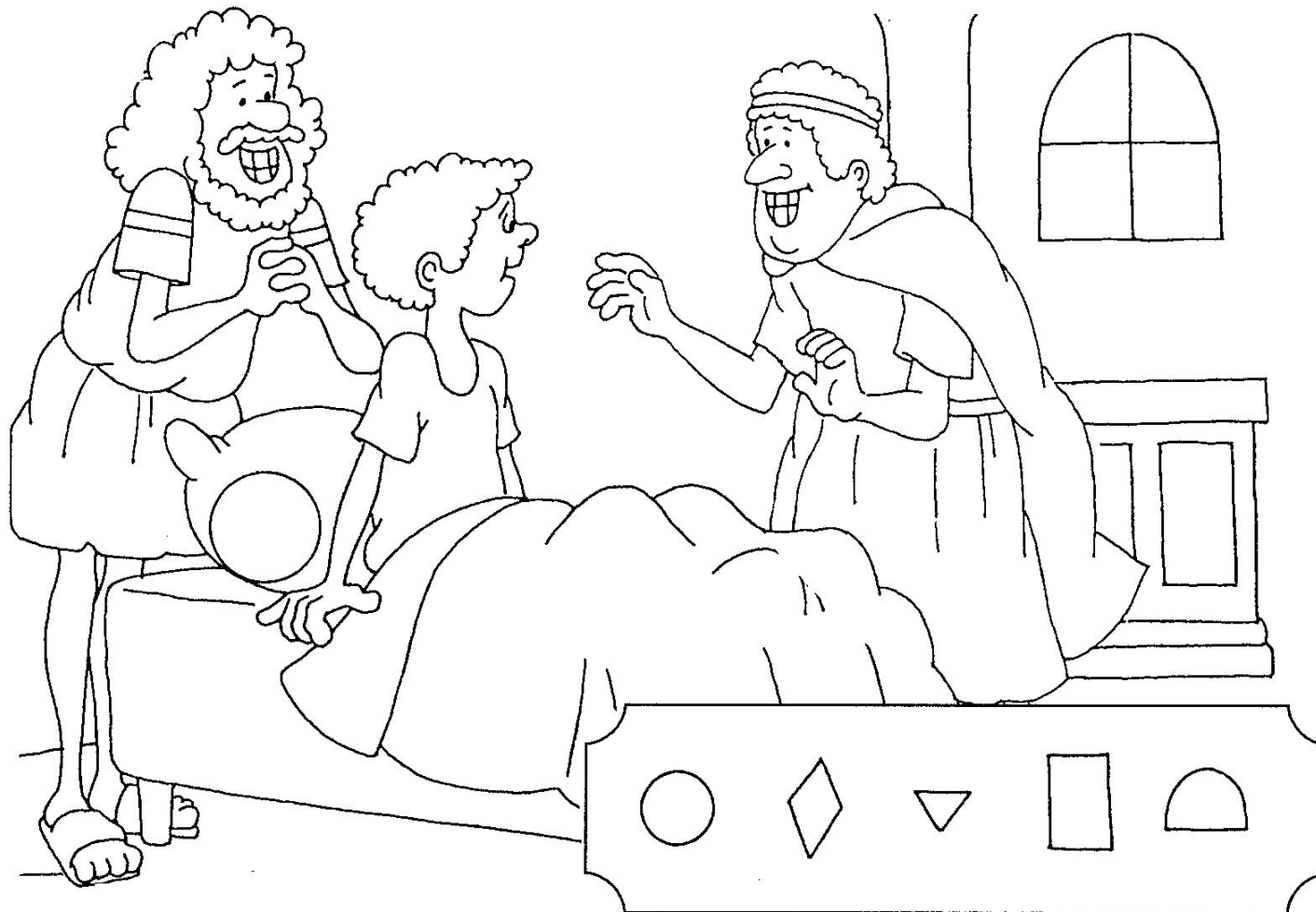
DOCTOR'S BAG PATTERN



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The shapes in the box are hidden in the picture. Can you find them?

