

Family Worship – Luke 5:27-39

Over the last few weeks we've been seeing Luke building a kind of profile of Jesus as he makes certain statements about who he is. He speaks with authority, he heals the sick, and forgives sin. The only person that can do all that *is* God. So, it seems natural that God would seek out those that are Holy and those that are righteous, But Jesus associates with those deemed to be sinners and worth nothing. Why? Because:

"...It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31-32)

The truth is that all of us are sinners (Romans 3:23) and so the news that Jesus has come for people like us is good news indeed.

The short parables in the second half are all there to show us how trying to take the new (Jesus) and mix it with the old (our old lives) is not compatible. Paul says we should:

...put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Whole Family

Bible

Read or tell the story of Luke 5: 27-38

You could do this whilst having a (probably indoor!) picnic 'feast'

Prayer

It is important that we teach our kids of all ages to ask forgiveness of God. Prayer a prayer of confession with them and maybe you can make it a regular part of their prayer life. Here is a simple one you could use:

Dear Father,

I'm sorry for the times I hurt You through my words, actions and bad thoughts. I'm sorry that I don't do what I know is right. Please forgive me because of Jesus, and help me by your Spirit to live as you say I should.

Amen

Younger Children

Discuss

Explain to the children that in the story Jesus said he was like a Dr that came for the Sick not the healthy. But the problem wasn't people feeling poorly but that they were sinful ask them what they think it means? You could ask questions like:

What is Sin?

Who has sin?

Who can deal with Sin?

Craft: Dr's Bag

Print off the Dr bag and hearts

Gather: colouring pencils/pens glue, scissors and some plasters

Cut out the bag, fold in half and staple the sides. Write their name on the heart and let the children colour and decorate the bag and heart. Talk about how Jesus is like a doctor and giving our hearts to him is like making them well again as they stick the plaster to the heart and then stick that heart inside the bag.

Song:

This story tells us that Jesus came for everyone no matter how important the world thinks we are. Here is a song that reflects that. (Good luck singing it gets fast!!!)

Tiny Little Me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6db1EjrHEQU>

Older Children

Discuss

Discuss what they think the passage means. You could ask questions like:

What is Sin

Why were the pharisees so upset with Jesus

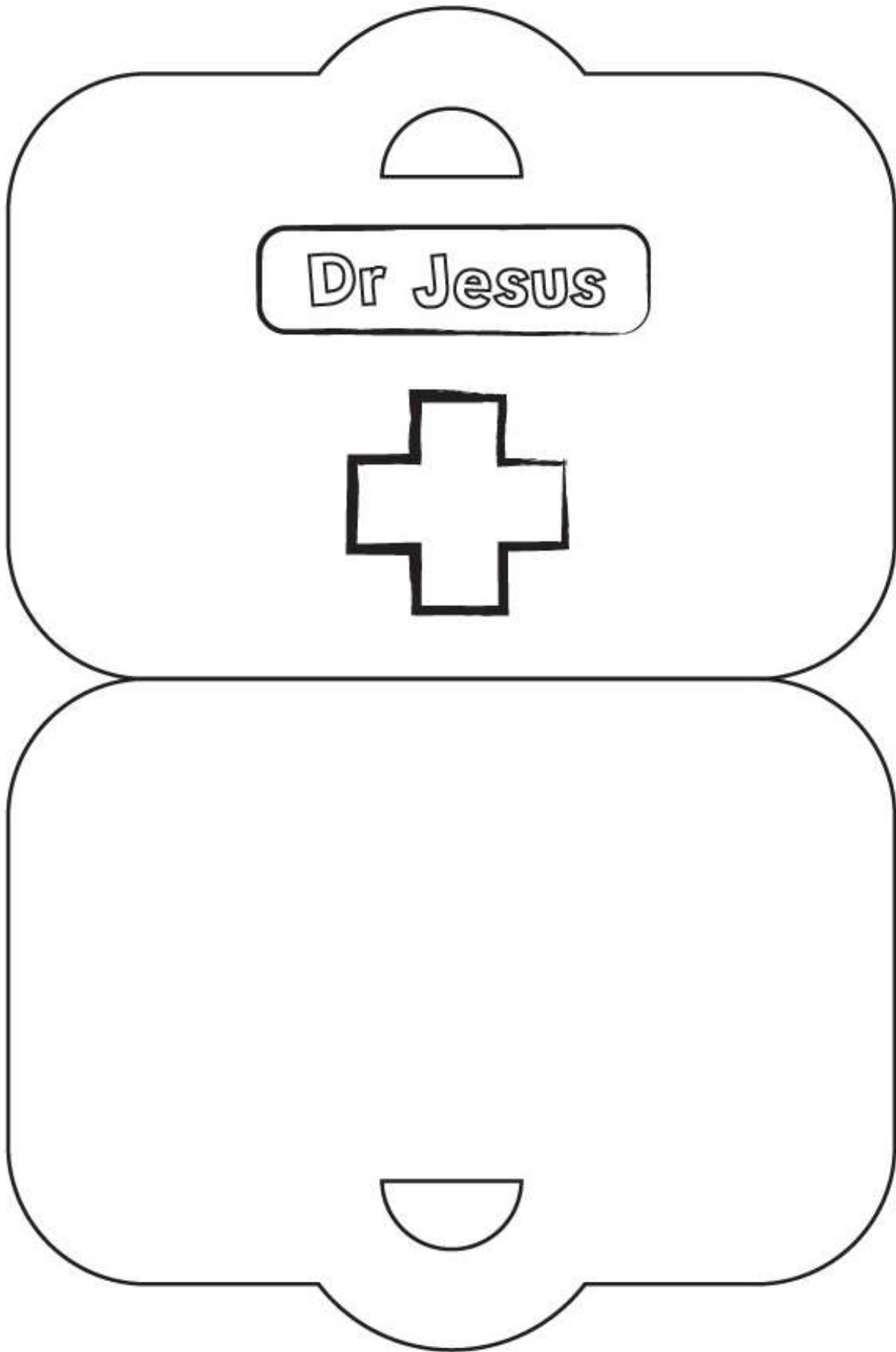
What do you think the parables mean

Song:

This song speaks of God rescuing us from sin and also that he is friends with those the world ignores

Rescuer by Rend Collective

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAg7rn7fH3Q>



Dr Jesus

