

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 15	Jesus Does Wonderful Things
Lesson 4	Jesus Heals us, Body and Soul

AIMS

1. Children will learn about the miracles of the paralytic.
2. They will understand that Jesus has the power to forgive sins.
3. They will learn that through the Church, Jesus still works miracles in the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confession.

STEP 1

1. Remind the children how they learned that Jesus was able to heal sick bodies. Explain that Jesus can also heal sick souls. Draw the children's attention to the first exercise in their packs, and ask them to list miracles under the two headings. E.G. "the blind see" belongs under BODY and "the Eucharist" belongs under soul. Encourage the children to think of other examples.
2. Tell the children that today they are going to learn about a miracle that shows that Jesus has the power to heal both body and soul.

STEP 2

1. Read the special paragraph in the children's pack with the children.
2. Read the New Testament account from the Children's Bible.

STEP 3

Ask the children the following questions:

Questions	Answers
Did Jesus get to the sick man, or did the sick man go to Jesus?	The sick man went to Jesus.
What was wrong with the man?	He couldn't move his arms and legs.
What did Jesus first say?	His sins were forgiven.
Why would Jesus say this if his body was sick?	Jesus healed his body as a sign of healing his soul.
When Jesus said, "Get up and walk," what happened?	The man got up and walked and his sins were forgiven.

STEP 4

Read Special Paragraph 2 with the children. Emphasise that Jesus still offered healing and forgiveness through His Church. Our priests not only give blessings through Christ, but heal and forgive sins in the sacraments.

STEP 5

Explain the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick to the children. Sometimes when a person is sick or in hospital, Jesus wants to heal him just as He did when He was on earth. A priest will go to the sick person and anoint him with oil. If it is for the person's good, Jesus will make him better. Other times, Jesus heals the person spiritually so that he is happy and ready to be with Jesus in Heaven. In this way, through His priests, Jesus still works healing miracles today.

STEP 6

Explain the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Just as the paralyzed man's sins were forgiven, Catholics may go to Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. The priest acts in the person of Christ to forgive sins. This sacrament is another great miracle because it cleanses the sinner's soul and gives back God's grace to him.

REINFORCE

Have the children complete the "Jesus still does miracles today" colouring exercise in their packs.

CONCLUDE

End the class was a prayer, thanking Jesus for His miracles.

Sing with the children, "Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!" *Adoramus hymnal*, #516.

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will review what we have learned about miracles, and take a quiz.