



A Sick Boy Is Made Well

John 4:46-53

Our Bible tells about a boy who was very sick. He was hot with fever. His father must have done all he could to take good care of his sick boy. But the little boy did not get better. He was still very, very sick.

How sad I am! thought the little boy's father. *My son is so sick.* The father wanted to help his sick son. Then he remembered that a man named Jesus made sick people well. *I must find Jesus. He can make my son well,* the father thought. And off he went to find Jesus.

The father walked and he walked and he walked some more. Finally he reached the town where Jesus was. Many people were listening to Jesus. The father ran up to Jesus. "I have been looking for You, Jesus. You must come to my town!" he cried. "My son is very sick. Please come, or he will die."

Jesus loved the man and He loved the man's son. "You may go home," Jesus said. "Your son will live." The man believed Jesus' words. He knew that Jesus' words were true.

The father began to walk home. He was glad his son would be well. While he was walking, he saw some people coming toward him. As the people got closer, the father could see they were his helpers from home. "Sir, your son is well!" they told him. "He will live!"

"I know," the father said. "Jesus made him well."

The man and his helpers were very happy. They were thankful for Jesus' love.

Heart Art

Collect

Bible, paper plates, hole punch, markers, yarn or ribbon, scissors, measuring stick, transparent tape.

Prepare

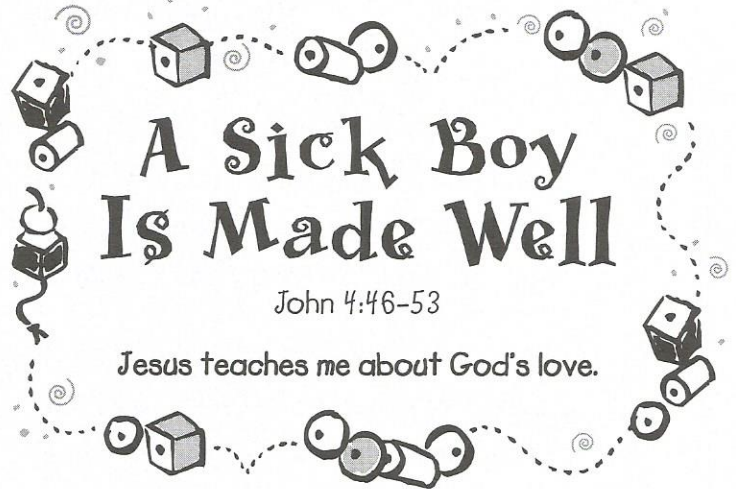
For each child, punch holes around edge of a paper plate. Draw heart shape in center of each plate. For each child, cut a 3-foot (.9-m) length of yarn. Tie one end of yarn to a hole in a paper plate. Wrap other end of yarn with transparent tape to make a needle.

Do

1. Children sew around paper plate by threading yarn through holes. As they finish, assist children in tying a knot to secure their stitches.
2. Children decorate plates with markers.

Enrichment Ideas

1. Before class, do not draw hearts on the paper plates, but prepare several heart patterns: Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to trace hearts on poster board; cut out hearts. Older children use patterns to trace hearts on their paper plates.
2. Instead of sewing around plate edges, children use heart-shaped stickers and/or rubber stamps and washable-ink pad to decorate heart plates.



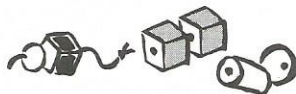
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Jesus teaches me about God's love.

Talk About

- ☀ In today's Bible story, a man went to see Jesus because his son was sick. Jesus made the son well again. Jesus loved the man and his son. Jesus loves us, too. Let's make some hearts to remind us of how much Jesus loves us.
- ☀ Nancy, I see you colored your heart purple. These hearts remind us of God's love for us. Who are some people God loves?
- ☀ Reading Bible stories is a good way to learn what Jesus teaches us. Tony, who reads Bible stories to you? Your grandpa is helping you learn about Jesus.



Jesus Healed a Royal Official's Son Bible Craft



Bible Story: Jesus Healed a Royal Official's Son

Bible Text: John 4:46-53

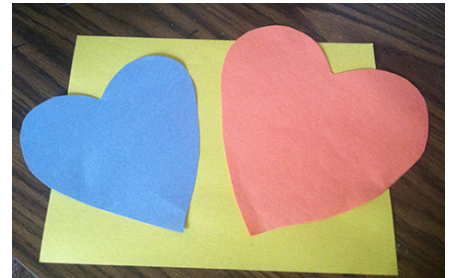
Suggested Learning Outcome: This adorable, super simple craft will help children remember that Jesus can heal us, too.

Supplies List:

- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Glue
- Band-aids (at least 2 per student)

Teacher Preparation:

Pre-cut construction paper hearts, one large and one smaller for each child.



Instructions:

Have children write or copy "Jesus Heals" on the smaller heart. Guide the kids in creating a cross on the heart with their band-aids. Next, have children mount the smaller heart onto the larger heart. You can encourage children to jot down or draw pictures of things they believe Jesus can heal.



