Think about a time when you were sick. Did someone do something kind to help you feel better?

In the New Testament we read about how Jesus showed kindness to people who were sick. One day a man with a painful skin disease called leprosy went to Jesus. He knew that Jesus had the power to heal everyone who was sick. He believed that Jesus could heal him. Jesus touched the leper and said, “Be thou clean” (Mark 1:41). As soon as Jesus had spoken, the man was healed.

We can follow in Jesus’s footsteps by being kind and loving to others who are sick or sad.

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Jesus Heals a Leper

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FAMILY TALK

You can use the scripture figures on the inside back cover to tell the story from Mark 1:40–42. Then you could read Jude 1:22 and plan how to do something as a family to make a difference in someone’s life. Maybe you could serve someone in secret!

LEARN MORE

Song: “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (page 31 or Children’s Songbook, 57)
Scriptures: Mark 1:40–42
Videos: Go to Biblevideos.org to watch “Jesus Heals a Lame Man on the Sabbath” and “Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind.”

SCRIPTURE TIP

In Mark 1:41 the word compassion is used. When you find a word in the Bible that you don’t know, you can use the Guide to the Scriptures to help you! You can look up “compassion” to find out what it means and to find other scriptures that use it. What other words can you look up in the story about Jesus healing the man with leprosy?