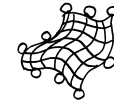
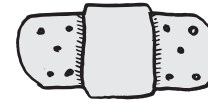


HEALINGS



Healing those seeking freedom from suffering and sin was an important part of Jesus' ministry. Healing miracles revealed the power of faith in God and Jesus' ability to heal not only the physical bodies of people, but also the divisions in our community.

The **bandage** represents Jesus' healing work. He gave life and brought freedom to many—freedom from pain, suffering, and sin. His healing wasn't just physical. It was also spiritual, emotional, and relational.

Mark 5:35–43

In this story, we witness a miracle: Jesus raises a girl from the dead! The girl's family and friends had lost hope, but Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, just believe." By touching the dead girl's hand, Jesus disregarded Jewish law in order to save a young life.

Check out these other Bible passages that connect with the theme of Healings!

- > **Mark 2:1–12** What does forgiveness have to do with healing?
- > **Mark 3:1–6** Why was it scandalous for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath?
- > **Acts 9:36–42** Was Jesus the only one with power to heal?

Talk about it!

Use these questions to connect with each other.

- > How do you think the girl's family and friends felt when they came to Jesus?
- > Why do you think Jesus often disregarded the laws and rules when he was healing?
- > In some healing stories, Jesus offers forgiveness as well as healing. How are healing and forgiveness related?

What are preteens thinking?

Stories of healing can be difficult for preteens, especially when their loved ones are currently suffering from sickness or injury. Help them understand that God hears our prayers even though they might not be answered in the way we'd expect.

Try this!

Who do you know that is in need of God's healing?

Send them a get-well card to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them.

Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for your healing and forgiveness in our lives. Amen.