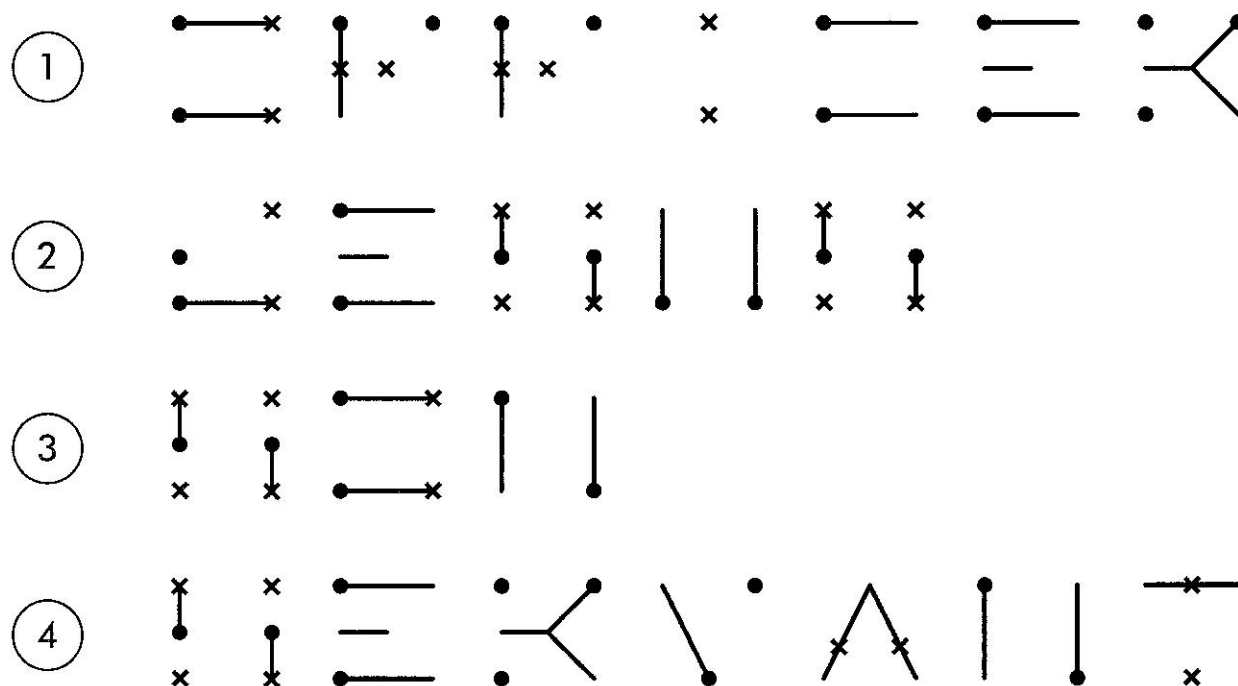


One time a royal official came to ask for Jesus' help. The man's son was very sick and he believed that Jesus could make the boy well. The man wanted Jesus to come to his house. But Jesus said, "You can go home. Your son is well." The man believed Jesus and went home to find that his son was fine!

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Jesus healed many people who came to him—and some who stayed home! Complete the printed letters by drawing a straight line between each dot or star and its matching dot or star. Then match each sentence to the person it describes. Read John 4:43-54 if you need help.



I asked Jesus to heal my son.



I told Jesus my master's son was well.



I was dying and Jesus healed me.



I healed an officer's sick child.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 4:43-54

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Jesus traveled to a place called Galilee. The people had seen all that Jesus had done in Jerusalem during the Passover Feast. They were happy that Jesus had come to visit them again. The last time Jesus was there, he

turned water into wine! Jesus was about to perform his second miracle in Galilee.

On this visit, Jesus spoke with a royal official who had a son who was very sick and about to die. The royal official went to Jesus and begged him to heal his son.

Jesus told the man, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders you will never believe."

"Sir, come down before my child dies," the royal official said.

Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live."

The royal official believe what Jesus said and left. On his way home, a servant came to speak with the royal official. The servant told him that his son was living. The servant told the royal official that the son got better at the exact time that Jesus said his son would live.

So the royal official and all of his family believed in Jesus.

To find out more, check out John 4:43-54 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the official go to see Jesus?
2. What did Jesus tell the royal official?
3. What did the royal official's servant tell him on the way back home?
4. Why do you think everyone in the royal official's house believed in Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

live	Jesus	son
royal	die	Galilee

Jesus traveled to a place called _____. While he was there, a _____ official spoke with Jesus about his son. His son was about to _____. Jesus told the man that his son would _____. A servant told the official that his _____ was alive. The royal official and his family believed in _____.